

## **Visit of Inbound Students 2002**

**Nine Japanese Junior High School students** and one leader from Kurashiki, visited Christchurch for two weeks in the heart of a NZ winter (30 July to 13 August 2002) and were home hosted by 9 local students.

This exchange was the first time we used hosts who had been OR were going to Kurashiki as exchange students. This proved to be an excellent way of extending the personal experiences and relationships of the young people, by being the host, after being hosted in Japan.

For five days the visitors, mostly 14 years old, attended their hosts high school for the day. On the other five days they were treated to visits and attractions around the city. Highlights of these included a day trip to the Ski Fields at Mt Hutt and another to a farm visit and Jet Boat rides. Other exciting attractions like Antarctic Centre, Willowbank Kiwi House and the Gondola were visited during the two weeks.

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