

Kiki Asayama



Age: 16-18 years

Sex: Female

Length of stay: 2.25 years

Natural Habitat: Japan

VALUABLE MEMORIES AND LESSONS IN LIFE

I spent about two years in Taupo as an international student. At the beginning, there were a lot of things that felt new and unfamiliar to me as a student from Japan. However, living in Taupo taught me how to connect with nature and how much fun it can be to spend time outdoors. I felt that you can only truly experience and appreciate nature if you live in Taupo.

I made so many great memories at school and through the international student program. I also had the opportunities to meet people from different backgrounds and experience. Now that I'm back in Japan, I realize even more how lucky I was to have been an international student in Taupo. It is definitely worth living in Taupo and taking the opportunity to travel around New Zealand!! The time I spent in Taupo will always be one of the most unforgettable and special times of my life!!

Kiki was awarded the International Student of the year, for her outstanding academic progress and her involvement in many school activities.