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New Zealand
Nga Herenga Tatai o AFS



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Semester Programme Students

5 months, Jan - June 2025



Lina K.

Gender: Female
Languages: German, French, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 6 months
Country: Switzerland
Programme: Jan - June 2025

ABOUT LINA: Lina is an open and independent student. She is a keen swimmer, and her other hobbies include reading, listening to music and playing the piano. She often babysits in her spare time. Lina likes to help others and shows this through her roles as a swimming coach and assistant Scout leader. Lina loves to spend time with family and friends, and she enjoys being outdoors just as much as she enjoys playing board games or watching a movie at home.

LINA'S INTERESTS:

- Reading
- Listening to music
- Piano
- Swimming
- Coaching swimming
- Babysitting
- Assistant leader at youth group/Scouts



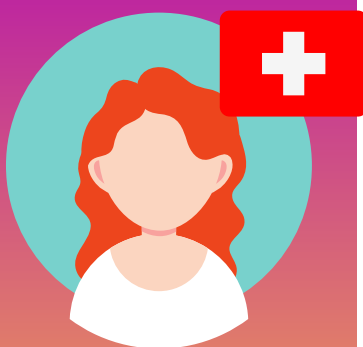
Lilly

Gender: Female
Languages: German, English
Age on arrival: 17 years 4 months
Country: Austria
Programme: Jan - June 2025

ABOUT LILLY: Lilly is a sporty student, who says she loves almost every sport. Mountain biking, swimming, horse riding and running are just a few of her favourites. Lilly is easy going, friendly and open-minded. She also has a creative side and loves painting, drawing and baking. Lilly eats mostly vegetarian and prefers not to eat pork or beef. She is open to eating fish and chicken - and she's very handy in the kitchen.

LILLY'S INTERESTS:

- Mountain biking, swimming, jogging, horse riding
- Painting and drawing
- Baking and cooking



Fabiana

Gender: Female
Languages: German, French, English
Age on arrival: 17 years 4 months
Country: Switzerland
Programme: Jan - June 2025

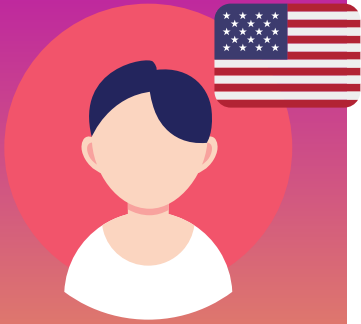
ABOUT FABIANA: Fabiana is a cheerful and curious student. She enjoys socialising with friends and volunteers for a youth programme for 6-14 year olds (planning and leading group activities). Fabiana's other hobbies include reading, listening to music and skiing. She is looking forward to learning more about NZ and our way of life, while also sharing her Swiss culture. Fabiana is lactose intolerant.

FABIANA'S INTERESTS:

- Reading
- Listening to music.
- Volunteering with children
- Skiing

Year Programme Students

11 months, Jan - December 2025



Arkaedi

Gender: Male
Languages: English
Age on arrival: 17 years 1 month
Country: USA
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT ARKAEDI: Arkaedi is calm and compassionate. He loves learning (especially about foreign countries and cultures) and trying new things.

In his spare time, Arkaedi enjoys writing, baking, martial arts and tabletop games.

Family time is important to Arkaedi, and his cat is also a very important member of the family!

ARKAEDI'S INTERESTS:

- Writing
- Martial arts
- Baking
- Tabletop games



Clara

Gender: Female
Languages: Spanish, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 5 months
Country: Argentina
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT CLARA : Clara is a responsible student and likes school, where she has many good friends.

Outside of school, Clara is a competitive gymnast. Training most days, she is very disciplined and dedicated to her sport. On the weekends, she likes to hang out with her friends and also enjoys outdoor activities.

Travelling is her other passion, and she is looking forward to discovering New Zealand.

CLARA'S INTERESTS:

- Gymnastics
- Travelling
- Spending time with friends



Valentina

Gender: Female
Languages: Spanish, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 3 months
Country: Paraguay
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT VALENTINA: Valentina is a dedicated student. She's passionate about her studies, particularly physics, mathematics and languages. She can be shy when you first meet her, but she's a talkative and cheerful person once you get to know her. Valentina enjoys watching TV, Disney movies and spending time with her family and friends. She's excited to come to New Zealand and is looking forward to many new experiences.

VALENTINA'S INTERESTS:

- Physics and mathematics
- Languages
- Disney movies



Janja

Gender: Female
Languages: German, English, Spanish
Age on arrival: 16 years 1 month
Country: Germany
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT JANJA: Janja is a cheerful and open-minded student. She enjoys meeting new people and loves making others laugh. Janja's hobbies include climbing, swimming and Scouts. She also likes outdoor activities, spending time with family and friends, reading, and video games. Her mother and brother are AFS returnees, and she hopes to carry on the family tradition with her own AFS experience in New Zealand.

JANJA'S INTERESTS:

- climbing
- swimming
- Scouts
- meeting with friends
- outdoor activities
- reading
- video games
- board games



Rafael

Gender: Male
Languages: Portuguese, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 9 months
Country: Brazil
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT RAFAEL: Rafael is a sociable and communicative student. He enjoys discussing a wide variety of topics, including sports, politics and movies. His other hobbies include football, basketball, video games - and sometimes he likes some quiet time alone to listen to music. Rafael is looking forward to coming to New Zealand to learn about our culture, customs and to try new food.

RAFAEL'S INTERESTS:

- Football
- Basketball
- Playing video games
- Socialising



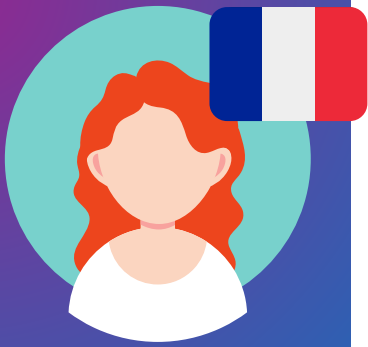
Yui

Gender: Female
Languages: Japanese, English
Age upon arrival: 17 years
Country: Japan
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT YUI: Yui is a calm and positive person. She values close relationships with her friends and family and likes to spend quality time with them. She's an active member of her city's multicultural group and has participated in a short-term exchange with their sister city in the USA. At school, Yui is part of the English Club. She is looking forward to discovering New Zealand's culture and meeting the people of Aotearoa!

YUI'S INTERESTS:

- Volunteering with local multicultural group
- Spending time with friends & family
- English Club



Flora

Gender: Female
Languages: French, Spanish, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 6 month
Country: France
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT FLORA: Flora is curious, sociable and always eager to embrace new experiences. Her hobbies include reading (especially fantasy, romance and adventure novels), listening to a wide range of music (from K-pop to classical and jazz), writing and scrapbooking.

Flora values her good friends and close family relationships and loves spending time with her nearest and dearest. She enjoys learning languages and exploring new cultures.

FLORA'S INTERESTS:

- Languages and cultures
- Reading
- Listening to music
- Writing and scrapbooking



Natsuki

Gender: Female
Languages: Japanese, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 6 months
Country: Japan
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT NATSUKI: Natsuki is cheerful and talkative with an interest in a wide range of topics, from gender equality to K-pop. She loves dancing (cheer dancing, hip hop, K-pop and ballet) and many other activities, such as football, swimming, violin and piano. At school she's a member of the Kendo (Japanese fencing) club and has served her school community as school council president. Natsuki enjoys going camping with her family.

NATSUKI'S INTERESTS:

- Dancing
- Kendo
- Camping
- Football
- Swimming
- Piano
- Violin



Jiru

Gender: Female
Languages: Japanese, Chinese, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 6 Month
Country: Japan
Programme: Jan - Dec 2025

ABOUT JIRU: Jiru's parents are from China, but Jiru was born in Japan. She has grown up immersed in two cultures, and she'd love to broaden her horizons further by coming to New Zealand.

Jiru plays the trumpet in her school's brass band, and she loves listening to K-pop. She enjoys watching movies, reading, learning languages and is actively involved in her school community as the secretary of the festival committee.

JIRU'S INTERESTS:

- Trumpet (brass band)
- Listening to music
- Movies
- Reading

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