



Student Ambassador

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Italo from Brazil chose the Sea to Sky International program for his exchange year because he wanted to ski in the winter and mountain bike in the summer. Whistler Secondary School was a perfect fit for him.

What he likes best about the program and Whistler is all that it has to offer in a small, family friendly community.

"It is quiet, nice, in a small community, and everybody knows each other. And it feels like a big family" he says when asked to tell what he appreciates most about his new home.

Italo is enjoying his new school. A student in grade 11 Italo is taking a full academic program. His courses include Math, Chemistry, English, Social Studies, Textiles and Outdoor Education. When asked what he most enjoys about his

new school his answer was immediate. "The friends" he says. He also enjoys all of his classes. "They are always fun. We learn new things every day"!

One of the courses he is taking is Outdoor Education. This course offers students an opportunity to take core academic subjects in a setting that promotes outdoor leadership and development. Students develop skills in teambuilding, communication, problem solving, conflict resolution and decision-making. The program allows students to experience unique outdoor experiences while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

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Italo plans to return to Brazil at the end of his year abroad but is thinking about coming to work in Canada once he finishes his university.

When asked about how he will feel when he heads home at the end of June he said "I will be very sad. I will miss a lot my host family, my new friends, people that I meet in Canada that had change my life! I love Canada!!!!!!!"

