

## Last Words – A Farewell to Alfriston College

My name is Alva Jung and I've stayed in New Zealand at Alfriston College for 3 months. First off I was scared - I didn't really know what I was doing and how I was going to survive without my friends and family. I come from the city and am not used to there being green everywhere and seeing stars at night. It was quite a change.

On the first day of school I was welcomed so warmly and immediately made heaps of friends. New students were welcomed with the traditional Maori Haka, I was so overwhelmed by the warmth and positivity the students and faculty members were carrying with them.

I had so much fun in so many different ways. We, the international students were taken to a famous sculpture park and an annual culture fest called "Polyfest". I came here to experience New Zealand culture and get to know people all over the world which I definitely did.

I learned through the Outdoor Education course how to surf and plan your own trips. I got to go on an amazing surfing trip for four days and learned how to camp. In this course I also gained knowledge about teamwork and working together to achieve your goals.



Through my host family I learned to take responsible actions. For the first time in my life I spend a lot of time with children, due to my two younger host brothers who I got very attached to. I am going to miss them so much.

I had amazing three months and made friends for life including a Japanese girl who stayed with me and my host family for two weeks and four Brazilian students.

It was an amazing journey and I really don't want it to come to an end. Thank you Alfriston College and New Zealand.

