

Hello.

The temperature in Gold Coast this month has been more than 30 degrees. Christmas is around the corner! People are ready for Christmas. I have already seen Christmas trees, illuminations, shows, and heard Christmas songs in a shopping centre. However, Halloween was an unglamorous event.

Exams start from week 7. This term is hard for me because I will not have any assessments. We can write assessments again and again with a dictionary and teachers' advice, but we cannot do the same things for exams. I feel pressed for time, especially the psychology exam as there are many terms that I did not know. I try to understand the terms by illustration.

I participated in a meeting of this study abroad program. We looked back on our experience in foreign countries and set new goals for the next month. We described the relationship between our energy for studying abroad and time. My graph was bumpy, but it was getting positive. I was interested in a word by a mentor that there are three kinds of '*kiku*'. Hearing language or voice, inquiring about background and reason, and listening to sentiments. I don't think I care much about others' emotions when I talk to someone and I will take this way to listen.

I would like to introduce you a unique custom in Australia. Everyone says "Hip hip, hooray! Hip hip, hooray! Hip hip, hooray!" after the birthday song. It is called Three Cheers. I was confused and could not understand what they said at first. If you have an opportunity to use this, you should try it out.

Nine months went by so fast and I have only one month to live in Australia. I don't have anything that I left unfinished. I cherish and appreciate the precious time to spend with people around me.

See you next month.

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