



## Neo Keika Girls

### A New Building, A New Life



The Old Building

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It has now been over 6 months since we moved to the new Keika Girls' School building! Have you **settled** in yet? Let's **reflect** on the great **memories** at the old building and the nice parts of the new!

### The Old Building

Let's look at the unique **charm** points of the old building or the *Dai-ni* Campus! We still use the building for clubs, sports day practice, and other things.

1. The Short **Stairs** for Kimono
2. The Cute **Courtyard**
3. 'The Pink Room' aka The Lounge
4. Pepper the Robot
5. The School **Flowerpots**





## The New Building

Now, let's look at the **unique** charm points of the new building! How new, fresh, and clean! What do you think?

1. The **Rooftop** Garden
2. The **Moveable** Blackboards
3. The Teachers' Room Whiteboard
4. The Hallway **Benches**
5. The Keika Family **Connection**: 3 Schools, One Campus



## Double Charm Points

There are some things that are charm points from both the old AND new buildings! Cute things that are just **pure** Keika Girls' School.

1. The Pink **Lockers**
2. The **Vending Machines**
3. The Lounge Spaces
4. The **Statue** of Keika **Founder** Mr. Isoe Jun
5. Keika Girls' School **Uniforms**



## A New Keika Teacher

A New JET from **New York City**

Hello everyone!! My name is Hrithika(ri-thi-kuh), and I am from NYC. I was only 5 years old when my parents decided to move from **Bangladesh**. My little brother was born in 2009, 4 years later, and we have stayed in NYC ever since. I am excited to meet all of you!

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### My Life

When I first got to NYC, it was **stressful** because I had to learn English to be able to make friends and study! It was so hard. I also went to an **all-girls** middle school like Keika. It was called The Young Women's Leadership School, or TYWLS for short! My high school, The Brooklyn Latin School, was a **specialized** high school. We had to take **Latin** and Spanish, and had a specialized **curriculum**, because we followed the steps of another HS called Boston Latin. Although both schools were **public schools**, we had to wear **uniforms!** This is very **rare** in American schools.



In 2017, the summer of my third year of high school, I went on a one-month **study abroad** program to Japan for the first time. I stayed in the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center near Yoyogi Park and took Japanese **language classes** six days a week. We also did lots of fun **activities** like wearing *kimono*, taking a **cooking** class to make *oyakodon*, **handkerchief** pattern printing, drawing our own short *anime*, and even making our own paper **from scratch!** During my last week, I went to Kyoto for a homestay, where I was able to live with a Japanese family. My host mom brought me to **calligraphy** classes with my host sister, we went to visit *Fushimi Inari* shrine, and had lots of delicious food!



In 2019, I spent a semester as an exchange **student** at Korea University. I went to special events like the BTS popup store, made my own **pottery**, shopped for pretty clothes, wore **hanbok** at Gyeongbokgung, and explored the **districts** in Seoul like Myeongdong and Hongdae. It was very **rewarding** using the Korean I was learning in my class to **interact** with Korean **native speakers** and the community.



I graduated in 2022 with a **Bachelor of Science** in Business Management and a **minor** in Korean studies from Stony Brook University. I made lots of friends there, most of whom I still talk to often today! I was very sad to have to leave them behind in America, but I am excited to get to know everyone at Keika.



Before I came to Japan, I was teaching as a **substitute teacher** in all sorts of **subjects** like English, math, science, history and even art! Every day was **different**, so I loved it.



## Hobbies & Fun Facts

- Favorite color:** pastel pink
- Favorite food:** strawberry shortcake
- Blood type:** B+ (always being **positive** hehe)
- Birthday:** December 16, Sagittarius



I have many hobbies and am always happy to talk about them! I love anything creative, like painting, writing, reading, baking, singing, makeup, fashion, and arts&crafts. I also like learning new languages, and know five so far (Bengali, English, Korean, Japanese, and Hindi).



In my free time, I am usually watching shows, such as K-dramas, anime, and **Bollywood movies**. My favorites are the Makoto Shinkai films Your Name 「君の名は」 and Weathering with You 「天気の子」.

I love going to art **galleries**, cute **cafes**, and **concerts**, and listening to music from around the world so if you have any **recommendations**, please let me know! You can come find me in the **staff room** anytime <3 I look forward to getting to know you all!

These are some of my paintings!



XOXO,  
Hrithika

# Keika Petting Zoo?!

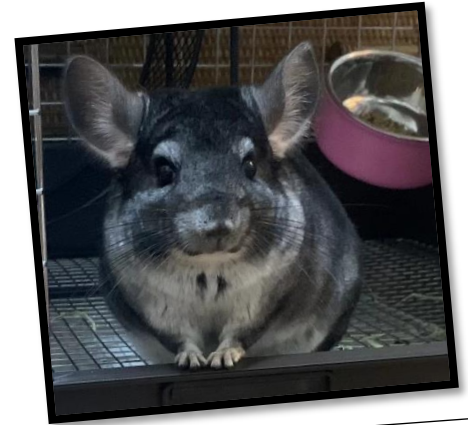
We have heard that some people call Keika Boys' School... 'a zoo'!  
What do you think about that? Here are some Keika Girls' School pets...  
so does that make Keika a 'petting zoo?' Get the joke? ;D



A secret cat



Tofu the dog



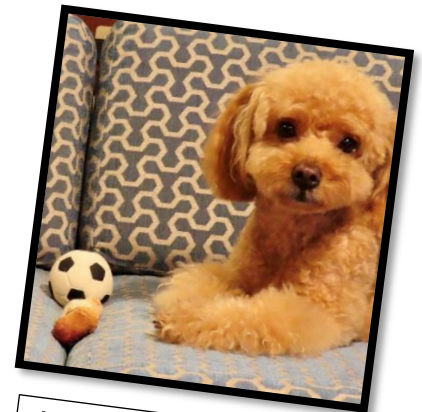
Wataame the chinchilla



Tux the tuxedo cat



Terrance the turtle



Maron the dog



Toukichirou the cat



Mochiko the ferret



Bontenmaru the cat