



I'm Nanami Maruyama who is studying English in New Zealand. I came here in January and I'm going to Sancta Maria College right now. I'm going to stay here until in December which is about seven more weeks. I feel like bleak to leave here.

I have noticed many similarities and differences between school in Japan and New Zealand which I will share with you. The one of similarity of teaching in New Zealand and Japan is teaching about studying and sometimes angry to the students. The students would think the teachers are strict or sometimes annoying but I know that those things are for all of their students to live easily. One important difference is the relationships between teachers and students. Japanese teachers are not close to the students. The most students don't really trust the teachers. They just study from them. The teachers also don't really care everything except our studying. I think that is why Japanese students don't really respect or feel proud of their teachers. They just follow their lessons for their grades. On the other hand, New Zealand students and teachers are very close each other. The students are interested in their teachers and the teachers are always welcoming them. I can see they respect each other very much. Thus, I'm really proud of their relationships and I think it is very good thing.

I was able to know about many differences of classes between Japan and New Zealand. The lessons of New Zealand are a lot of talking and speaking and lots of fun activities. However, Japanese lessons are very boring we need to sit separately and write with paper and pen. Mostly we need to study by ourselves which means we don't really talk or speak in the lessons. I assume that is why many Japanese students fall asleep. I had something that I was very surprised because in New Zealand when the student was sleeping or upset, the teacher was not angry to the person. The teacher worried about the person to get some problems outside of school. If I fell asleep while taking Japanese lesson, because the teacher thought I felt like the teacher's lesson was boring then the teacher would be angry to me even though that was not reason why I fell asleep so that I guess that is really important thing to get good relationships and trust each other. I got a lot of negative points of Japanese education but there are a lot of positive points. For example, thanks to studying in Japanese education, it is normal for me to finish my homework or showing the attitude I am trying to do. My English teacher who always helped me and sometimes encouraged me told me "the students of New Zealand are so relaxed, so it is not normal for them to work the long hours like in Japan and China." That's great thing. I felt the differences of other country.

'Thank you so much! I'm very glad to have met you guys. I will miss you so much.'



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