

Hello. Almost 1 month has passed since I came to Adelaide, Australia. I was worried about how to make friends, but students in my host school are very kind so I could make a lot of friends. I usually have lunch with them during lunch break. The first thing that surprised me when I arrived here was how late the sun set in summer. It's still light at 8pm since February.

There are 80 international students who come from Japan, China, Germany, and so on in the school. Not only my host school but also there are a lot of schools which accept international students in Adelaide, so I can meet a lot of people who come from various countries through my study friends who became friends during this study abroad or host family. My host mother's mother accepts three study abroad students, so I sometimes hung out with them. The beaches in Australia are very beautiful, so we often go there.

I joined the breakfast club. My host school provides free breakfast every morning. I applied to be a volunteer of the club and work every morning. It was difficult to listen and understand students' orders, but thanks to teachers and other volunteer students' support, I've gotten used to it, so now I'm enjoying the activities. There are a lot of things that completely different from Japanese school like that, so I am so glad that I can not only know but also experience those things.

I have a 3-year-old host sister. The first week or two, I couldn't catch what she said, so I was worried about whether I could get along with her. However, sometimes I can talk with her, and recently, she often asks me, "Do you know what that is?" with clear voice and listen what I said. I feel like she is improving more than I am, so I want to study hard to improve my speaking skills.

It's been getting colder in the mornings and evenings recently, so I would like to go and swim in the sea again before it gets cold. Thank you for reading!

