

## 【ニュージーランド短期語学留学】

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The Opportunity for students to go to New Zealand was a chance for them to experience living English, both in an academic university environment and in a home environment. There were also work experience opportunities available for those students who wanted to try using their English in a job setting.

Each of these three contexts provided participating students with a varied and stimulating situation to practice and develop English listening and speaking skills that is impossible to recreate authentically studying English in Japan.

We left campus very early on a snowy day and travelled to Korea where we changed planes to Auckland New Zealand. It was a lot of fun packed with new experiences being on 2 airplanes and having so many new mini experiences on the way.

We arrived in Auckland in strong summer heat! Quickly packing coats into our handbags we left the airport and were greeted by Mike who was really friendly and chatty and drove us to the Waikato University campus.

Students met their homestay families. Everyone was tired but relieved to have a nice bed to stay in that night!

The following day we had orientation. The campus is beautiful and the library and good court really exceptional. All the students were excited and inspired by the day of orientation and placement tests were a breeze!

After students were placed the lists went up and classes began. I visited all the students classes and can vouch for the fact that the teachers were excellent and our students were taught really well and looked after with tremendous individual care. There were so many activities and events and students also arranged with other students different things to do. A huge variety of cafes and areas to hang out made it a very real University abroad experience, with lots of cultural newbies; interacting with students of all nationalities and everyone made lots of new friends. It was an experience of a lifetime and the beautiful weather, great food and excellent teaching made it a memory and a motivator to study English hard for every student that participated.