

**Student Exchange St. Marien – EGGS  
(Epsom Girls Grammar School, Auckland, New Zealand)**

*Students' comments after their stay in Regensburg from Dec. 15, 2016 until Jan. 25, 2017*

*Hallo, ich heiÙe Charlotte Hares. Ich bin sechzehn Jahre alt. Ich komme aus Neuseeland. Meine Familie: ich habe eine Mutter, sie heiÙt Marie. Ich habe einen Vater, er heiÙt Stephen. Ich habe auch einen Bruder. Das ist Josh. In meiner Freizeit mag ich gerne lesen und FuÙball spielen.*

I have thoroughly enjoyed my stay in Regensburg and my time at this school. It has been a wonderful experience, and I will always remember the people here who are so kind. I learned a lot, and my German language lessons from Ms. Kurtz have inspired me to learn more back in New Zealand. Thank you all!

***Charlotte***



*Hallo, mein Vorname ist Tara und mein Nachname ist Lockhart. Ich komme aus Neuseeland und ich bin siebzehn Jahre alt. Mein Lieblingsessen: ich mag Melonen und Kiwis. In meiner Freizeit tanze ich gerne und treffe Freunde.*

Over my summer holidays I went to Germany on an exchange with some other girls from my school in New Zealand, and while we were here in Germany, we had the opportunity to learn German at school with such a wonderful teacher. Over my time in Germany I learnt a lot of German. By the time we left I could introduce myself, tell you what I like and dislike and what I look like, I was able to order food, tell people what I was wearing. I could have a conversation, a basic conversation, with my host family and I was so grateful for that! It was incredible.

***Tara***



*Hallo, ich bin Ashley und ich komme aus Neuseeland. Ich bin 1,65 m groß und habe kurze schwarze Haare. Meistens trage ich einen Pferdeschwanz und eine Brille. Ich mag es zu reisen und Sprachen zu lernen.*

It was a great opportunity to be able to stay in Germany, Regensburg and St Marien- Gymnasium for six weeks. I personally experienced a different, unique lifestyle while visiting the school and spending my time with my host family. I really admire the fact that this school exchange gave me knowledge about the German culture and language.

The school's environment made me comfortable with the lovely students, entertaining staff members and the very creative school principal. I was delighted to meet new friends and be able to communicate with them. At the same time, I could connect amazingly with everyone in the school with my hobbies, interests and talents. I didn't feel like I was left out, in fact, everyone in the school was friendly and easy to get along with.

The amount of German lessons I received each day was excellent. During each lesson, the flow of what I had to learn first in order to understand more in depth on the other topics was very fluent. I really did enjoy every lesson I attended. I liked the way how my German teacher gave me worksheets to revise on and the physical activities I participated in. I wish I could stay longer in Germany to excel my German language. I had spent a joyful time and one of the best moments I was waiting forward to experience was snowfall. So, in my opinion, Regensburg was the most historical and interesting city I have ever visited and I am looking forward in my future to revisiting the school and the country again.

***Ashley***

