

Last Word - A Farewell to Alfriston College

Hi, I'm Maria from Brazil, I've been in New Zealand for five months and I couldn't be happier. New Zealand is an amazing country, with so many incredible beaches and nice places to go.

I always wanted to do an exchange, to meet different people from different countries and other cultures, and also to improve my English. In Alfriston College I found all of these things, I met people from Germany, Japan, China, India, France and of course kiwi people! Friends that I'll remember forever.

I was really surprised in my first days here - all of the students were so good with me. They were always open to talk to and helped me with anything I needed. This was really good of them. We had a sports day where I made heaps of friends as soon as they knew I was an exchange student from Brazil. It was a really fun day which made me feel a part of Alfriston College.

Our International Leader is always there to help us with anything we need. She took me, my three Brazilian friends and three other international students from Germany to Gibbs Farm which is a farm with several sculptures in different ways. It's a very interesting place. And it was there, where I made friends with one of the other students. It is a friendship that I'll keep forever in my heart.

Our International Student Leader and her husband also took me and my Brazilian friends to Coromandel - a beautiful place with an amazing beaches where we had to opportunity to learn how to kayak. I also got up early and saw a beautiful sunrise.

I came New Zealand with more three Brazilian students and I wasn't actually good in English, so I was quite scared to come to this new country not knowing anyone. Everyone in Alfriston helped us with this, and also I had a good host family who helped me as well.

I could choose which classes I wanted to take, and I really liked that. All of the teachers helped me. Now that I'm leaving soon, I know how much I'm going to miss every single person who helped me, and who was a part of this amazing time I have had here, I'll take this forever in my life.

I couldn't be more thankful to Alfriston College, for making my exchange a wonderful part of my life. So a big THANK YOU for everything!!

