



Student Ambassador

Carlo Affentranger

Buchrain, Switzerland



“The school offers a wide range of sports. To be on a team and have the support of the whole school on a game day is an unforgettable feeling.”

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Carlo Affentranger from Switzerland always had plans to do a study year abroad. As he said, “I always wanted to do an exchange year when I was younger. Last year, friends of mine went to different countries to do an exchange. When they told me what a great experience it was I decided to do the same. I did some research and I liked how beautiful the Sea to Sky district is with all the mountains and lakes and yet close to a big city like Vancouver.”

Carlo is very much enjoying his stay in Squamish. “There are so many outdoor activities to do here in Squamish. You have everything from biking to a big skate park just behind the school. Furthermore it is just next to Whistler which is the best ski resort in the world.”

Carlo enjoys school and fit in well at Howe Sound Secondary. “I enjoy the ride with the typical yellow school bus

each morning and everyone in school is friendly to the international kids and the school team really takes care of us.”

Carlo likes his classes and the Canadian curriculum “I like how many classes you can choose from and the variety of all courses. You can choose exactly what subjects you like.”

Carlo is very active and it was important for him to have access to many activities on a regular basis. “There is nothing better than a nice ski day in Whistler. It is so much fun to spend the weekend with your friends and enjoy the mountains. Also, hiking the Chief in Squamish is a great experience and it gives you the most beautiful view ever.”

Carlo is enjoying his new Canadian family and is very happy with his family match. “My homestay family has become like a second family to me. I have a nice host brother from Hong

Kong and our host parents treat us so well. I also like to go for a walk with the dog on a beautiful day.”

We asked Carlo how he is going to feel when he needs to return home after this experience. He said, “I think it is going to be hard to go back to my country after having a great year like this. I have had so many nice experiences here and met such friendly people that I will need to come back here for sure.”

