



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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**Studying:** Level 2 Digital Media, English, Outdoor Education, Mathematics & Digital Science

**Goal:** To gain experience in a different country, learn English and make new friends



**1) Why did you choose New Zealand to study?**

I've chosen New Zealand as the country for my exchange year as it is on the other side of the world, English speaking and still a bit similar to Germany even though there are some big differences as well.

**2) What is the best thing about studying at Otumoetai College?**

In my opinion it is being able to choose a variety of subjects such as Digital Media and Outdoor Education. In outdoor Education we did kayaking, tramping and skiing. Also, playing sport at school is the best way to make Kiwi friends.

**3) What do you enjoy most about being in New Zealand?**

New Zealand is a great country with lots of exciting places to visit but in my opinion staying with New Zealand friends and doing sports together is the thing I enjoy most.

I was able to play hockey in Hamilton and Rotorua and took part in a great South Island tour.

**4) Do you enjoy living with a New Zealand homestay family?**

Yes I do. My host family always helps me if I need it. In addition they have supported me with all my hockey and school commitments.

**5) What would you say to a student from your country considering coming to New Zealand to study?**

In my opinion it is great to be able to study in New Zealand as you can improve your English, learn something about different cultures and make a lot of new friends.

**6) What are your career aspirations?**

I am not sure yet but am interested in software engineering.

**7) What do you plan to do after your New Zealand education is completed?**

I will finish school in Germany and maybe go on with University. In addition to that I want to stay in contact with my friends here.