

# *Study abroad in Columba*

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Let me tell you about my study abroad in Columba. The reason why I want to study abroad in Columba is because I thought it would be a good experience and I wanted to improve my English skills. I got nervous before coming here because I can't speak English very fluently and I had never been to New Zealand before but I'm having quality time thanks to my host family, adviser, columba's teacher and students. I will introduce 3 memories in Dunedin now.

First, we had Sports Day. I borrowed a red skirt and ladybug's headband from my host family and I played mini games, for example throwing a frisbee and hitting a target. I was surprised that everyone ran very fast and danced to the music. Also I met my buddy for the first time that day and I was grateful for her guiding us. It was cold that day but I really enjoyed it and everything felt fresh and exciting.





Second, we had Share Day. It was refreshing because you don't see this in Japan. I was so happy to eat many different kinds of food and I really enjoyed it because students from Columbia came to us and talked to us in a friendly way.

Finally, we went on an Oamaru Day Trip. We went to the market and we ate cheese rolls with garlic butter, it was very tasty. Although we saw penguins and sea lions, penguins were hiding in the small box so I couldn't see them clearly and take pictures. However, I was so healed because the baby penguin was very cute. I want to see wild penguins in the evening if I have a chance next time. Also we went to the beach. Unlike Japan, the colour of the sea was very vivid and beautiful so I took pictures a lot.



As mentioned above, I had a great experience. It feels like time passes by quickly because a lot of things are happening every day but there are still 2 weeks left, so I hope that I can have a relationship with the people of Columbia and make good memories from now on.

