

Summer study trip to Australia

Australia was one of the destinations of the 2010 Summer Language and Cultural Tour organised by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau. Through joining courses, having excursions and living with local families, students have improved their English, broadened their horizons, and strengthened their communication skills. Let's check out more about their fruitful journey to the city of Cairns, Australia...

Australia embraces multiculturalism. The Cairns community is a happy union of Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians, Italians, Koreans, and the list goes on. In the classroom, cultural differences made discussions vigorous. We used a theme-based English book. The chapter on Politics was most unforgettable. Almost all students were very eager to voice their opinions about their country's rule of law and governance. The mode of learning was engaging. It made the otherwise dry English lessons extremely fruitful. We practiced spoken English, broadened our bank of knowledge and made friends simultaneously.



Cairns was wonderful, the more so because of the people that I came across. My maiden sojourn abroad was an eye-opening experience just as the saying goes - the landscape of one's life is vast and varied.

Lam Ka Ian, Cindy

Looking at the photos in Cairns, the feeling is just like dreaming. The twenty-eight days have been a wonderful experience for me. From the first moment I arrived in Cairns, I fell in love with this place! I really enjoyed my time there. I won't forget the clear blue sky and the amazing beaches. I always watched the trees around me because the environment was very nice.

I got to live in the home of a very nice home stay family. My host father Andrew was very kind. He always took us to some famous and interesting places. Robyn, my host mother, would teach me to do the things I should do. I had a very happy time with them because they were very funny and friendly. I really enjoyed their company. That was really an unforgettable experience for me!



Jackie Cheong

I have learned and experienced a lot in this trip. I was afraid to speak English in front of people, but now I am confident to use it to communicate with people from all countries. I have learnt to be independent through living as an overseas student in a home stay family and exploring Cairns. I have broadened my horizons by going on excursions, learning and experiencing foreign cultures. I have got a family. Last but not least, I have made a bunch of good friends, including my German housemate who have spent a wonderful summer with me. I am really grateful to the opportunity to join this study tour!



Im Pek Kei, Becky

The Cairns State High School provided us a vigorous English learning programme that proved to be fruitful; I believe that every single one of us has learnt a handful of new vocabulary and slang. The teachers were friendly and helpful. Every day, we were given a booklet that contained tasks to complete; we would cooperate with our group mates and complete the word challenges. Discussions among the group were encouraged and through discussions, bonds between group mates strengthened. Those in need of help were also assisted by others who were stronger in English. Occasional games and activities during breaks also helped improved our communication skills since a lot of talking was needed. We all worked and played like a family, the group was in harmony.

I personally believe our stay in Cairns was worthwhile and without much problems caused. I think we have left a good impression on the Cairns State High School and all those who had worked with us.

Yukichi





Cairns was like a summer paradise to me, the weather there was perfect all the time. During the weekends, my home stay family brought me to beautiful places, one of which was Port Douglas. The beach was wonderful, the sand was very soft and the water was green. Never had

I seen such beautiful scenery before!

The trip to Cairns offered me a unique and marvellous experience. It was like a dream to me, too good to be true. I made friends with lots of people, stayed in a foreign country, and learnt a foreign language for a month. I will never forget every second that I spent in Cairns, because they are the sweetest memories in life.

Wong Ka Hei

I found quite many differences between Macau students and the students in Cairns. The learning environment was different. The ways of teaching and learning were different as well. The students there enjoyed more freedom and their school life seemed more relaxing than ours. I enjoyed having classes with the local students and found the lessons interesting.

I especially enjoyed Thursdays because we got to go on excursions. I went to beautiful places and saw crocodiles and kangaroos!

Through this study trip, my English has improved; I got to experience Australian life and made friends with some lovely people. I love my group mates. I love Cairns. I love this trip very much!



Kam Wai San, Gum



Some may say that 28 days are not a long time, as they are shorter than one month. However, I would say that 28 days are long enough for the 37 of us to get to know and understand each other. As a group of 37, we helped one another and learnt the importance of co-operation. Most importantly, we enjoyed the opportunity to make friends with each

other, as well as the local people we met.

My group mates are fabulous. The ever surprising Gum, the conscientious Jacky, the industrious Letitia, the imperturbable Emma, the helpful Steve, the considerate Kam, the exhilarating Becky, the kind-hearted Christine, the extrovert Paris and the gentle Mandy – they have all helped make my trip unforgettable. With all their distinct characteristics, they are the best group mates I've ever had!

Leong Ka Lok, Lokson

