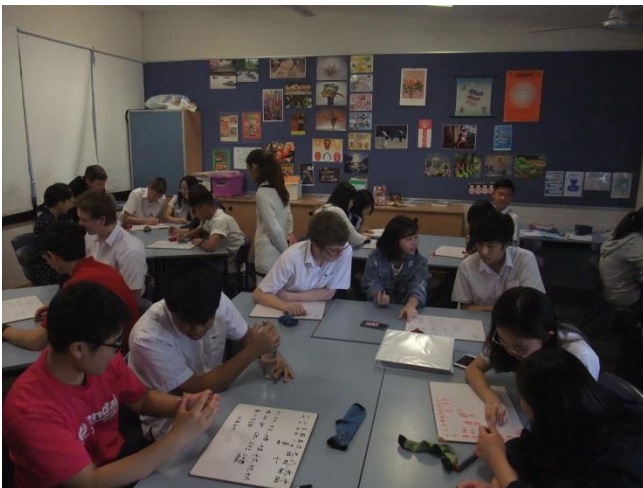


# English Journal

March 5th~16th

I think that we could grow. We could experienced many different aspects of Australian culture. I ate black beans at my host family's house. It was very salty, but had a very good taste. We touched kangaroos. Some students took photos with them. Kangaroos jump fast and far! We had a time when we taught Japanese pop-culture to the Australian students. We understood the point that teaching a country's culture is very important and very interesting. Australian students like "ninja" in Japanese pop-culture. They threw "shuriken." In the weekend, I went to church. Australians often go to church every weekend. I felt that Christ is important to Australians. My host father is a musician. He played the keyboard at the church. He plays music very well. I was excited by that. I really had a good time. Thanks Australia.



### March 5<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Rainy

I bid farewell to my parents and teachers. I went to Tokyo by bullet train. And I went to Haneda Airport by monorail. Next, I took an airplane for about nine hours and headed for Australia. There was lots of variety in the on-board meal and it was delicious. There were movies and games on the airplane and the flight was fulfilling.

### March 6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Sunny

The first day having arrived in Sydney. We were guided and went to Bondi Beach and the Opera House. Some people may have been tired, but everyone was having fun. After sightseeing in the city, we each met our host families.

### March 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Sunny

Today I took an English lesson in the morning and experienced "Lunch 1." It means to eat snacks. It was a fun culture. When we ate lunch in the school yard, everyone was surprised because people sat directly on the concrete. When I went to the supermarket after school, the buddies' explanation was a little difficult, so I could not understand much, but it was fun.

### March 8<sup>th</sup> (Thu) Sunny

Today I took an English lesson at school. The differences between Australia and Japan were learned at the session in the morning. Lunch was eaten with our buddies and their friends. That was very fun. The animals peculiar to Australia were seen in the afternoon. It was a little scary.



### March 9<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Sunny

Today I had classes as usual in the morning and actually participated in the local lesson in the afternoon. Afterwards, host mother took me to the market. There were mainly foods sold there. There were lots of fresh fruits in particular. Besides that, souvenirs and such were on sale and it was a lot of fun.

### March 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Sunny

Today we had a good time with each other because it's the weekend. I made a pizza with my host family in the evening. It is different from how to make pizza in Japan and I watched a movie with them. Everything was difficult in English, but the happiness when I understood was great. I enjoyed having a unique weekend in Sydney.

### March 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Sunny

I went to the beach with my host family. That day, I got up early in the morning and got on a boat for the first time. I enjoyed taking a boat ride to the centre of Sydney Harbour. The sea was dazzlingly beautiful. My weekend was really good.

### March 12<sup>th</sup> (Mon)

Today we went to Kellyville High School. After studying English, we had a BBQ at the high school with our buddies and friends. We enjoyed talking and having a BBQ with them. Next, we introduced Japanese culture and taught "Shuji" to the high school students. I felt that I was able to make them smile. I think I got along well with them today.



### March 13<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Sunny

I took many pictures with my friends and teachers because today was the last day I went to school. I'm very sad. I'd like to meet and talk with my friends and teachers. But, I don't have the time. I will never forget my Australian friends. I was too sad. So, I said to my host mother "I'd like to live in Australia." She said "I didn't expect to live with my family in Australia, but now I live here. So, you don't know what will happen in the future." I was moved by these words. I had steak for dinner. It was very delicious, but it was seasoned with salt and pepper only! It made me surprised.

### March 14<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Sunny

Today I went to two tourist spots. First, we went to the Koala Park. They are very cute. I was surprised because they always sleep 20 hours! Next, we went to the Blue Mountain. I heard the legend about the Blue Mountain there from our tour guide. Also, we got on a lot of vehicles. We had a good time.

### March 15<sup>th</sup> (Thu) Sunny

We parted from our host families and buddies today. We were very sad. But we are glad because we could have a fun time with them. We went to Sydney. We went shopping there and we saw the University of Sydney. We bought many souvenirs in Sydney. The University of Sydney is very big and beautiful. You can use it for wedding ceremonies. Australia is a good place. So, we were sad to leave Australia.

### March 16<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Sunny

We arrived in Sendai safely. The principal and our families greeted us there. I think that I had a very good experience and I could grow up throughout the 12 days. I will never forget this experience.

