

## Koreans: studying and successful at Wellington High School

Hi I am **Stacey Hwang** from Daegu in Korea. I have been at Wellington High since the beginning of this year. In Korea the education system is really hard and I had no time to do anything but study and study and study. I love sports very much but I had no time and I couldn't play with my friends so I felt lonely. I wanted to enjoy studying so I came here and my parents agreed. Now I can enjoy studying and I can enjoy sports. My parents are worried that I might be lonely and have problems with the food and NZ customs and language but I am feeling very good.

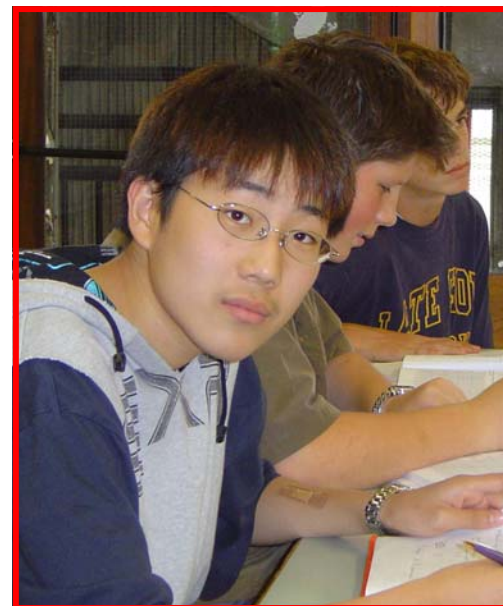
I have nice friends, I go to the gym, do Athletics and really like my host family. My host mother is a good cook and I like her food.

I am trying hard with English and I am sure I will do well. I enjoy my cooking class where I am learning to cook NZ food I am going to be a doctor when I finish school.



Hi. I am **Jae Min Kim**. I'm 16 years old and I'm from Seoul, South Korea.

I'm in Year 11 at Wellington High School and this is my third year here. I'm studying: English, Science, Economics, Digital Media, Japanese and my favourite subject Mathematics. I am studying maths at Yr 12 level this year, doing NCEA level 2. Last year I achieved merit in level 1 mathematics and am sure I can do even better this year. I won a prize at the senior prize giving for excellence in Mathematics even though I was a junior.



I live in a home-stay with a Kiwi couple which is in Kingston up the top of the hills not very far from the school. My host Mum treats me like her son and I feel a part of the family. The food is good.

I really like Wellington High School. The teachers are kind and I've got lots of friends here and I play soccer for the school. I will finish my schooling here and then I will go to university and study to be an architect

In Wellington the environment is clean and the people are polite. I like the quiet relaxed life here. I have lots of friends and feel like a New Zealander as well as a Korean.

Hello my name is **Hyeuk Jin Kim**. I am fourteen years old, in Year 10 and have been in New Zealand for nearly three years. I was at the nearby Mt Cook primary School for 18 months. I live with my mother and step father.

My favourite subjects are mathematics and music. I play the piano and am studying at Grade 7. I enjoy mountain biking and have been to many different places riding my bike. I have heaps of Kiwi friends and really enjoy being here. Life is not so rushed and we have time to enjoy things.

