

# LUKA, from New Zealand - male

**BORN: 20/4/2006** 

FIRST LANGUAGE: English

**DURATION:** Academic year – 6/9/2023 to 16/6/2024

**SMOKE:** no smoker, ok to go in a smoking family if the family

smokes outside only

FOOD REQUIREMENTS: no

**ALLERGIES:** no

**OK LIVING WITH PETS:** yes

**MEDICATIONS**: no



Hi, My Name Is Luka and I am currently 16 years old, I live in Wellington, New Zealand with my family. I have one older brother (A 19 years old) who is a builder, My mother (K) works as a grants manager for a charity, and my father (T) is the head of strategy at a Government Ministry. My Grandfather lives approximately 4 hours away from us and we visit him regularly on his farm, which is where my father grew up. I enjoy going to his farm because I get to spend time helping him with farmwork and spending time with my whole family.

I am in my final year at Wellington College which is an all boys school with roughly 1800 Students. To subjects that I take are: English, History, Design/Fabrication, Media Studies. Media Studies is my favorite subject in school because it includes videography and photography which I really enjoy.

Aside from school I like to train in Kickboxing which I have been doing for about a year. I also like hanging out with my friends doing things like making music, going to the beach, skateboarding etc.

Another thing I like is snowboarding, although recently I haven't been able to go as there is not much snow in the North Island of New Zealand. When I was younger I lived overseas for a few years in Thalland, which is why I love traveling and experiencing different cultures in depth, and also one of the reasons that I chose to do an overseas exchange.

The reason that I chose Italy was because I think it has amazing food, architecture, people, and scenery.

I hope to share what it is like being a New Zealander, to you (my host family) and my host school. I want to be helpful and contribute to the family with day to day activities/ responsibilities, as I would rather come to Italy to experience the way of life instead of having a tourist experience.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity for this exchange and I thank you for considering to host me.

Kind regards

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### **ABOUT YOU**

1. What qualities do you think you have that will make you a successful exchange student?

I am a social person and like travel and to learn about other people and cultures.

2. What qualities do you value most in others?

Respect and honesty

3. What is unique and different about you?

I have lived in three very different countries around the world - New Zealand, Fiji and Thailand.

4. What are your favourite and least favourite subjects at school?

Favourites are history and media studies. Least favourite is Maths, as I'm not good with numbers.

Many students have dreams, aspirations and passionate pursuits. Please describe yours.

I would like to combine travel and work as a career.

### **ABOUT YOUR FAMILY**

1. Describe your relationship with your parents.

I have a good relationship with my parents and we get along very well.

2. Describe your relationship with your siblings.

I am very close to my older brother and we share a lot of interests.

3. Describe the activities your family pursues together.

Two of our favourite activities are snowboarding and skiing.

4. What are the rules you must respect in your family?

Be honest and do your part to help out

5. What household chores do you perform at home?

Dishes, laundry and vacuum cleaning.

#### **ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES**

1. How many hours do you spend studying per day outside school?

1 hour

2. What time do you usually go to bed?

11:00-11:30

3. Other than studying and watching TV, you mainly spend your time doing... (describe hereunder your 3 main activities)

#1 Kickboxing

#2 Spending time with friends

#3 Going to the gym

## YOU IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY

1. Why have you chosen this host country?

Because I have heard so much about Italy, its history, culture and food.

2. Why have you chosen an immersion program, living with a host family and attending school daily? I think immersion is the best way to experience a new culture and life.

3. Give at least two reasons why you want to study abroad (other than second language skills).

To experience a very different culture and learn to see things through the eyes of other people.

4. What do you expect from your school?

A good learning environment and teachers.

5. What do you expect from your school mates?

Friendship, trust and honesty.

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