



OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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Studying: Science, Mathematics, English, Spanish, Hospitality,
Outdoor Education

Goal: Have another view of the world and discover a new
Culture.



Why did you choose New Zealand to study?

Because it's a country I never have been to before, and I always dreamed about visiting this country and discover its culture

What is the best thing about studying at Otumoetai College?

Otumoetai College is a pleasant place. You have a lot of options for subjects. You can enjoy eating your lunch outside, and the school organises many activities.

What do you enjoy most about being in New Zealand and living in Tauranga?

There are many opportunities for activities. I can go to the beach and, afterwards, listen to a concert; having rowing training with the sunrise, and seeing the sunset on the Mount.

Do you enjoy living with a New Zealand homestay family?

Yes. They are really cool and they always help me when I don't know something, like a real parent cares about their child.

What would you say to a student from your country considering coming to New Zealand, Tauranga and Otumoetai College to live and study?

Don't hesitate. Being an exchange student is something that can change your life. You meet people from every horizon, and you discover new cultures and new languages

What are your aspirations?

I don't really know, but I hope it includes travel. I will probably go to a foreign university. Maybe just enjoy my job and never stop discovering new things

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

Maybe do another exchange. I'm for sure going to travel as much as I can to explore other cultures. I definitely want to come back to New Zealand. But, first of all, I am going to reflect on all the things I've done, the people I have met, and all the beautiful memories I have made during my exchange.