



Student Ambassador

Bruno Puerto

São Paulo, Brazil



"I feel like I'm in a high school movie. The teachers, principal, vice principal, counsellors, all the international team, I mean everybody is really good with us."

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Bruno Porto had already experienced a month in Vancouver and decided that he wanted to return for his study abroad semester to Squamish. "I decided to come to Sea to Sky district, first because I already had an experience in Vancouver. I wanted to go to a smaller city because I think it's much better for an exchange program - a small city close to a big city!"

We asked Bruno about his new community "I think the best thing about Squamish is that is an "outdoor" place. There are a lot of trails. You can bike, hike, trek and climb. It's a city with forests, mountains, lakes, and a beach. Everything in a small place called Squamish."

Bruno is enrolled at Howe Sound Secondary. "The classes are really nice and I'm learning a lot of new things. My favourite class is Carpentry. I always wanted to take a class like this, but in

Brazil we don't have these types of courses, so I'm really glad that I'm able to take it. I'm surprised with what I can make with wood. I learned how to use the machines and the tools and every day is a different day."

Bruno really enjoys all the sports and activities. "Here you have a lot of opportunity to do sports. You have the options to join all the teams. I tried football and I was really enjoying this. I learned how to play which is awesome because we don't have this sport in Brazil. Now I have my ski pass and snowboard."

Bruno describes his homestay experience as being the most positive. "My homestay family is so nice with me. They care a lot about me. I'm enjoying being part of this family. I have two little sisters and one little brother, I don't have siblings in Brazil and so for me this is a great new experience."

We asked Bruno about how hard it will be to go home. "When I have to leave... it will be the worst thing that I will live through, for sure! I met such amazing people from around the world, we are all having a great time here, and it will be hard because we don't know when we are going to see each other again. It's a very strange feeling thinking about it. I will also miss my host family, the people that I met and the city. This region is so beautiful..."

