

Hi guys! Term 3 has started and it's being the turning point of the exchange program. I'm already being one of the local students and enjoying every school day with my friends. In this report, I would like to share the enjoyable holidays I had!

The most memorable thing I did during the holidays was meet with a friend in Gold Coast. This friend is the friend I made during Uluru trip, which I joined in the first holidays, and I was so happy to meet her again!! Since she came to Brisbane before, I went to her place to hang out. After 2 and a half hours trip, I arrived at the place called Surfers Paradise. Even though it was still inside Queensland, the vibe of the place was really different, and everything was new to me. I met my friend at Q1, which is the tallest building in Australia, and we saw the view from the very top of the building. The view from the top was incredible, everywhere I saw a beautiful beach, and some people were swimming there. We stayed there for about an hour, chatting our story after the last time we met, and it was really fun to share my story with her. After we went down, she took me to the frozen yogurt place called Yo-chi. There, people take cups, and they put as much ice cream and topping as they want, scale it, and pay. It was my second time trying Yo-chi, and I love that place. We sat near the beach, ate frozen yogurt, and enjoyed chatting. Since she was leaving after few weeks we met, we talked a lot about her home country which is Germany. She said that it is really sad to leave Australia, but at the same time, she is so excited to meet her family and friends back there. I imagined my last day in Australia, and I felt like it would be the same as her. She advised me if there is opportunity to challenge something, try everything and enjoy Australia. We promised to meet again in each other's home country, and sadly, I left Gold Coast. I really miss my friends, but that was the best memory during the holidays, and it was good that I was able to experience the Gold Coast.

I also went kayaking with two of my friends! It was a huge lake where you can swim, kayak, and do other boat activities. Since it was freezing cold, we couldn't swim, but I guess that would be the best spot to swim during summer season. It was my first time trying kayaking at the lake, so I thought it would be hard. However, since there are no waves like the sea, it was much easier for me to go smoothly. After enjoying kayaking, we went for a walk around the lake. I saw kookaburra, which is quite a big bird that makes huge noise, while we were walking and this is typical Australian bird, so I was happy to see it.

Two friends from Uluru trip left Australia and now, I'm feeling going back to Japan would be coming really soon. I would enjoy my remaining 3 and a half months and won't regret when I go back to Japan!

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