

A goal I set for myself before going to Australia was to be able to clearly explain how I had grown after returning to Japan. I believe I achieved this goal. I was not good at talking to people at first, but this program helped me become more proactive. For example, on my first day of school in Australia, I was too nervous to talk to students, so I spent my time with my friends. However, on the last day, I was able to talk to students on my own and had many conversations with them. Students I spoke with there said that in Australia, you can get a driver's license at the age of 17. And then they showed me their car keys. After conversations, we also connected on Instagram and became good friends. I'm glad I mustered up the courage to talk to them. In the moment, I felt my own growth. I also tried talking a lot. When I first went to the host family's house, I spent a lot of time in my room, but once I got used to it, I think I was able to spend more time in the living room with my host family.

We went out a lot on holidays. We went to the Gold Coast, which is famous for its beautiful beach, and we saw a lot of birds. I was surprised to see the black swans. I also went to church on Sunday, and I was able to learn about Christianity. By the way, in schools in Australia, there was a cross in each classroom. On another day, my host family took us to a jungle where dinosaurs are believed to have once lived, and we went on a skywalk. I was able to fully enjoy a lot of nature. All the students who participated in the IGP visited a hill with a great view of Brisbane, the University of Queensland, and a museum, and we also explored the city.



The food in Australia was delicious. In Australia, bread and pies are common, and I felt a difference from Japan. My favorite Australian food is meat pie and chips. Also, I love Greece. There was rice in Australia too, but unlike in Japan, it was loose and had long grains. There were a lot of sushi restaurants in the shopping mall. It seems like Australians love sushi too. The food of Australia is bigger than that of Japan, so I got full quickly.



Australians were kind, bright, and friendly. They also seemed to love Japanese culture and people. I love Australians too.

Through this program, I learned a lot and grew as a person. I'm grateful to my parents for letting me go, and I hope to use this experience, and visit Australia on my own in the future.

Australia Days. 2-2 31 Koga Harigae

I went to Australia in march.I was able to have a good experience there. Among them,I will introduce what left an impression on me!

•1 School days

We formed a buddy with local students at an Australian school and actually took classes together.What I felt there was that Australian schools have a very high degree of freedom. Australian school classes are basically five hours per class per hour.

In addition, students take the classes they want to take by themselves So it might be a good idea to think about it with an image close to the university.And what was very fun was that the student over there was very good-natured and easy to talk to, talked to me from the other and greeted me in Japanese, and was very [friendly](#) So I enjoyed school life.



•2 Australia city

I visited an urban area in Australia and it was very amazing. First of all, it was more developed than my hometown, there were many fashionable shops, and it was a place like Tokyo in Japan.However, I felt that there was more nature than Japanese cities such as Tokyo.Trees were planted on the roof of the building and there were parks here and there, so it felt a little prettier than in Japan. Also, the overseas Mac was really delicious. If you are reading this, please say it.I also went to the museum, but I didn't go to foreign museums for a while, so I had a very fresh experience!



•3 A summary's

Finally, I can't tell you all in this sentence, but I was able to talk about anime with the host family. There are more people there who are more interested in Japanese anime culture than they imagined, so please talk about it.

These ten days of life have become very important in my life. If you are interested, please go!



An Experience in Australia That inspired My future Goals

2-3-1 Arai Honoka



During my stay in Australia, I was impressed by how rich the nature environment was. Even in the city, there were many trees and green spaces. I also noticed that many elderly people were active and often walking.



I felt that relationships with relatives and friends were very close in Australia. I attended a four-year-old child's birthday party. The decorations were gorgeous, and many people came with gifts. I also joined a party with my host father's relatives, and they warmly welcomed me.



At school, students usually move outside to go from one building to another. They also eat their morning tea and lunch outdoors. This is very different from Japan, where students usually stay inside the school building. In addition, classes were shorter and felt more relaxed and casual.



I have many wonderful memories with my host family. I played a lot with their two children. At church, I practiced a traditional Filipino bamboo dance called Tinikling, which is from my host mother's home country. We also watched movies almost every day. They talked to me a lot, and I really enjoyed spending time with them. I will never forget these memories.



Through this study program in Australia, I became more interested in studying abroad and learning languages. I would like to use this experience to help me think about my future goals. I also set new goals for myself : to visit Australia again and to improve my English so that I can communicate more with my host family.



My experience in Australia

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School life

At school, there were many students from different countries, not only Australia but also Vietnam and the Philippines, so I was able to hear many interesting stories.

There is a break called "morning tea", so students eat their lunch in two part. I get hungry easily, so it was a great system for me.

Classes are different from Japan. Students have to move between classrooms. The school is very large, so they often walk long distances outside. The teaching style is similar to Japan, where teachers teach and students listen, but students ask questions right away when they do not understand something.



Homestay

My homestay was very enjoyable, and it was my most memorable experience. I spoke more English than ever before, and I was able to learn many expressions that we do not learn in class.

During my stay, I was taken to the Gold Coast and enjoyed an Aussie barbecue on my days off. On school days, I helped my host mother prepare dinner, and we ate dinner together while talking. After dinner, we watched football games and movies in the living room. In addition, since there was a pool at the house, I swam in it.



Differences from Japan

People in Australia are very conscious about saving water. For example, they keep their showers within 10 minutes and try to use as little water as possible when they washing dishes.

In supermarkets and other places, people often talk to store staff and even strangers, enjoying small talk. They are much more friendly and cheerful than in Japan.

People's clothing was very casual, and many people wore tank tops, shorts, and sandals. I realized that people in Japan are much more conscious about their appearance.



振り返り

今回の語学研修は、私にとってとても貴重で本当に良い経験となりました。実際に英語を話したり聞いたりすることで英語力が向上したのはもちろん、物事の見方にも変化がありました。例えば、自分の意見はしっかりと伝えなければ伝わらないことを実感し、精神的にも以前よりたくましくなったように感じます。また、オーストラリアの人々の明るく前向きでエネルギーに満ちた姿に触れ、たくさん元気をもらいました。今回の経験を糧に、これからも前向きに頑張りたいです。また、自分の英語力がまだまだであることを実感したので、これからは英語の勉強にもさらに力をいれ、レベルアップしてまたオーストラリアに行きたいです。

Differences between Japan and Australia

2-3.6 Risa Ueshima

This report discusses the differences between Australia and Japan. First, let's look at the differences in schools. The biggest difference was the overwhelmingly larger number of students actively engaged in class compared to Japan. For example, many students took the initiative to sit at the front, raise their hands, and ask questions. The students' behavior in class was generally free; some were seriously engaged, while others were playing with friends. In Japan, free behavior during class, or giving incorrect answers to simple questions, would result in disapproving looks. However, Australian students were focused solely on themselves and didn't interfere with others, so there wasn't an atmosphere of ridicule for mistakes or anything else. This atmosphere among students and teachers created a class system where everyone was self-centered, unlike Japanese classes where students consider the surrounding environment. I believe this is the reason why there are significantly more proactive students in Australia than in Japan. Next, let's look at the differences I noticed in daily life. Australia had many interesting differences from Japan. The biggest difference was the multicultural society and the friendliness of everyone. Many shopkeepers showed interest in us Japanese and spoke to us cheerfully, and it was a sight I hadn't seen in Japan to see so many people of different nationalities interacting while speaking the same language. The differences in movie theaters were very striking. In Japan, the basic rule is to watch quietly without disturbing others. What surprised me most was that people didn't watch movies quietly. Everyone laughed and reacted as if they were watching a variety show at home, freely talking and making noise. Thus, I realized that Australia has many differences from Japan. Furthermore, I was very happy when Australians showed interest in and appreciation for Japan. From these experiences, I believe that in order to coexist in multicultural society in the future, it is important to acquire various knowledge about the differences between countries and to respect each other.



ホームステイの経験 2年3組 13 小野塚紗希

I have three experiences in a homestay in Australia.

The first is that I went to school. What I was most looking forward to at this homestay was going to school. When I actually went to that school, the first thing I thought was that overseas students were proactive. All the students were free to speak and discuss, and I thought it was very fun. I mainly studied mathematics and English. There were many tablets in class, and the students didn't have textbooks. I made my own presentations, and sometimes copied formulas and whiteboards in my notebook, and I rarely taught while reading textbooks. Also, Buddy is a very kind girl and I was happy to be able to spend 4 meaningful days. In addition, I had more time to talk to my buddy and friends because I had 3 meals, so it was fun.

The second is about Australian nature. In the zoo called "Lone Pine Sanctuary", there were many koalas and kangaroos, and there were colorful birds that I had never seen in Japan, which was very refreshing. In addition, the zoo has a place where birds and kangaroos are free-range, and I was happy that the distance we could touch each other was close. In addition, Australia has a large land area, and each house often has a large garden, so I was surprised that there are many large gardens that are unthinkable in Japan. I often played badminton and tennis with my host father in the garden after school, and it was also impressive that a lot of bats flew in the evening. In terms of climate, it was summer in Australia, so I thought it was unusual for the weather to dry up in no time as soon as the sun went up when I thought it was raining a lot. What surprised me was that it was written "Koala Caution" on the sign. I thought it was natural to have wild koalas and wallabies in Australia. The air is clean and I like nature more.

The third is how to communicate. In foreign countries, I have to tell the other person everything I want to do and everything about myself. Therefore, I expressed a lot of my feelings to express even a little emotion. Every time I honestly conveyed my feelings, I was very happy that the host family responded with a smile! In addition, all Australians have good communication skills, and every time they meet people in the supermarket or in the city, they have a fun conversation, which made me feel warm.

I was worried about my first homestay, but thanks to my kind host family and buddy, it was a great success. Also, Australia has a very wonderful nature, and I felt safe. I want to go to Australia again if I have a chance!



2年3組 33番 松沼竜聖

An exciting and memorable 10 days in Australia

★With host family memory

I had a really enjoyable and comfortable time with my host family. They took me to many places so that I could make great memories. On the weekend, they took me to South Bank Beach and let me ride a boat on the Brisbane river. It was my first time riding a boat, and I have many new experiences in Australia. They were very kind, and I already miss them. When we said goodbye, they told me I could stay with them anytime if I come back to Australia. The time I spent with my host family was truly wonderful.

★School

All the Australian students were very friendly. During class, we played UNO and chatted together. At lunch time, we ate together and had a lively time. It was really fun, and I didn't want to say goodbye. I'm looking forward to seeing them again someday.

★Flight

The flight between Australia and Japan was about 8 hours, which felt long. However, I spent time talking with my friends, eating food, and studying. In fact, I feel short. It felt both long and short at the same time.

★Conclusion

Through this program, I realized that there are many things we can understand by going abroad. It was a very fulfilling 10 days.

