

# Australia Study Tour



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## A blessed Trip

C-Christlikeness  
L-Learning  
E-Excellence  
A-Attitude  
R-Respect

Above is the school motto of Warwick Christian College, the school which hosted the Australia Study Tour of our school this year. Everyone who received us in this school, from the Principal, Mr. Terrence McCorkell, the kind and supportive teaching staff, to the homestay families all demonstrated Christlikeness by receiving absolute strangers (our group) with welcoming hands. They treated us as if we were their close friends and the homestay families treated our students as their own kids. At the point of leaving Warwick Christian College, a lot of Sun Kei students cried as they missed their buddies, classmates and homestay families. Without the love from those good people, the affection and friendship would not have been built up in such a short span of time.

There were lots of great learning experiences for our Hong Kong students. They have tried to make lamington, taught the Australian students to make Chinese dumplings in their Chinese lessons, rode on horses and motorbikes, watched how sheep were sheared, how the sheepdog smartly made the sheep who went astray to be in the right track. They have also overcome a lot of challenges. They climbed the steep slope up to the top of a gigantic rock in the Girraween National Park on a rainy day. The slope was extremely slippery but the students bravely took the challenges and finally made it! Body-boarding was another new excitement for them. Even though some of them were non-swimmers, our students rode on the waves and cheers and laughter were heard in the whole morning as they attempted higher waves.

All in all, this Australia Study Tour was a truly blessed trip as God blessed us with good weather – we had a very warm winter, when compared with the previous years. We met a lot of great people who were extremely kind to us. The students had their mission accomplished as a lot of them have shown great improvements in their spoken English, learned a great deal about Australian culture and have actually immersed themselves in a foreign culture on their own. What made the Australian in awe was that our students, in spite of their young age, showed a high level of independence and ability to take care of themselves. Wherever they went, they were always praised for being an excellent group.

I would like to take this chance to thank Principal, Ms. Kathryn Fung, Ms. Peggy Cheung and Ms. Teresa Lee for their contribution to this study tour and their care to the groups of students. Without them, the students could not be adapted to their living in a foreign country so quickly.

**Thomas Wong (P.5)**

## A Day at Mr. Jason's Farm

In the morning, we all gathered at Warwick Christian College because we were waiting for the coach to get to the farm. We were all excited because we knew that we would see and experience lots of interesting things.

When we arrived, we were divided into two main groups. The first group went to ride on the horse first when the second one rode on the motorbike. I belonged to the second group, so I experienced my first motorbike early in the morning. Before you rode on the motorbike, you need to put on some safety gadgets to protect yourself. When I rode on it, it was hard at the beginning and I was a bit scared, but gradually, the excitement overwhelmed the scary feeling.

After that, I jumped on the trampoline with my classmates. I liked it because it was as if I were flying in the sky. After that, we had our morning tea. We had a fruit, a lamington, a packet of chips and a cup of drink. After morning tea, our group rode on the horse. When it was my turn, the horse was already very tired, so it walked very slowly. When we were all playing and having fun, Mrs. Amanda was helping us with the potatoes, so when we had our lunch, the barbecued potatoes were all ready. I was very grateful for Mrs. Amanda to prepare the delicious morning tea and lunch for us.

**Vivian Yue (P.5)**

## A Special Day in Australia

Today, I have done a lot of fun things. This morning, my homestay buddy, Gizesh, performed the violin in the street to raise money for the children who need help. I have donated some money too. I think Gizesh was really brave.

And then, I went to Amanda and Tracy's homestay. We had ball games and rode on the bicycle. We had lots of fun. But the most interesting thing we did was shooting the gun at the back of the truck. It was the first time I shot the gun. Before I shot, I felt nervous and frightened but when I shot the gun, I felt very excited, so I shot twice!!!

Today was one of the best days in this trip as I had lots of fun!

**Fiona Wong Wing Shun (P.6)**

## An Australian I have met

Auntie Emma is very nice and friendly. She is an Australian teacher who teaches year three to year ten at Scotts PEC College. She is our homestay mother. She is my Australian mother too.

Auntie Emma is a mother of two daughters. She is a lady who always wears sunglasses. She loves cooking very much. Indian curry is her favourite food, bananas are her favourite fruit, and her favourite colour is aqua. Her favourite song is "You Raise Me Up". She has been to Hainan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Samoa and Fiji.

Auntie Emma always encourages me and comforts me when I miss my family. She tells me that I must be strong and have an enjoyable study tour in Australia with my friends and homestay family.

Auntie Emma is really the best Australian I have ever met. Well, that of course, includes her family as well.





### Grace Lee (P.3)

#### My Homestay Family in Australia

Today, I am going to introduce my homestay family in Australia to you.

##### Terrence (Father)

He is a good father because he often says some funny things. When he reads books to his children, he will use many different sounds to imitate the animals' sounds.

##### Kathryn (Mother)

She is a nice mother. She prepares our lunch in the morning and our dinner in the evening. But she never says, "I'm tired. I don't want to do my work!"

##### Joshua (Eldest brother, 7 years old)

He loves to talk to others very much. At night, he cannot stop talking to his little brother Timothy. He loves eating too! He is not picky on food.

##### Hannah (the sister, 5 years old)

She is a good sister as she always plays with his little brother, talks to him and makes him laugh. She likes to play lego with me too!

##### Timothy (the younger brother, 4 years old)

He likes to play with the box and he likes to draw something on the paper and pretends that it is a shop. Then he will invite me to buy something from the shop.

##### Daniel (the youngest brother, 2 years old)

He is a cute and lovely little boy. He likes to watch the TV programme, Peppa Pig. He likes to play with his toy car too!



### Jerry Chan (P.5)

#### Things that impressed me most in Australia

In Australia, there were two things that surprised me!

First, there are many different kinds of animals in Australia. When you look out of the windows on the coach, you can see cows, horses, sheep and even kangaroos! They're spending their time leisurely. Animals rely on human beings and we also rely on animals, for example, the sheep dogs need human beings to give them food and places to live while we need them to take care of our sheep. Unlike Hong Kong people, Australians treat animals as if they were their own children. In Hong Kong, some people throw their pets away, so I think that the Australians are kinder than Hong Kong people.

The second thing that wowed me was that there were lots of meals in Australia. I'm full all the time. We have breakfast at 7a.m., morning tea at 9:30a.m., lunch at 12:40p.m., afternoon tea at 2:30p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. In Australia, children are not picky on food. Also, they would not waste the food that the parents give them. They are very thankful for what they get. They always say "Thanks" and "Wow, that's nice!"

I really think that Australia is a lovely place and I had a lot of joy in this Australian Study Tour.

### Rika Ho (P.5)

#### The Food that I found interesting in Australia

Damper is the food that I found interesting in Australia. It is a kind of food that is easy to make but very yummy. It is simply made of flour, salt and water. How easy! That is amazing how a few ingredients can make a wonderful snack. We can eat the damper with any kind of jam or sauce. They all taste great.

Damper is actually a kind of bread. It is usually served at the morning tea, afternoon tea or as a part of dinner.

Everyone can make Damper themselves! We just have to get a cup of flour and a bit of salt, put in half a cup of water. After that, we simply use a knife to stir and mix them. Next, we would make all the mixture into a dough and bake it above the fire. Making it and seeing how it is baked is fun!

