

Hongyok Phuengcham



Age: 15 years

Sex: Female

Length of stay: 2 or 3 years

Natural Habitat: Thailand

Exciting trips

My experience in Taupō has been really amazing, and I have made so many great memories during my time here. I have had the opportunity to go on many different trips and explore some beautiful places, such as surfing, Skyline, and Hobbiton. I have also enjoyed going into town with my friends, shopping, trying new things, and exploring different places around Taupō. These experiences have helped me become more independent and confident, while also allowing me to meet new people and make good memories.

The School

My experience at school has also been very enjoyable. The classes are fun and my classmates are generally very friendly and welcoming. The teachers are supportive, and whenever I do not understand something, I can ask my teachers or friends for help and they are always willing to explain it to me. I also get great support with sports. Sometimes I find certain activities difficult, but the teachers are always there to encourage me and help me improve. The exams are not too easy or too difficult, but they encourage me to work hard and do my best. The international student teachers have also supported me a lot and helped me whenever there was something I did not understand or know how to do.

The people

I have really enjoyed getting to know the people at school, even though everyone has different personalities. Overall, most people have been friendly and welcoming, which has made my school experience much better.

Homestay family

I have also been very lucky to stay with a lovely host family. They are kind and welcoming, and they always make me feel comfortable. They also cook delicious food, which I really enjoy!

Overall, my time in Taupō has been a wonderful experience. I am grateful for all the trips, friendships, school experiences, and memories I have made here, and I will always remember my time in New Zealand.