

# Study Abroad Report 2023-24 from NZ

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From Wanganui,

Hi. It has been 4 months since I came to New Zealand, and this will be my 4<sup>th</sup> report. Spring in here has been quite cold and there have been some wet days. Here are several things I have gone through this month.



This month was quite busy since the classes ended, and the students had their end-of-the-year exams. Term 4 started last month and senior students including me had only 4 weeks before the exam. I took official exams in New Zealand so the time and context were already decided for all the students. Before the exams, senior students had something called study leave where students can leave school and study for exams. During this period, I studied at home or the town library. I only took 3 exams, but it was one of the most precious experiences I have had here. Now that students here do not have classes, we are planning to meet up during this holiday so I'm really looking for it!



I sometimes go to the park in town with my friends after school when I do not have any club activities. Playing in the park might sound a little childish but it is actually a very fun experience to do. Playing equipment here has a different variety from equipment in Japan and I had no idea how to use them. Some of them seem to be dangerous for little kids to play. We also enjoy chatting with everyone and trying Kiwi snacks I have never tried before. It was really fun playing with something I had never seen before as an experience.



I'm having a really enjoyable time here right now and I am looking forward to spending the long holiday in New Zealand with my friends and host family.



ニュージーランドに来てから 4 か月が経ち、4 回目のレポートとなりました。ニュージーランドの春はとても寒く、雨の日も続いています。今月私が体験したことをいくつか紹介します。

今月は学校の授業が終わり学年末試験があったこともあり、少し忙しい月でした。4 学期目が先月始まり、私も含めた高学年の生徒(セニア)たちは試験まで 4 週間ほどしかありませんでした。ニュージーランドの公式の試験を受けたので試験日時や試験内容はもうすでに決まっていました。試験の直前にはスタディリブと呼ばれる試験勉強期間がありました。この期間

に私は自宅で勉強したり、町の図書館に行ったりして勉強しました。私は 3 科目分の試験しか受けませんが、とても貴重な経験になりました。

放課後にクラブがない日などは時々友達と一緒に町にある公園に行ったりします。公園で遊ぶと聞くと少し幼く感じるかもしれませんが、遊具の種類が日本とは違うため面白かったりもします。中には子供が遊ぶには少し危険そうな遊具(遠心力で回転する円盤など)もあります。スリル満点です。それ以外にもおしゃべりをしながら食べたことのないニュージーランドのお菓子を紹介してもらったりと今まで経験したことのないものたちを通して楽しい時間を過ごすことができました。

ここに来てからとても楽しい時間を過ごすことができています。これから一年で一番長い休みが待っているので友達やホストファミリーと一緒に過ごす初めての夏を楽しみます！

