

“I made very important friends at TYIS”

I was at TYIS from Kindergarten~7th Grade. I went to the U.S. during 5th Grade and I had no problems there. In the U.S. I had no trouble with the language, and I was one of the higher achieving girls in the class. I used a lot of the things I had learned at TYIS to be able to keep up. It was an amazing experience and I was glad that I knew how to speak English fluently. When I came back from the U.S., all of my friends and teachers welcomed me back. I made new friends and reunited with old ones. I still meet them often and I made very important friends at TYIS.

TYIS is a very good school. They always adjust the level of teaching so that it would suit the students there. They also have two camps each year. Fall Camp and Ski Camp are very fun. In Fall Camp we actually study there but we don't use textbooks. It's just like playing while studying. We also have to write a journal each day which helps us go over what we did or learned that day. In Ski Camp we actually go skiing/snowboarding. The teachers always make sure students are safe and it is a great experience because it helps us to improve our athletic skills too. There are also Spring Concerts and Winter Concerts. It improves self-confidence and students have fun. I also made many friends from different cultures because there are a variety of nationalities there, and we have many cultural events. I learned about many different cultures and I had many opportunities to enjoy different countries' food.

I go to Shibuya Makuhari Kyoiku Gakuen right now. The English curriculum is very hard there, but I often use some of the material I used to do at TYIS. I have weekly essays and you need a lot of writing skills for English. There are many returnees at my new school, so we have a harder class than the other students. But even though it is hard, I have no troubles with English thanks to TYIS. It is very fun here and we use both English and Japanese frequently.

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