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Student Profile

Pearson College House: Victoria House

Roommates – Countries of Representation: Netherlands, Canada-QC

Creativity, Action and Service (CAS): Expedition Sailing, Rights and Justice

Kaze Nakamura is a first-year Canadian student at Pearson College student. Currently living abroad with his family in Hawaii, Kaze's local base is his grandparents' home in the Comox Valley. Born in Vancouver, Kaze's father had sushi restaurants in Gibsons, Tofino, Yellowknife, and Prince Rupert. Kaze has a long family connection to the UWC movement, as his mother attended UWC-USA in New Mexico. Kaze's first personal exposure to Pearson College was last summer, when he was selected to participate in PSYL (Pearson Seminar on Youth Leadership), our intensive summer program focusing on building leadership capacity through a strong anti-racism and anti-oppression framework.

Kaze is a swimmer and a big fan of the outdoors, making Pearson a great fit for him given our beautiful forest campus. Kaze's first-year studies include courses in English Language and Literature, Marine Science, Philosophy, Mathematics, Visual Arts, French Ab Initio, and Theory of Knowledge. This last class is a core component of the International Baccalaureate diploma program, focusing on critical thinking and interdisciplinary problem-solving.

Kaze's CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) activities strike a balance between exploring the beauty of the West Coast and deepening his knowledge of social justice. As a keen member of the Rights and Justice CAS, he is acquiring an introduction to human rights legislation and learning how to use this knowledge to challenge the status quo by protecting the rights of people who are excluded from society or have been harmed by the legal system. At the same time, in Expedition Sailing he has the chance to learn the skills needed to obtain his Pleasure Craft Operator Card, his VHF radio license, and achieve the Sail Canada Basic Cruising Standard.