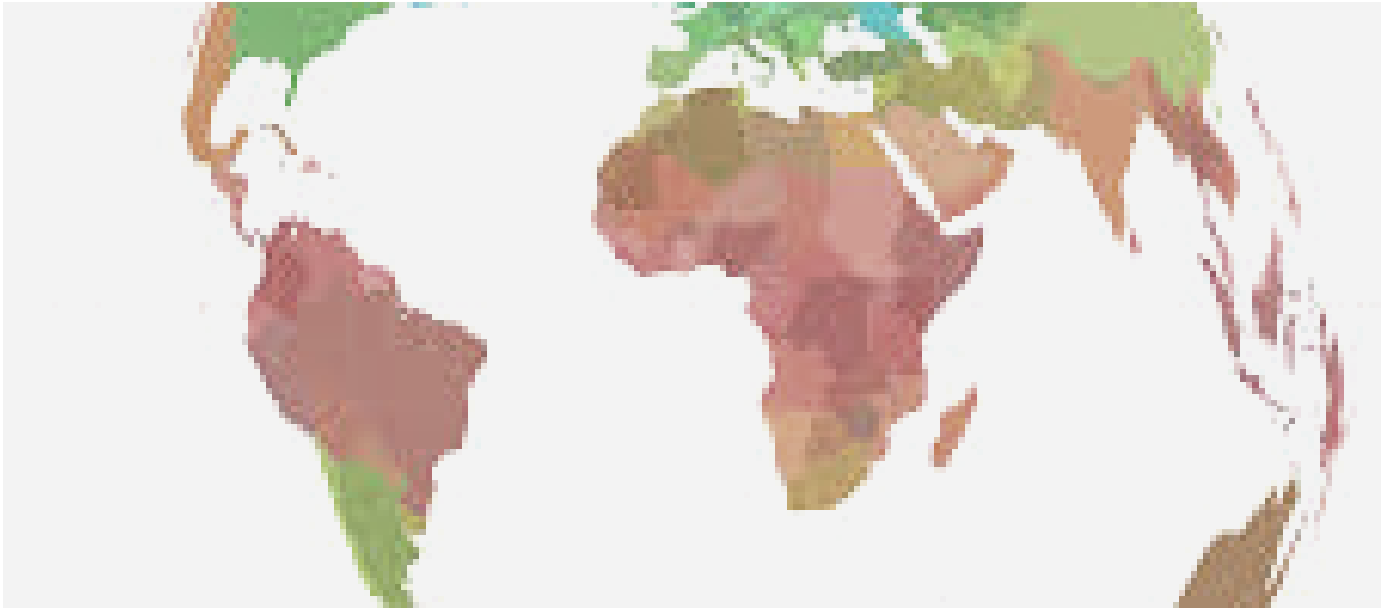


# ADVICE FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD



## FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS HERE

BY LIISA

Hello there!

My name is Liisa and I come literally from the other side of the world – Finland.

I was an exchange student in Rotorua Girls High school in 2016 and during my exchange there I learned a lot, gained heaps of new friends and had the most amazing time of my life. That is why I'd like to share some of my tips and tricks of getting the most out of your time in high school!

### 1. Be open to new things

This tip is probably valid for your entire lifetime. In Finland I never had the guts to do some things I really wanted to, and while abroad I learned that I could have done these a long time ago. For example I tried sushi for the first time in NZ and now I wish I would have tried it earlier. The same applies for your studies – do not hesitate to take that class you think you might not be good at. It will always be a new experience for you.

### 2. Do your best

I know that sometimes motivation for school can be almost nonexistent. You should still try to do your best even on the bad days – maybe study few phrases of that new language or write just a little for that English essay. When you stop postponing work you will get so much more done without that much of an effort of doing it all on the previous night before the due date.

### 3. Have fun!

High school is filled with many once-in-a-lifetime events. For example, the ball is one of them. Even if you feel like not wanting to go, I can guarantee that you will look back to your high school and remember those events. The same applies with the swimming sports, athletics day and all those other theme days! In my opinion, you should be a part of all of them, in a one way or another.

If anyone is interested of studying abroad during or maybe even after high school, I am willing to share my experiences and some tips and tricks for a new start in a new country!