

Hi!! My first term in Australia has ended and its already holiday now. I'm already getting used to living here and this month, I had a lot of things happened. Australia is still hot and dry but compared to the first week of here, I feel like the temperature is decreasing nicely. After I came here, I found so much free time after school since my school doesn't have any club activities, so walking is one of my habits after school. In Australia, I can see so many wild animals like blue tongue lizards, brush turkeys, and colorful cockatoos and this is why I love walking here.

On March, I finished my first assignment and exams for the first term. In my school, we usually pick our subjects, and each subject has different types of work. For me, I had 3 exams for math, math extension, and science. These were usual exam like what we do in Japan. For other 3 subjects which are English, industrial designing skills, and hospitality, I had assignments except for exam. For English, I needed to take a video of me doing persuasive speech and that was the hardest one for me. I learned a lot of persuasive techniques in a class and made a draft. It was my first time making a speech to persuade people and I felt it was very different from usual speech because for persuasive speech, I need to think about how to move people's mind and which of these words are suitable for the speech. However, this speech made me to know how to persuade people in English and I believe this skill will help me in the future.

After the first term, I spent a fun time with my host mother and my friends. The biggest event for me was going to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary which is a zoo with so many Australian animals. I was able to see koalas, wombat, Tasmanian devils, and of course kangaroos! I patted kangaroos and they were fluffier than I expected. Another day, I went to the city with my friends. Brisbane city has a lot of shops and is full of people, and because it was during the holiday, every place we went was so crowded. We ate the world's most delicious croissant and that was actually the best croissant I've ever tasted before. After eating that, we walked and chatted about our school and our home countries. Because my friend is originally from Philippines, I was able to know a lot about Philippine's famous places, foods, and how her life was in there. It is always fun for me to know a lot about other countries and everything is new.

Like this, everything happening in Australia is so much fun for me. I'll learn more different things and enjoy everything here. From the second week of holidays, I'm going to visit Uluru for the first time ever!! I would like to talk about how it was in the next report.

Thank you for reading!!

