

UNSW Study Tour 2019 Report

30 JULY 2019

Reporter: Matsui Miku & Yonezawa Arisa

We've been waiting to visit Australia. I went to Australia, leaving my sister who was crying. I was a little anxious, but I had a great expectation.

During the long flight, I had to fight against the urge to go to the bathroom, but when I thought about my feelings when I landed in Australia, I totally forgot about it.

I received an orientation at the first UNSW and went around the school and felt the difference from Japan. I had a great time eating big Donut in the cafeteria and taking photos. When I asked a college student to take a picture on campus, I was impressed with their kindness.

We were so nervous for our home stay before, but our host family welcomed us and was very kind to us. We had nice dishes, and it was like having a new family in Australia, so we became excited for our stay.

I want to study a lot by using this extraordinarily situation. I wish us ten days after will be develop not only in our English but also in personality.

31 JULY 2019

Reporter: Yamamoto Ayano

In the morning, we had English class. At first, we thought and introduced about ourselves. Second, we learned about Australian geography. My best impression from this activity is that Sydney is the scene of the movie "Finding NEMO".

In the afternoon, the UNSW students took us city sites walking tour. We got on the ship which made the rounds of the Sydney Harbour. I was so happy because I could see Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Luna Park; Sydney amusement park, and various directions there. The wind which I received on the ship was pleasant.

Reporter: Aoki Hinata

Yesterday, I couldn't talk with my host family very much because I was very nervous. So today, I decided to talk to her positively. When I and Ayano came home, we talked with my host mother about today's activity. I was very excited that time. Today's dinner was rice and chicken. I was surprised because I didn't think I could eat rice in Australia. It was very delicious.

After the dinner, we watched a movie. It was a little difficult to watch a movie in English but it was very interesting.

I could have a wonderful time today!

01 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: Aramaki Makoto

On the third day in Australia, we started preparation for the presentation on the final day. After the lunch break, we gathered in the computer room and worked out an interview. We discussed the contents of the questions and how to ask them with the mentor. Because our presentation theme was difficult, we were afraid whether we could understand the opinions of respondent. However, there was some advice from the teacher, so I decided on the way of directly typing opinions. And finally an interview! I was worried about how many people would answer, but I tried to talk anyway. Then many people answered the questions kindly! I realized that the friendly personality and warmth were wonderful. I was able to interview many people in a short time with the help of mentors. I think this interview was perfect with good teamwork!

Reporter: Miyanaga Teruyuki

Today we gave a Japanese present to our host family. Then, I thought that they are not very happy to get our present, but that was not true. They were very happy and surprisingly we got hugged! Also they called us "lovely boy". I was also very happy and then I realized that time to worry about choosing gifts became worthy time.

Since then our relationship with the host family has got better.

In conclusion, I understood that our feelings can be conveyed to people between Japanese and Australian.

02 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: Takayama Hanami & Takase Moe

Today, We learned two ways to make presentation. One is pechakucha presentation, and the other is traditional PowerPoint. Also we learned how to solve the challenges of making presentation.

In the afternoon, We started making a presentation by using knowledge that we learned in the morning class. We decided to make pechakucha.

Firstly we searched on the Internet, and had an interview with the university students. We were so nervous for interview. But we were happy someone answered so kindly.

After that, we made the presentation based on the information. Oscar helped us to make it. Thanks to him, we could work well.

It was very hard but it became good experience.

03 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: KIKUCHI Akihiro & KITAGAWA Seiya

We had a trip today. Feather Wild Park and Blue Mountains.

First topic is about Feather Wild Park. It had many kinds of animals. We could touch and feed kangaroos. I bought stuffed wallaby.

After leaving there, we had a lunch. We had sandwiches, snacks and lamingtons. Australian foods were very organic so I liked it very much. By the way, do you know lamington? It is the one of Australian sweets. It is a sponge cake coated by chocolate and covered with powder of coconuts. I remember Bob, our driver in that day, loved it.

Second is about Blue Mountains. We were introduced histories of Blue Mountains by a guide. Although we didn't climb the mountain very much, we had to walk a long distance. But we enjoyed walking while talking.

We were free from the school and relaxed

04 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: Miyahara Anna

We went to QVB with our host family, Jaden and Ella. First, we arrived at Haigh's chocolate shop and I bought some chocolates. When I bought them, the clerk asked me to try chocolate. So I tried and it was very delicious. After that, we went to Aboriginal shop. There were a lot of Aboriginal music instruments and paints. The store manager played the most old music instrument .That was so great!! Then we went to souvenirs shop. Of course, we bought many gifts for our family or friends. After that, we went to many shops!! The time with them in Australia was very happy and shopping was so fun!! I want to go shopping with them again!

Reporter: Matsumoto Honoka

Today was a free day! I had a very nice day. I will write about today's food.

From Monday to Saturday we made breakfast by ourselves. But today our host family made breakfast for us. We ate bacon and egg. It was very delicious.

We helped our host mother to make dinner. I cut two onions. It was very easy. But I cried. Because my eyes stung so much. I was laughed at by her. But I enjoyed it. Then we had a happening. When we made dinner, we made so much smoke. So a fire alarm rang. We were very impatient. But we were so funny. Today's dinner was sisig. It is Philippines food. It was a little spicy. And so delicious. Today's food was very good and made us happy. I enjoyed today.

05 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: Shibachi Yusaku

Today, we gave a presentation about Australian states and did the final preparation and practiced for the final presentation. First, we gave a presentation about the Australian states. I didn't have much time to prepare, so I couldn't speak English as expected. After a break, we prepared and practiced for the final presentation. I was forced on the difficult task of finishing to the end, but I managed to finish and managed to practice.

Reporter: Takata Yusuke

In the afternoon we prepared for our presentation. This was the last time to prepare it. First we completed its script and then we practiced the presentation. Some of us stayed behind and practiced more. I stayed behind and practiced too. Our mentors and teachers encouraged me and helped me with my practice a lot. Finally I could build confidence in my presentation. I was really glad with their help and encouragement.

06 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: Nakajima Ai & Miwa Koko

Hello. We visited QVB. Just walking around the historic building was fun. We went to the jewelry shop. The clerk was very kind to us. We could buy good necklaces. After that we went to an ice cream shop. I chose vanilla and mango ice cream. I bought small size but it was big for me!

Then we went to Botanical Garden. The guide told us about Australian nature. We tasted black apples and figs. He often said "It's edible."

After we got home, we played with host family. They have three girls and one brother. We played with the youngest girl. We made many soap bubbles. Then She broke them. We could spend good time with her.

Eliza and her friends took us to the library. She said to her mother "We go to the library to study English."

But she talked with her friends. We wondered her behavior but we explored the library.

After that, we went for a drive to Maroubra Beach. The night breeze felt good. When we got there, we could see a lot of stars. They were very beautiful and completely different from the stars we see in Japan. We were impressed.

07 AUGUST 2019

Reporter: Namiki Sayaka & Morita Hana

In the morning, farewell to my host family who took care of us for 8 days. We had a really valuable experience. There is only appreciation. Then, a long-awaited presentation. We were able to finish the script and slides with the help of mentors. We had seen the script several times, but we managed it and had a great sense of achievement. After that, at the graduation ceremony, each student received a diploma and took a photo. It was a fulfilling UNSW life to the end. After walking freely though UNSW, we moved to the hotel and all of us held a reflection meeting. There were a lot of stories filled with each thought, and it was the best conclusion. Ten days for everyone to overcome various things, there was a hard time, but it was an unforgettable memory.