Hello! Recently, it's getting cooler in Australia. In this month, some of my friends who were staying Australia as international students went back to their home countries. I felt sad about it. Also, half of my study abroad has already finished. I don't wanna believe it. Sometimes I'm so upset with my English skills. But next term many new international students will come to my school. So, I'm so excited about that and I wanna make new friends. I will keep trying to do new things during my last five months.

## ⟨music performance⟩

In music class, we performed songs as assessment. At the beginning of the term, our music teacher grouped us into bands, and we each practiced our songs for the performance. I was surprised that every student in Australia can play some instruments such as piano, guitar, and drums. This time, I played the saxophone there. That was so fun!!

## (Australian pub)

Have you ever heard of Pub?? A pub is short for "public bar" and it's a place where people can enjoy conversations with local people. Each town has its own pub. Also, Australian pubs serve traditional foods and drinks. I tried chicken parmigiana. This is grilled chicken with tomato sauce and cheese with chips. There are not many Australian traditional meals but parmigiana is definitely my favorite! It was so good. I also tried lemon, lime and bitters. It was also good. It was not too sweet, and very refreshing. I wanna try pubs in other towns, too!





## (week10)

Australian schools have four terms, and each term has 10 weeks. They usually have assessments and exams in week 8 and 9. And most classes have free time in week 10. But In English class we watched a movie. I was surprised that our English teacher prepared popcorn for us. Things like that often make me feel that Australian schools are more relaxed

and flexible. But I think that the reason I feel like that is probably because I only knew the Japanese school system before. For Australian students, maybe Japanese schools seem too strict and busy. Now I'm able to see Japan more objectively from an outside perspective. I think those differences are really interesting.