



Student Ambassador

Nami Asoda

Tokyo, Japan



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Nami Asoda from Japan chose Howe Sound Secondary because her parents have friends living in West Vancouver and they thought Howe Sound Secondary School was the perfect choice for her. Coming from Tokyo, Nami wanted a smaller, safe community with lots of nature.

We asked Nami what she liked best about her new community and schools. She said "Friends. They are really kind to me. They are helping to improve my English."

Nami is on a graduation path in Howe Sound Secondary and is taking a variety of academic courses so she can graduate with a Dogwood Diploma and enter university. We asked her what her favourite classes were this year. She replied " Band class. I play the bass guitar. It's really fun class."

While Nami is not a big sports fan preferring more creative activities she certainly learned to snowboard this year. We asked her about her snowboarding and she said " This is not sports education but I like to go to snow board with my friends. Because Squamish is really close to Whistler."

Nami considers herself a bit shy but she fit in very well with her new host family and really thinks this is the best part of her study abroad experience. She feels she has been matched perfectly to her family who is very supportive and helps her on a daily basis with adjusting to her new life in Canada. She described her experience and said, "I'm really happy to be with my host family. I really love them."

We asked Nami what her future plans will be once she finishes her high school

here at Howe Sound. She hopes to enter into a Fine Arts Program but is also interested in Veterinary Science. As she explained; "I will go to university in Canada and I want to study art, music or animals which is not available in Japan's university."

We also asked her how she will feel when she has to return home and she said; "I will miss my host family, friends, and the memory and Squamish."

