

Hello my name is Antonia,
I'm from Germany and I spent the last 5 months here in
Auckland at Alfriston College.

When I first arrived here I was super nervous and
excited, but then I met my host family and a few days
later I had my first day at school and realized within the
first days how lovely the people here in New Zealand
are. Now the second term is almost over and I have to
fly back home in one week.

I had an amazing time in New Zealand, gained so many
experiences and made some really good friends.
Although school was really different to my school in
Germany, I got used to the 100 minute periods and the
different subjects.

I was in year 12 and my favourite subject was definitely
Outdoor Education, because we had a super fun
kayaking trip and the class was so nice. I was allowed
to take part in the trips of the other year levels as well and so I attended the year 13 surfing trip, too. These few days of surfing were, for sure, one of my favourite experiences. We had some really fun surfing sessions where we actually learned how to surf and at the end of our four day surfing trip we were able to ride a few waves.



But my other subjects were really good as well, in food tech and hospitality, we cooked once
a week and another cool class was travel and tourism.

Just a few stations away with the train is one of the malls where I've been to with my friends
to do some shopping or to go to the movies. The city is a little bit further away, but also really
easy to get to with the train and so I've also been there quite often.

My host family was perfect for me, because they had the same interests and we did some
really cool stuff on the weekends. They took me to some stunning places in beautiful New
Zealand, for example to Coromandel Peninsula on a youth camp, where I met really nice
people.

Furthermore I had some amazing cultural experiences as well. The school gave me the opportunity to go to Polyfest, which is a festival where the different cultures who live in this country celebrate and perform their different dances.

I was really lucky and had the possibility to do a South Island tour and to fly down to Wellington to visit friends and I can say that I made the most of my time here, which I'm really grateful for. I really enjoyed my time here in New Zealand at Alfriston and although I'm excited to see my friends and family at home I'm really sad to leave my second home, my lovely family here and all my friends.

I would really recommend Alfriston College to international students, because the people here are really friendly and open minded and so it's really easy to get into the New Zealand way of life.

