

Introduce yourself

(K- Kate, J- Jonathan, A- Albert)

K: Hello, everyone. My name is Kate, My Chinese name is Li Huang, It's a name of a kind of bird in Chinese, so everyone likes to call me yellow bird.

J: Hello, everyone, my name is Zongbo Teng, English Name is Jonathan, I come from ChangChun city in JiLing province in China, I have been Nelson for studying for one year, but I don't know how long I am going to stay here, but I will try my best.

A: My name is Albert, I came from Guangxi Province in China. I have been here for about one year. It's a good place.

How do you like the life in Nelson?

K: Nelson is a very beautiful city, and every people say the New Zealand is the last nature paradise in this world. So I hope you could fall in love with this land when you came here. This is a very wise choice to study in Nelson, New Zealand. It's a great place for studying since the city is quiet and small.

J: The life in Nelson is very comfortable. I think everyone may hear about a Chinese proverb: If you really like a person, please bring her/him back to Nelson, here is a paradise. I think Nelson here is very quiet and peaceful; the nature scenery is incredible and it's great for studying.

A: This is a very good place, very nice. Air is so fresh here, people are so friendly and the city itself is also very quiet, and it's very suitable for studying.

K: I think studying in Nelson is an excellent choice. This is a best place for studying, since the place is quiet and small.

J: I thought the after class-life is quite colorful. It has internet coffee, the beach and nature scenes. If you thought it is a small place, there are not too many entertainment facilities, but you could go to Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch since New Zealand is not a big country. It's quite easy to get to these main cities. You could go there by airplane, bus, car or even by bike, if you have enough energy.

A: The second-hand car here is so cheap, student could get a car then it's easier to get some nice places. The nature scenery is unbelievable, it's definitely worthwhile to have a look. For me, my previous home stay is a member of a local football team, so he brought me to the team, and we play football in a local league every weekend.

How Do you Adjust to the Different cultures in Nelson?

J: As my point of view, adjusting to different cultures is different between different individuals. I think the student who are more independent, are more easily to get used to the different cultures here. May when you first come here, there are some culture shocks existing. But that is not big problem, you may have to go through the hard time and finally get there :D

How do you think the Food in Nelson?

K: I like the different kinds of food in Nelson a lot. For instance, the crayfish in Kakura is very famous. If it's possible, student may bring their parents for traveling. It's a great place for visiting. Pizza here is also very famous, it tastes so good. But after long time in here, you may miss some food from your hometown like dumplings in China (kind of like Saturday Market in Nelson, it usually hold at nighttime, good for friends get together and chatting). There are not many activities at nighttime here. Usually on weekends, hanging out with your friends to some pubs and also making new friends there have lots fun. Life is quite peaceful here, at beginning you may feel boring, but you will love Nelson very soon.

J: I think there is lots of delicious food here and there is also some Chinese food (dumplings and noodles) but not that many. The western food takes the primary here. But I suggest everyone should try the different food here, it will make you easier to adjust to the culture shock.

Any suggestions for Chinese student who may want to come?

K: I want to advise these students, if you come at this July and August, it's wise to bring some more clothes, since this is winter here now in New Zealand. In my personal perspective, you will not feel homesick at first several months. I felt everything here is exciting when I just came here, after half semester, I felt a little bit homesick, and I feel good now with my friends. About studying, talking with your tutors a lot, taking notes on every course are my suggestions.

J: the most important suggestion of mine: Bring Enough Money. You can buy lots of stuff with money. Another suggestion is to be ready for hard working, if you don't have money, just like me.

A: Communication is the key to success overall. If you don't to talk and share your ideas, no one can really understand what you want.

Studying abroad, especially this kind of English Speaking Country, The most important thing is to learn English well. You have to speak English with people around you, share your feeling with others, they can understand you and help you sort of the problem afterwards. If you cannot express your feeling to others, it's pretty hard to study and live here. So, don't be shy, trying to learn English well is all my suggestion.