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NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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My personal experience at NBHS in 2014

My name is Leon Zimmermann and I live in Edenkoben, a small town in the south-west of Germany. I was in the age of 16 when I went to New Zealand in July 2013. I chose to go to Napier as it is known for its mediterranean climate and the location at the sea.

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Unfortunately, the school I attended first until the end of Term 4 (end of the year) was not like I expected it would be. Hence, I made the decision to change to Napier Boys High School for Term 1 after the summer holidays. I immediately realised that this change was worth it. I found friends within a short period of time, who helped me out to feel comfortable in this new environment. Also, the teachers were always friendly and helpful in every situation. My subjects were English, Maths, Biology, History, Geography and Physical Education. It was great how the teachers encouraged the students to attend a sports team.



In Term 1 I played tennis. In Term 2 I played rugby - an experience I will never forget. It really is a tough sport, but even if I was not raised with playing rugby like all the kiwi kids, it was a lot of fun. I had training twice a week and Saturday was game day. I really liked the discipline the teachers taught all their students. Having assemblies four times a week was also a new thing for me - again, to show the students discipline.

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As an international student at NBHS I had the chance to do Academic Plus - a program constructed for us internationals, where we got to do lots of things like surfing, hiking and rafting. I really recommend this program as it is a great opportunity to have lots of fun.

I am very grateful for my host family, too, who encouraged me to change to Napier Boys High School. I had a lovely host mum, a little brother, who went to NBHS, too, and a little sister. I had an awesome time at Napier Boys indeed, thanks to my homestay, my friends and all the teachers who made my stay in New Zealand so comfortable.

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