

Hello. How have you been?

It's been one month since arriving in Australia. I live on Gold Coast with my host mother, two host sisters, an international student who comes from Germany, a dog, and a cat. It's been hot these days but it's cooler than summer in Japan, the average temperature is 29 degrees. Gold Coast has 300 sunny days per year.

I'm going to introduce three different things at school between Japan and Australia. Firstly, the school timetable. We have 3 or 4 classes a day and each class has 70 minutes, but we don't have short breaks between classes as we have to move to the next class soon after a class. We have 2 long breaks and can eat lunch or play outside. I bring lunch but we can buy some lunch, snacks, and drinks at a canteen. We must go out during these breaks for crime prevention. The second thing is about international students. New 20 international students came to the school when this term began. Also, many students in this school were born in other countries, For example, two friends of mine were born in England and in New Zealand. The third one is we don't need to use any textbooks. We can participate in classes if we have our laptops or an exercise book, so our backpacks are too light. Almost all teachers made PowerPoints and we students take notes in every lesson.

I joined the swimming carnival, a school event, the other day. We were divided into 8 house groups and cheered the group. Every group has its rallying cries and fight songs. My host sister and her friend practiced the songs, but we didn't have a chance to sing them.

I went to Sydney with other international students on a school trip for 3 days. I saw koalas and kangaroos in a zoo for the first time, also we visited the opera house and watched a musical. We enjoyed all the things there.

I'm surprised one month has passed very quickly. I felt uneasy about a life in Australia in the first one week because of my poor English but my host family and my friends listened to my worries and encouraged me. I have exams in all subjects next month. I'll do my best and let you know how it was.

Thank you.

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