

Hello.

I had a Geography excursion in the early part of this month. Students taking Geography class went to Hinze Dam to collect data on the sustainability of the dam as a water source for Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, and Gold Coast. We listened to the guides about the dam and gathered water samples to test the pH, temperature, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and phosphate in the catchment. And now we are working on an assessment. I learned the environmental issues in this term. I'm actually interested in those topics and I enjoyed the excursion.

We worked on monologues from Romeo and Juliet in the English class. We listened to the audiobook at first and each of us chose a character and then began to write a script. Most of my classmates played characters in well-considered costumes. Their performances were interesting and they looked like true actors. I had never performed a monologue. It was hard for me to make lines with effective language using metaphors and similes.

My host sister from Italy and I had to move to each emergency host family for 5 days. I spent most of my time with the host mother. She has two dogs. One seems extremely friendly and loves people. He was always jumping for joy and wagging its tail. The other is composed but she likes to go out. We watched many TV programs and films, visited The Spit with the dogs, tried junk foods, and had lunch with her son. The host mother just had a granddaughter and became a grandmother when I stayed at her house. She showed me a photo of a very cute baby. I was unable to stop crying when I parted from her, but it wasn't the last to see her as we promised that we would meet soon.

Only 100 days of studying abroad in Australia are left. 100 days will go by quickly; therefore, I feel I have to enjoy living here afresh.

Thank you.

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Hinze Dam



The Spit