



# New Zealand Report 2



## 沢山の思い出と共に帰国

Kia Ora. 3月30日(月)、例年よりも少し早く咲いていた桜に迎えられ、全員元気に帰国しました。2週目になると現地の生活に身も心も慣れ、お弁当の一部を先にいただく Morning Tea の風習にもすっかり馴染み、日本よりちよっぴり長い放課後の過ごし方もよりアクティブに変化したようです。登校後はお昼までノンストップの厚木高校に戻ったら、しばらくは午前中の授業でお腹がすいてしまいそうですね。

前週に引き続き、午前中は毎日英語の特別レッスン。優しいキャロル先生のもと、座学だけでなく全身を使ったゲームをしたり、チョコレート賭けて戦ったり。時には生卵が割れないようなパラシュートを自作するなど、日本の学校ではなかなかできないような体験をさせていただきました。午後は現地校のバディと一緒に通常授業へ。数学、理科、社会、体育、料理、音楽など時間割自体は馴染み深いものですが、その中で日本と変わらない部分、反対にまったく異なる部分にみんな興味津々です。若者同士が話す英語は外国人にはちょっと難しいけれど、本研修ならではの貴重な経験となりました。

楽しい時間はあっという間に過ぎ、27日(金)にはスクールバディと、29日(日)にはお世話になったホストファミリーともお別れです。中には涙を浮かべながら再会を約束する姿も。一回り大きくなった生徒たちが作った報告スライドと日記の一部をご覧ください。



日本で準備してきた研究発表も全員立派にやり遂げました



学校最終日、仲良くなったバディ達にソーラン節を披露



### The morning of New Zealand

Scenery of morning was so wonderful. In morning, New Zealand is cool a little and windy, so it was feels good to walk the way to school. By the way, the morning in New Zealand is humid and we can breathe the white breath.

### Unforgettable views in NZ

I will share the best view I saw in New Zealand. On this day, I went to three places: Cascade Kauri, Bethells Beach Sand Dunes, and Muriwai Beach. These pictures were taken at Muriwai Beach. The views of the sea, caves, and the scenery from the top of the cliff were so beautiful!!! It was very hard and tiring to climb the steep rock, but I will never forget these views and this experience.

PIC1: The rock I climbed (the one on the right)  
 PIC2: The cave I went through  
 PIC3: The view I saw from the top of the rock  
 PIC4: Having lunch with my friends

Q1: What is your best memory with your host family?

• My favorite memory was the adventure I went on during my second Saturday. I met up with my friends from another homestay, and we went for a walk in a nature park, tried sandboarding on a black sand beach, and went to the beach to explore a cave before eating lunch atop a huge cliff while looking out at the ocean. My muscles were killing me, but it was so much fun.

Q2: What is your best memory at Rutherford College?

• My best memory at Rutherford College is teaching others how to fold paper cranes. I taught many students, including my buddy, how to fold them as an introduction to Japanese culture. At first, I thought teaching it in English would be very difficult, but I was able to help all the students fold their own cranes. I was so happy.

• The ESOL class was my best memory at Rutherford College. I was always excited to learn about New Zealand things in the class. I would like to share the thing I learned to my family.

### My Memories

The ferry in the top left is the one in the city center. It had a waterslide on the roof. Pretty fancy for a port town.

The photos in the top right and center were taken at the beach. The ocean was really beautiful. We had lunch at the spot in the top right.

The photo in the bottom left is of a sirloin steak. It was for dinner on the last day. It was seriously delicious. Dessert was included too—a brownie and ice cream.

The puppy in the bottom right is the poodle at my homestay. It's really cute. There's another one, a white one.

Q3: What English phrases did you learn during your stay in Auckland?

• I learned many useful English phrases for daily life. One phrase I especially remember is "Don't mention it," which my host family taught me. I learned that it is a natural way to say "You're welcome." I was happy to learn English that people actually use in everyday conversations, and it helped me feel more familiar with natural English.

• Up to you (君に任せる)/Help yourself (勝手にやっていいよ)/Under the weather (気分が優れない)/Hit ~ (~を頑張る)

### My memories in the beach



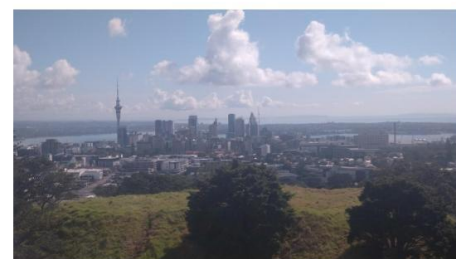
These pictures shows my memories in the beach. I went to the beach with my host family and my friend. I ate KFC and collected some seashells. After I got home, I painted the seashells I had collected. Also I took some pictures of the beautiful view. The photo in the bottom right was taken by my host mother. I like this photo. I had wonderful time there!

Q4: What aspects of Kiwi culture did you learn during your stay in Auckland?

• I learned that Māori culture is an important part of New Zealand. I saw that Māori language and traditions are respected, especially at school. I thought it was very interesting, and I was happy to learn more about it.

• One aspect of Kiwi culture I learned about is people's friendly personalities. Many kiwi people would speak to me while I was walking, resting, or eating. Thanks to this, I was able to improve my English conversation skills. Many people I met made my study abroad experience better.

### Mt. Eden



We went up Mt Eden over the weekend. Mt Eden is a famous place in Auckland and one of the highest points in the city. It is also a volcano, so I thought it was very interesting. From the top, we could see the whole city, and the view was really beautiful.

Q5: How have you changed since your stay in Auckland?

• I think I have become more confident and open-minded. Before this trip, I was often nervous about speaking English, but during my stay, I learned that communication is possible even if my English is not perfect. I also became more interested in different cultures and more willing to try new things. This experience helped me grow and gave me more confidence in myself.

• At first, I thought I had to learn English in order to speak grammatically perfect English, but that's changed. Now I want to learn English that allows me to enjoy conversations, such as expanding my repertoire of reactions and using gestures.

### The scenery from the top of the cliff



I took this picture when I went to the beach on last Saturday. I had lunch while enjoying this beautiful scenery. It was a tough climb, but I really enjoyed the adventure.