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Intensive Programme Students

8 weeks, July - August 2025



MAEL
Gender: Male
Languages: French, English
Age on arrival: 17 years
Country: France
Programme: July - August 2025

ABOUT MAEL: Mael is an enthusiastic, positive person with a great love for science fiction. He enjoys sports, including tennis, swimming and football, and is excited to try a new sport in New Zealand. He also loves reading about astrophysics, a subject that has captivated him since childhood.

Passionate about Aeronautics, he hopes to become a pilot one day. Mael is mature and curious, and he can't wait to discover New Zealand and its culture.

MAEL'S INTERESTS:

- Science fiction
- Tennis, football, swimming
- Astrophysics, aeronautics



SAKSHI
Gender: Female
Languages: Hindi, English, French
Age on arrival: 16 years
Country: India
Programme: July - August 2025

ABOUT SAKSHI: Sakshi is a friendly and fun-loving student, who brings positivity to any situation.

She enjoys spending time with her extended family, especially her cousins, and socialising with friends.

Sakshi's hobbies include dancing, watching movies, playing basketball, painting, pottery and singing. She likes spending time in nature (hiking, camping) and watching the sky.

She's looking forward to seeing a New Zealand sunrise!

SAKSHI'S INTERESTS:

- Dancing, basketball
- Painting, pottery, singing
- Outdoor activities (hiking, camping, watching the sky)



JUAN

Gender: Male
Languages: Spanish, English
Age on arrival: 17 years
Country: Spain
Programme: July - August 2025

ABOUT JUAN: Juan is a calm and responsible boy who quickly becomes sociable and fun once he feels comfortable. He loves music and plays both piano and guitar in a band with his friends, performing and recording videos for fun.

Juan enjoys playing football whether its on the beach, in the park, or with his brothers at home. He enjoys spending time with his family, walking their dog and watching movies. Juan dreams of becoming an architect. He looks forward to improving his English and discovering a new culture in New Zealand.

JUAN'S INTERESTS:

- Football
- Music
- Traveling



AVYA

Gender: Female
Languages: Gujarati, English, Tamil, Hindi
Age on arrival: 15 years 11 months
Country: India
Programme: July - August 2025

ABOUT AVYA: Avya is a bright and motivated student.

She is a national-level gymnast and is used to balancing a busy schedule of training and study.

Avya also enjoys reading, swimming, hiking and playing badminton as well as spending quality time with family and friends. At school, Avya is especially interested in psychology and criminology. She is looking forward to coming to New Zealand to form new connections and immerse herself in a new culture.

AVYA'S INTERESTS:

- Gymnastics, swimming, hiking, badminton
- Reading
- Psychology, criminology

Trimester Programme Students

3 months, June - September 2025



FEDERICA
Gender: Female
Languages: Italian, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 3 months
Country: Italy
Programme: June - Sep 2025

ABOUT FEDERICA: Federica is a friendly, adaptable and sociable student.

Her passions include tennis, science, philosophy and Italian literature. She also loves spending time in nature, whether hiking in the mountains or relaxing by the sea.

Eager to improve her English and discover a new way of life, Federica is excited for this opportunity to learn, connect, and explore a new culture in New Zealand.

FEDERICA'S INTERESTS:

- Tennis
- Spending time in nature
- Science, literature, philosophy



MARCO
Gender: Male
Languages: Italian, English
Age on arrival: 17 years 1 month
Country: Italy
Programme: June - Sep 2025

ABOUT MARCO: Marco is a curious and driven student. At school, he excels in practical and scientific subjects.


Outside of school he enjoys spending time with family and friends. His favourite sports are Formula 1, tennis, fencing and volleyball.

His other passion is music. He has played both the piano and the violin, and he enjoys listening to music every day.

Marco is excited to immerse himself in a new culture, improve his English, and gain new experiences in New Zealand.

MARCO'S INTERESTS:

- Formula 1
- Tennis, fencing, volleyball
- Music



ANDREA
Gender: Male
Languages: Italian, English
Age on arrival: 16 years 8 months
Country: Italy
Programme: June - Sep 2025

ABOUT ANDREA: Andrea is a determined and sociable student with a sharp sense of humor. Sport is a big part of his life—after years of daily basketball training, he now trains three times a week and enjoys staying active. At school, he excels in scientific subjects and enjoys applying knowledge to real life. He hopes to study medicine or engineering at university.

Andrea looks forward to improving his English and experiencing a new culture in New Zealand.

ANDREA'S INTERESTS:

- Sport (basketball, running)
- Outdoor activities
- Time with family and friends

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