

川内高校たち、

ありがとうございました

Every single person I had the absolute pleasure of meeting displayed patience and kindness beyond anything I'd ever witnessed before. 「やさしい」 does not come close to describing it, and i wish i had a better vocabulary to communicate these concepts better.

I wish I hadn't run out of school- Haruka was waiting for me outside, and Kotoha was waiting for us at the station. I wish I had properly said my thanks to the principals, all the teachers who took me in and dealt with my struggling Japanese. It was the biggest honor of my life so far to be welcomed into Sendai high school as an International student. I miss going to the school everyday, the wonderful drive with my host family, and the view from the top-floor art rooms.

What I miss most about the schools, however, are the peers who guided me. My friends, who were too numerous to count, in both classes I attended, were immediately incredibly kind and helped guide me through the day-to-day goings-on of your school life. While you may not realize it, being welcomed by even a few kids is an incredible thing. I was glad everyday for the people who ensured I wasn't lonely.

One day, I intend to return to the city. When I do, I think I will have fond memories of the time I spent at your beautiful school. Thank you for taking me in, and dealing with the issues I had while I was here. It means so much to me that i became a 留学生, and this will always be the school where i achieved my dreams.

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