

HI THERE. I AM JANIS LO FROM HONG KONG!

I am 17 years old and I am in Year 13 this year. I have been here since July 2014 when I was in Year 10. Studying abroad isn't a big decision for me because I wasn't forced to be here. Instead, I am the one who wanted to discover more and therefore started asking my parents whether they would like me to do that. Therefore I would say that studying abroad is a wise decision! New Zealand is a very unique place with a relatively small population. Although Nelson isn't one of the main cities of New Zealand, there is lots to do! Especially for those who like nature and photography, Nelson is the best place for you!

Big differences between New Zealand and Hong Kong: Being a Hongkonger isn't an easy thing. I would say my lifestyle is rush, walk fast, eat fast etc. In such a hustle and bustle city, everyone finds it hard to slow down, even for a second. In contrast, New Zealand has a relatively relaxed lifestyle and this allows me to feel the beauty of New Zealand and enjoy the nature of this beautiful place. On the other hand, I have met so many new people during my time here at NCG. I am really excited to meet new people from all around the world so we can learn each other's culture and language. I would never have experienced that if I had stayed in Hong Kong all this time, so I am so pleased that I made this choice when I was 15 years old.

School life at NCG: School starts at 8:45am except Thursdays, and finishes at 3:15pm with five periods a day, each being an hour long. NCG also provides a variety of clubs and committees, from sports and art all the way through to music. Through different clubs, students can discover their strengths which is therefore a further development for their own future. Last year, I joined a couple of committees such as music committee, choir, librarian, big brother big sister etc. I met so many new people and gained a lot of experiences which for me I think is the best part of it! Therefore, make sure you check them out and enjoy the new and fun experiences with NCG!

My boarding life: I live in the Boarding House during school term and honestly boarding is a new thing for me as well. I would say boarding is how you get close to the local students and other international students. The reason I think so is because my first kiwi friend is my roommate and boarding is what made us close and become best friends! We sleep, chill, study in the same room. Also, communicating with my roommate is also one of the straight forward methods to improve my English speaking. Although boarding requires a lot more rules and regulations, I am a person who loves meeting new people as well as enjoying living with about 100 girls. Thus, boarding is a better option for me.

Studying abroad has really changed my attitude towards life and has been a wise decision that I will never regret. I am planning to further my education at Auckland University or a university in Australia. I think I am interested in studying a Bachelor of Commerce at university and maybe being an accountant in the future. I do appreciate all the teachers and students who have helped me a lot at school and made my life at NCG so enjoyable!

你好。我是 Janis Lo，來自香港。我今年17歲，我將就讀13年。我從2014年7月就讀10年級，海外留學對我來說不是一個很大的決定，因為我不是被迫的。相反，我希望能夠發掘更多，因此開始問我的父母，他們是否希望我這樣做。所以，我個人認為出國留學是一個明智的決定！新西蘭是一個非常獨特的地方，人口相對較少。雖然尼爾森不是新西蘭的主要城市，也有很多事情做！特別是對那些喜歡大自然和攝影的人來說，尼爾森會是非常適合的地方！

新西蘭和香港之間的巨大差異：作為一個香港人是不容易的事情，我的生活方式急速，走要快，吃要快等等。在這個喧囂熱鬧的城市，每個人都難以停止他們的步伐。相比之下，新西蘭有一個相對放鬆的生活方式，這讓我感受到新西蘭的美，享受到原來世界這麼美。另一方面，我在NCG遇到了很多新的面孔。我真的很榮幸認識到來自世界各地的新朋友，包括學習彼此的文化和語言。如果我一直留在香港，我一定永遠不會經歷到這些的。所以我很高興，我在15歲時做作出了這個選擇。

在NCG的學校生活：學校在8:45開始，除了星期四，並在3:15放學。每天有五堂，每節分別是一小時。NCG提供各種club和committee，從運動和藝術一路到音樂。通過不同的club，學生可以發掘自己的才能，因此進一步發展為自己的未來。去年，我加入了一些committee，如音樂committee，合唱團，圖書館管理員，大哥哥大姐姐計劃等。我遇到了很多新朋友，並獲得了很多經驗，對我來說，這是最好的部分！因此，確保你不要錯過這些寶貴的機會，與NCG一起享受有趣的經驗吧！

我的寄宿生活：我在學校休息期間住在寄宿家庭，寄宿對我來說也是新事物。不過我認為住在宿舍是你如何接近當地的學生和其他國際學生橋樑。原因是因為我的第一個紐西蘭朋友這就是我的室友，一起寄宿令我們真正的認識對方，然後成為好朋友！我們一起睡覺，一起玩，在同一個房間學習。此外，與我的室友溝通也是一個直接提升英語的方法。雖然宿舍有很多的規則，我是一個喜歡認識新朋友的人，以及享受生活與約100個女孩。因此，寄宿適合我。

海外留學真的改變了我對生活的態度，這是一個明智的決定，我永遠不會後悔。我計劃在奧克蘭大學或澳洲繼續我的教育。我有興趣就讀商業學士學位，也許未來當會計師。我感謝所有的老師和學生誰幫助了我很多在學校，讓

