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Age: 15 yo -y11

Sex: Male

From: Germany

Length of stay: 3 terms Feb-Sept 25

Taupō city

My time in Taupō was an amazing experience that I'll never forget. There is always something to do, whether it's jet skiing on the lake, cliff jumping in summer, skiing in winter, or exploring Tongariro National Park.

Host family and school

My host family was really kind and supportive, and I always felt welcomed. School was also a great experience because I met so many people who were interested in my culture. I especially enjoyed subjects like Outdoor Education, Woodworking and Hospitality. We got to go hiking, kayaking and rock climbing in Outdoor Education, while Woodworking and Hospitality gave me the chance to learn new practical skills.

What I learned

I made so many great memories, from skydiving to driving a jet boat with a local. The people in Taupō were really welcoming, and there was always something to do with friends, even though it's a smaller city.

The exchange also helped me become more confident when meeting new people and improved my communication skills. I'd definitely recommend Taupō because being a student in another country and experiencing a different culture is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
