



My name is **Chie Hasimoto**. I'm 17 years old and I come from Hyogo, Japan.

I'm studying in Year 13 at Wellington High School and I'm doing the interesting classes. I do Practical Food and Nutrition which I'm really enjoying, Japanese, Sculpture, Painting and I have four hours of ESOL.

My favourite subject is Art Painting. Last year it was practical woodwork and I made a board game with a Maori design. These subjects will really help me because next year I want to go to jewellery school in Japan. I like everything to do with art and design. This year I am going to a WHS night class on jewellery manufacturing. I have made a silver ring like a cat's eye and I am very proud of it. At the weekends I spend time with my friends and I like to colour and style their hair. I like Wellington High School, it's a liberal school and I've made many friends here, both international and Kiwi.



My name is **Shizuka Rikimaru** and I come from Tokushima City in Shikoku. I am eighteen years old.

It is my second year in New Zealand but my first year at Wellington High School. I came down here from a small school in the Coromandel and I am enjoying it. I am a Year 13 student and I am studying Year 13 Mathematics with Calculus, Mathematics with Statistics, Year 12 Mathematics and Biology and ESOL. I hope to get university entrance so that next year so that I can go to university here or go back to Japan.

I really like it here - all my classes are excellent and the friendly attitude at WHS makes it easy. I have made some really good friends here and I have been encouraged to join the gym.

I am staying in the hostel right next door to the school. I can be independent but close to school so have no travel costs.



I'm **Koshi Ogawa**. I'm 17 Years old and I'm from Shizuoka, Japan. This is my second year at Wellington High and I am studying Year 13.

The subjects I'm doing are Mathematics with Statistics, Mathematics with Calculus, Physics, Chemistry and ESOL. I'm enjoying all my classes but my favourite subject is Physics. I am learning and playing the guitar this year.

I live in a home-stay with one of our teachers in Karori in the western suburbs of Wellington. It is good and I feel like part of the family.

I really like the choice of subjects at Wellington High School so everything I have chosen is something that I like. I find I can talk to the teachers more easily than at home. This year I am working hard to get university entrance and I will go back to Japan to go to university next year.

I like Wellington too. It's a compact city and easy to get from one side to the other and easy to get what you want.

