

Hi! I'm staying in Maleny, Australia. In this area, it's getting cooler, especially in the morning and at night. I can't believe I'm almost halfway through my study abroad. I feel it's so fast. And now I'm a bit upset, because I don't feel like my English is improving. So, I want to talk to more people and have as many experiences as I can during the rest of my time here. Now, I'd like to talk about something that happened in May.

<Eumundi Market>

We went to the Eumundi Market. It's a huge market that is held every Wednesday and Saturday. There were a variety of shops, such as clothing, food, and accessories. Especially stones shops were so interesting to me. They were selling many kinds of stones, and each stone had its own meaning.



Also, I tried Dutch pancakes.

They are originally from Germany, and you can enjoy them with many different sauces. They were so delicious and easy to eat because they're smaller than regular pancakes.



<Mother's Day>

Mother's Day is very important in Australia. My host brother gave a bunch of flowers to my host mother. And my host sisters, who live in another house, all came over and had dinner together, watched a movie and spent time with my host mother. I also wrote a letter and expressed my appreciation to my host mother.

When I was in Japan, I usually didn't do anything special for my mum on Mother's Day. So, next year I want to do something special and express my appreciation for her.



<Maleny show>

The Maleny show was held from 30th to 31st of May. In Australia, each town has its own festival, and during this season, show teams travel to different towns every weekend, bringing food stalls and attractions to hold performances. So, there were many different kinds of attractions.

For example, there was a section where many chickens were displayed and judged to decide which ones looked the best. There were many types of chickens I had never seen before, and they were so amazing. There was also a section displaying various types of handmade items such as cookies, cakes, knitting, flower arrangements, and clothing that were selected from submitted items by local residents. One of these items was a Japanese Haori which really surprised me! Also, I helped sell food as a member of the school's interact club. Thanks to the support of many people, I was able to have a truly enjoyable and meaningful experience.

There were many other sections as well, and I had a great time at the show!!!

Thank you for reading. See you again next month!

