Starting a new journey in NZ is a difficult yet an entire new experience for me. Fresh air, wide road, friendly people, I instantly fell in love with the country that I am in. It has always been a challenge for me to overcome the language barrier and change in lifestyle, but people around me are supportive and they help me to fit in the new environment. To be honest, it was very stressful when I first started studying in here. I was worried about a lot of things, such as making friend, communicating with people in English, studying in a new environment etc. But I remembered that my teacher got a student to take care of me, and we became friend later on. She introduced me to her friends, and that was how I got to know more people in school. Because I was very shy and did not want to show others



my broken English, I barely speak in the class but only asked every question that I had to the friend who took care of me. I am still very thankful that there are so many nice people who are considerate about me. As time goes by, I speak more to my friends, to my teachers, to the class, and now I am able to speak in front of the school. I think not only does my English improves, but I also grow confidence and courage for me to achieve things I never thought I could. This is all because of the environment that NZ schools provide, which develops students not only in academic area, but also in social and mental area.

In conclusion, study in NZ is an experience which I will never forget nor regret in the future. I am grateful that I had this opportunity to come to this beautiful country and meet a lot of beautiful people.

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