

Hello. My name is Yuki Ito. I come from Japan. My school in Japan is Ikubunkan Global High School. All students have to go to study abroad for one year. Most students go to New Zealand although some students can go to Canada.

I arrived in New Zealand in January. I was excited and a bit nervous. I had come to New Zealand once before when I was 12 years old for one week. I stayed in Hamilton at that time.

My class at Inglewood High School is BMCL. My favourite subjects are Outdoor Education and Food. I played soccer as a member of Inglewood AFC. I played in that team for four months and it was an awesome team.

Inglewood High School is different to Japanese schools. In Japan, school starts at 8 am and finishes at 5 pm. We also have school on Saturday; on that day, school finishes at 2 in the afternoon. I have twelve subjects in Japan but I can't choose the subjects. Everyone has to take the same subjects.

I have had good experiences in New Zealand. I have done many activities, especially in Outdoor Education. I have done mountain biking, tramping, rock climbing, rafting and skiing. I hadn't previously done mountain biking, tramping or rafting. Near my house and school in Japan, there is no mountain and big river for rafting.

I have made many friends here. I especially have to thank Jesse, Francis, Kristian, Nic, Jordan, Kane, Alex, Shane, Kalem, Jessie, Hannah, Rosie, and Elida. I have usually had lunch with them. They have always helped me. I have been so happy to be with them.

I have really enjoyed my time in New Zealand. I will never forget my time here, my friends and my host family.