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Italy



Age when in Taupō: 16yo

Sex: Female

Natural Habitat: Italy

Length of stay: 3 months

GREAT MEMORIES

Three years after my trimester in New Zealand, I still miss the view of the lake and of the mountains that surround Taupō, that I used to enjoy every morning while walking to school. But apart from the amazing location of my experience abroad, I look back on the time spent with my homestay family with so much pleasure. From the nights spent playing board games and eating cheese to the trips during the weekends or the cooking lessons I gave to my host-siblings. They gave me the chance to explore both New Zealand's sites and culture, but also the opportunity to get to know some Dutch words, dishes and traditions, as they were from the Netherlands. In fact I really appreciated not only learning about Kiwi's culture, but also about the ones of all the international students I met, who made the cultural exchange even richer.

LONG LASTING GLOBAL FRIENDSHIPS

Another aspect that I really appreciated about my experience is the bonds that I've created with the other students despite the short time I had there. The activities organised by the school for the international students really helped me feel part of a community and gave me the courage and the confidence to also start socializing with the locals and, despite the language barriers that scared me the very first weeks, I managed to create long-lasting friendships that I still enjoy today.