

My time at Cashmere High School...

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Hello my name is Leonardo and I have studied at Cashmere High School for a year. I have lived in a New Zealand homestay and it has certainly been the best thing I have ever done in my life.

My first impression of Christchurch when I arrived was that everything was so green; there were a lot of trees around. My host family were so nice and I was excited about starting school.

The first couple of days at Cashmere, just international students came and we were introduced to one another and went on a tour through the school to become familiar with the school.

Kiwi people are very nice but most of them I found to be quite shy, so if you are a new student the chances of being talked to first are low. You need to go and start a conversation and not worry too much about that if you are a bit shy because they will respond well! I really enjoy nature and I took a subject called 'Outdoor Education'. I just loved it. This course gave me the opportunity to do things that I probably never thought about doing, such as kayaking down rivers, tramping trips, sleeping in snow caves, climbing mountains and so on. The New Zealand Landscape is wonderful.

If I could give just one tip for people who come here, it would be to make the most (I mean the most) of this amazing experience! Make friends, play sports, study subjects of interest and be friendly. People like to stay close to happy and vibrant people. Be open to adopt a new culture during your time here.

I have never regretted my decision to come to Cashmere High School and I know anyone who chooses this path will not be disappointed. I wish anyone who makes this choice the best of luck in their journey.

