

My first week in Dunedin

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On February 19th that was the first time I arrived in New Zealand. The first thing that came to my mind when I arrived here was that "Oh, I totally couldn't sleep well on the airplane." It's because the seat of the airplane was incredibly uncomfortable. It was the night flight so we should have slept on the airplane but because of the uncomfortable seat I wasn't able to sleep at all. So the first day in New Zealand was a bit sleepy but still it's memorable for me.

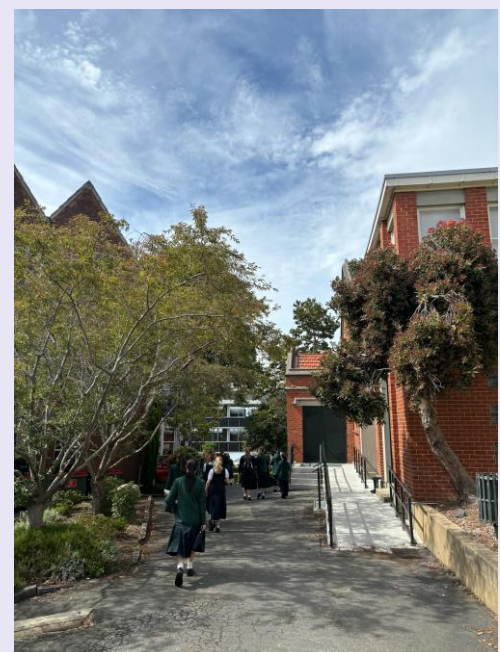


There are so many differences between Japan and New Zealand. Buildings, nature, school, period, and so on.

When I came to Dunedin, I was really surprised that the whole city was surrounded by nature. Anywhere you look, you could see green areas.

In contrast, when you go to Japan, especially in a big city like Tokyo, you would see many tall buildings and the whole city is packed with many people. I was a little tired of being packed with many people, I think being surrounded by nature is very charming. Green areas refresh my mind and also make me feel relaxed.

Also School is very different from ours. In Columba we only have 6 subjects and we have those classes everyday. On the other hand, our school Keio has more than ten subjects. It is very tough during the examination week...





On the first weekend, me and other Keio students went to Otago Peninsula and Oamaru.

On Saturday, we went to see the Royal Albatross and Larnach Castle. That day was really cold and rainy. The Royal Albatross was so big that it was over 2 meters. We couldn't see them flying but we could see their baby. It was very cute! Albatross has a beautiful white feather, it looked so fluffy that I wanted to feel the touch.

Next day, we went to Oamaru. Compared to the day before, it was much warmer and we could see the blue sky. At Oamaru we went to a farmers market. One of my friends really likes to go to local farmers markets, so she was really happy to go there.

Our IDBA administrator, Ms Cher bought us “Cheese roll”, which is popular in Dunedin. It had lots of cheese inside and was really delicious.



After having a good time in the farmers market, we went to Moeraki Boulders Beach. We could see a group of large spherical “stones” there. It was much smaller than I expected, but it was still mysterious.

While staying in New Zealand, I hope I could talk with kiwi girls a lot. I think speaking English with native is the most effective way to improve my English skills.