

Cashmere High School

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When I arrived in New Zealand I was a bit scared because was all different and I never been in a so away country from my home. My host family was instantly nice and very kind with me.



The school orientation was really good and I met quickly the others international student, everyone really nice. My host sisters helped me so much such at school and I was lucky because one of my sisters was and international student like me, but not from Italy.

I had so much fun with my new mates and I met a lot of kiwi students. I didn't understand really much the first days because my English was really bad and the kiwis speak really fast! I took five subjects and one of my favourites was OED (Outdoor Education) because in Italy it is a totally different subject. I went rock climbing, scuba diving with my OED class and I went to the snow trip with another OED class and it was my best school trip ever. We made a snowcave and we slept inside the snowcave for the night. It was cold and the wind blew outside. The second day we did some 'Avalanche Exercises' with four really good teachers that I'll never forget.

We went abseiling and then to the lodge. The third day we went to Porter Heights Ski Area and had a lot of fun!