



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME

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

New Zealand is a great place for education. Schools provide many courses for the students. New Zealand is also recognised as a country with a high level of safety and a clean environment.

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

People here just treat you with a decent manner and respect. The teachers are friendly and approachable. I admire the student kindness and their sense of humour. The school's facilities are adequately clean and practical.

**3) What do you miss the most about home?**

The escalators, skyscrapers and most of all, Haagen-dazs.

**4) What do you enjoy the most about New Zealand?**

I enjoy mostly everything. There is a big difference between Bangkok and here. Being here, I can see things with a different perspective, which I think has given me wisdom and high ambitions.

**5) Do you enjoy living in a N.Z. homestay?**

Yes. My hostmother is very understanding and helpful.

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

The experience here has shown me things that I would never have seen or discovered. I have changed so much in the past few years. Being away from home makes you realise the value of your culture and you learn to appreciate in yourself and your achievements. If you are uncertain of your future and think you need a change, maybe New Zealand is where you should be.

**7) What out of school activities have you done in Tauranga?**

Biking, swimming and travelling. The environment and the people here urge me to be more active.

