

Differences between Korean and NZ Education

I was in the classroom at 7am to pass the final test. We have two tests, a middle test and a final test every year for all our subjects Korean, Maths, Society, Science, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Morality.

It's really hard. After school we go to an academy where we study until midnight so this means we study for 17 hours per day.

I really don't like tests. Homework and studying hard is the comparison of NZ with Korea. Coming from Korea to NZ gave me a refreshing change and my stress has disappeared. Now I have free time and a really good sleep.

I am happy to be staying for a while in NZ. However as you know I am going back to Korea. After 3 months back there my stress and my study nightmare will start all over again. I really want to stay in NZ longer.

NZ has got more homework than Korea, but you don't have to study for hours, you don't go to academy, you do not have to stay awake until 1am, you do not have to sit a middle test and a final test and more importantly you do not get stressed!

That is why it is a refreshing time for all Korean students in NZ.

Also NZ students are free, they can play just about whenever they want, but Korean students don't even have time to play.

So they don't do a lot of outdoor activities. However NZ students do a lot of outdoor activities. That is why they are taller, thinner and stronger than Korean students.

NZ students go home at 3pm but for a Korean Year 12 student it is their last year of school and they do not go home because they study to pass an academic aptitude test to go to a really good university. Almost all Korean students have had enough of studying; even I had when I was in Korea.

They want to achieve their own dreams but they just study so they can enrol at a really good university.

Korean education ignores student's own dreams and hobbies. That is really unfair because NZ students can achieve their own dreams. Like me, I want to be a singer but there is no time to practise for me.

I hope you know the difference between Korean education and NZ education.

If you have a chance to visit South Korea, you will like South Korea because there are many fantastic things about our country, but you may not like its education system.

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