

Hakuba High School Visit



Above: Hakuba High School students with Marlborough Mayor - John Leggett

Sixteen Students from Hakuba High School, Nagano Prefecture, Japan arrived on March 9th. They were home hosted and stayed until Thursday 22nd March. Marlborough Girls' College is in the region of the Marlborough District Council Sister City relationship.

The students attended both Marlborough Girls' College and Marlborough Boys' College and thoroughly enjoyed our style of teaching and also being able to take subjects that are not available to them in Japan.

They also attended the Havelock Mussel Festival, where they handed out information about the Nagano Prefecture as well as enjoying trying some of our local food delicacies. They all had a very enjoyable time and we hope that this will be a yearly visit.



Above: Hakuba students pose for a photo with a local police officer at the Marlborough Multicultural Festival



“What I Thought in the School Life”

Written by Kurumi from Kakuba High School

I experienced a lot of first-time things at Marlborough Girls' College. What impressed me most was everyone uses their computers in class, they were searching with their computers in all the classes.

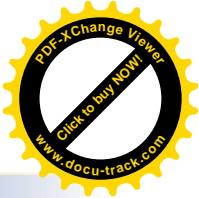
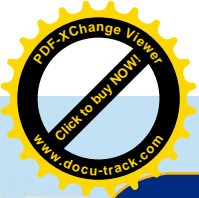
They were doing even quizzes using their cell phones. I was also surprised they were writing essays in class. We cannot use our cell phones and we do not use computers as much in our school. So it was a fresh scene for me. Also, I took all the classes in English for the very first time. At first, I could not understand what the

teachers were saying at all, but I gradually understood.

I think that my listening skills improved in the school life, but I could not tell what I wanted to say correctly. Even though I wanted to talk to friends in English, I got too nervous at the last minute, it is my regret. I want to be able to express what I want to say in English. Now it is my goal.

I had fantastic experiences, thank you for the 2 weeks.





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Fun in New Zealand

Written by Kaede from Hakuba High School

English at school is very difficult because everyone talks early. The lesson was very difficult, English and social studies were particularly hard, but math was easy because I did it at elementary school and PE was the most fun.

Morning tea time is very good and lunch was a lot of fun.

I went to Rainbow Ramble on March 11 and became whole body blue. (The Rainbow Ramble is a fun family event along the Taylor River reserve. Each participant walks/runs the 3km distance and will be splashed with water and coloured powder, to be transformed into a rainbow).

On March 14th I went to see the water polo which was amazing. (Water Polo is a seven-a-side game played by swimmers in a pool, with a ball like a football that is thrown into the opponents' net.).

I went to the Havelock Mussels and Seafood Festival on 17 March. Mussels were very delicious. (Havelock Mussels and Seafood Festival celebrates local seafood's, entertainment and all sorts of fun stuff to enjoy like cooking demonstrations, market stalls, industry displays. Summer in Marlborough wouldn't be complete without

the Havelock Mussel and Seafood Festival).

I went to the local chocolate factory and I bought a lot of chocolate. (Makana Chocolate Factory you can watch how they make chocolates, taste a few samples and purchase chocolates).

I went to see the sheep, they are very cute and I played golf for the first time, that's hard.

I went to Picton. (Picton which is 20 minutes drive from Blenheim and the gateway to the beautiful Marlborough Sounds).

I went to Subway and ordered a foot long size sub, I found the ordering was difficult.

(Subway is a retail shop selling sandwich style food).

Photo on Right: is my foot long sub.



Lunchbox is quite different from Japan.

New Zealand was fun every day and I talked with a lot of people, Kiwi girls are very cute. I want to go to a school in New Zealand

NCEA College-wide Results 2017

Total Achieving %	MGC 2017	National 2017
Level 1	89.5	84.2
Level 2	88.0	88.7
Level 3	79.9	82.4