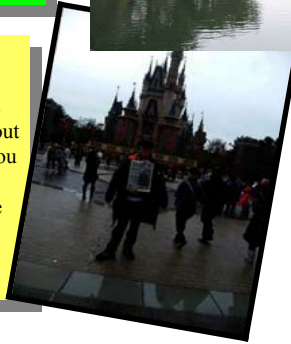
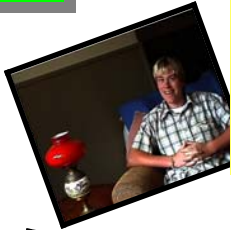


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While in Japan I learned more than just Japanese, I learned how to speak my own language. Japan also taught me tolerance and patience, and hey while I was in Japan I did not work part-time or have to worry about earning money as I had saved it before I went. So if you want an awesome experience with amazing food and awesome people I urge you to go on a WYS exchange to Japan.

Caleb Stone, Katikati College



QUESTIONS

HOW WILL A WYS EXCHANGE AFFECT MY UNIVERSITY PLANS?

You can qualify for University Entrance without completing Year 13. Discretionary entrance is based on Levels 1 (numeracy) and 2 (literacy) NCEA. You must meet the literacy and numeracy standards required for University Entrance. The regulations are posted on the NZVCC's website www.nzvcc.ac.nz. You might also like to talk with your school's Careers Advisor and/or the Liaison Officer at the tertiary institution of your choice if you have further questions. International Pacific College (IPC) sees the WYS exchange as an advantage to bilingual education, as classes are taught in English, Japanese and French.

WILL IT BE SAFE TO GO TO JAPAN?

Japan, like New Zealand, is a largely safe and law-abiding country - but sometimes unforeseen events occur. The World Youth Service network has as its primary concern the safety and welfare of the young people entrusted to the organisation by their parents. WYS provides 24 hour support for students and their families around the world.

DOES IT MATTER IF I CANNOT SPEAK JAPANESE?

The answer to this question is, "Yes!" WYS would advise either some knowledge of Japanese, or proven ability in another language (including English). A recent VERY successful student went to Japan from a school that does not teach Japanese language. He required extra help in Japan (the school offered extra lessons) - but he worked hard and had a MOST successful exchange.

DOES IT MATTER IF I'M NOT A TOP STUDENT?

You don't need to be a top academic student to be a great ambassador for New Zealand and a successful WYS exchangee in Japan. Attitude, self-confidence, flexibility, ability to develop relationships with others, and a "can-do" mind-set are more important. WYS recommends an average to above academic aptitude - but this is not the deciding factor in a successful application for an exchange in Japan.

CAN I ORGANISE MY OWN PLACEMENT IN JAPAN?

No - due to the philosophy of WYS - which is to provide a unique and safe experience for all.

HOW DO I SPEAK WITH MY PARENTS ABOUT APPLYING FOR A WYS EXCHANGE IN JAPAN?

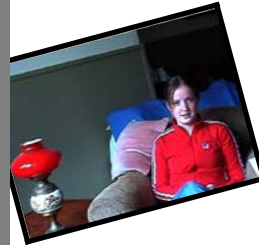
Your parents will want to know how serious you are, who WYS is, and what benefits there are for you from an exchange in Japan. You can show them this publication, visit the website (www.masterscollege.co.nz), email their questions to wys@ellis.net.nz, or have them telephone the office to ask their questions. Your parents want the best for you and it is only natural that they want to check things out carefully.

IS THERE ANYTHING I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO OVERSEAS?

Yes! Check out the rules on page 17 of the application form. Students have been sent home for breaking the rules, or persistent behavioural issues. In a new environment it is wise to be more cautious than you might be at home.

It's hard to put into a few words, exactly why my experience in Japan was so good. By the end of my 10 month exchange I learned so many different things about Japan, people and other cultures and how to make the most of every situation. Learning a new language in a 100% Japanese school taught me how to persevere for whatever you want. Living with my Japanese families and hanging out with Japanese and other foreign friends has given me opportunities for the future to further my Japanese language and see the rest of the world. I would do everything all over again if I had the opportunity because even my mistakes were worth doing.

Diane Scott, Hamilton's Fraser High School



Living in Japan was one of the best experiences in my life - if not the best! I made many good friends and bonded with my host families as if I had known them forever. I miss them very much but know we will meet again. I learnt so much about myself, my home country and what we take for granted in New Zealand. I also learnt about the people and culture of Japan. Also learning the language was fun. Putting into words everything I went through in Japan is impossible - you have to do it yourself to really understand. However, its something I would do 100 more times if I was given the chance. Thank you WYS!!

Jordan Hovind, Wanganui City College

