

# ◆特集：2015 ハーストビル市友好親善訪問団◆



## White Stone Journal

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7月23日から8月2日の日程で、市内中学生10名と引率2名の訪問団が姉妹都市ハーストビル市への訪問を終え帰国しました。帰国後の生徒にALTがインタビューしました。(^-)-☆

### Questions from Florence:

1. What surprised you the most in Australia?
2. How was communication with Australian people?
3. What did you do with your host family?
4. How was the food?
5. What is your best memory?
6. Any extra comment?



### Itsuki Goto, Higashi JHS answered:

1. The beaches and the sea are so beautiful. Also, using forks and knives at every meal was very new for me.
2. My host family members spoke slowly to me, so it was easy to communicate. But at school, students were speaking too fast. I had troubles at a store, too. I wanted to order one thing, and I got something else!
3. We made a curry, different from the Japanese one. We went to China Town. Also, we went to see a soccer game.
4. It was always served in large quantities, so I couldn't eat all. The rice was not good. I missed Japanese food.
5. To see and touch Australian animals. And going to school, meeting with the students, and going to the classes.
6. An advice to someone who wants to go to Australia: Don't do "gaman". Say what you want to say and don't be afraid to look at people in the eyes.

### Kento Yamada, Higashi JHS answered:

1. At school, students eat snacks at break time. They play sports, like basketball or soccer while eating snacks, too.
2. I used gestures. It was easier to listen than speaking in English.
3. I did ice-skating, bowling, and we went to a fun park. We also played video games.
4. It was good. I liked the chicken and the pasta there. My host family brought me to a Japanese restaurant, so I didn't miss my home country's food.
5. Catching the sheep, and playing with a boomerang.
6. Taking a challenge is very important. If you can take a chance to try something, take it!





**Hikaru Ono, Shirakawa JHS answered:**

1. There are many Asian people!
2. It was difficult, but I used gestures and easy words.
3. We went to the zoo, we did a barbecue, we walked the dog and went to the beach.
4. Good. Meat pie was my favorite. Breakfast is less than in Japan, with oat meal or bread, or cereals.



5. With my host family, when we went out and saw a Japanese movie.
6. "I want..." was my key word. I was more straight to ask something than when I am in Japan.

**Questions from Clarice:**

1. What were your first impressions of Australia?
2. What do you think of Australia after your visit?
3. What are some interesting experiences?
4. What are your best memories?
5. What did you learn from your exchange?
6. What do you think was the biggest difference between Japanese and Australian culture?
7. What surprised you the most when you first arrived Australia?
8. What was the most challenging part of this exchange?
9. What do you like about Australia?
10. What is your favourite Australian food?
11. What is your favourite place in Australia?
12. Do you have any advice for students who want to go on exchange to Australia?



**Nanami Ono, Fukuoka JHS answered:**

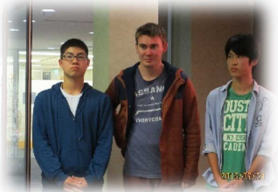
1. It is spacious and there are many tall buildings.
2. There are many people in the city.
3. I cuddled koalas. They are very cute.
4. I was fascinated by the beautiful horizon.
5. There are bins everywhere so the city is very clean.
6. Students use computers and laptops at school.
7. Cakes are too sweet.
8. It was difficult to communicate with my host family, students and teachers at school in English. I didn't know how to respond properly.
9. People are very nice and friendly. They always come and talk to me.
10. Meats, especially chicken.
11. The beach.
12. Take the initiative to approach people, don't wait until they come and talk to you. Also, try to speak in English as much as possible.





**Yusuke Azumi, Fukuoka JHS answered:**

1. Very cold.
2. There are many cultural differences between Australia and Japan.
3. My friends and I went to the beach. We collected shells and took many photos.
4. We went to the beach and had an amazing time.
5. Even if you struggle to speak English fluently, try to communicate with gestures and simple words.
6. Students in Australia are allowed to eat snacks while playing sports.
7. There are many homeless people in the city.
8. To express how I feel in English.
9. Meats are delicious! 10. Meats. 11. The beach.
12. Even if you are not good in English, try to express how you feel by using simple words and making eye contact.



**Shunsuke Oura, Obara JHS answered:**

1. Australia has a rich variety of native plants and animals.
2. It was really fun. 3. Throwing a boomerang.
4. I enjoyed hanging out with my friends.
5. I learnt about the Australian history and culture.
6. The price differences between Japan and Australia.
7. It was very cold.
8. Take the initiative to talk to people. 9. Australia has beautiful nature. 10. Lamb.
11. My host's home. 12. Try to speak in English as much as possible.



**Questions from Carlos:**

1. What was your favorite thing about Australia? 2. What did you think of Australia before you left?
3. Now what do you think of Australia?
4. What was the strangest or funniest thing that happened on your trip?
5. Who did you enjoy meeting and why?
6. What is the biggest difference between Australian culture and Japanese culture?
7. Would you like to go back again soon? 8. What was the best food that you ate?
9. Is there another place in Australia that you wanted to visit?



**Kazuki Shimura, Shiroishi JHS answered:**



1. Australian food such as Kangaroo steak. Australian culture. The nature.
2. It was a country famous for kangaroos, koalas, etc.
3. It is a country with very nice people, pretty beaches, and so much nature.
4. Licorice candy. There is surfing even in winter.
5. The friends I made at the school visit.
6. They eat a lot of meat. Leaving shoes on indoors.



7. I really want to go! 8. Kangaroo steak. 9. Ayer's Rock.



1. The beach and the streets.
2. It is the opposite season in Japan, and it's famous for koalas and kangaroos.
3. There is so much nature and it is an interesting country.
4. Licorice and there are people swimming in winter.
5. My host family
6. Not using ofuro.
7. Yes!! I want to go!
8. Fish and chips and the dinner my host mother made.
9. Lunar Park.

**Ayame Motegi, Shiroishi JHS answered:**



**Mana Sato, Shiroishi JHS answered:**

1. Koalas. Kangaroos. The view at Bondi Beach.
2. I imagined people ate a lot of meat.
3. It is a very beautiful country. Everyone is kind.
4. Licorice candy. Koalas move.
5. Meeting Iwa from the girl's school and Claire from my host family.
6. In school, they can eat snacks.
7. I want to go!! I want to go with my family!! I want to go with the same group members!
8. Meat pie and many other things.
9. I want to go anywhere!!



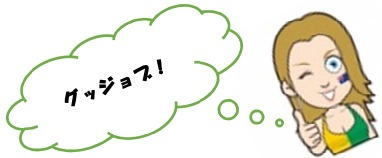
**Madoka Sakuma, Minami JHS answered:**



1. Harbour Bridge, Tim Tam and Caramello Koala.
2. Australia is a very big country and famous for koalas.
3. Although Sydney is a modern city and there are tall buildings, Sydney is a good place with lots of green and there are historical buildings.



4. Lunar Park has lots of fun.
5. Iwa-chan from the girl's school.
6. Leaving door open when we do not use the room.
7. I want to go to Australia with my family!
8. Meat pie, Caramello Koala and Tim Tam.
9. Melbourne.



**Naoya Sugawara, Obara JHS answered:**

1. Sydney is more like the capital city of Australia.
2. People are very friendly and welcoming.
3. I enjoyed hanging out with my friends.
4. I went on a cruise with my host family.
5. I learnt about the cultural differences between Japan and Australia.
6. People wear shoes indoors.
7. Australians drive on the left side of the road.
8. I had to use simple words and gestures to communicate with others.
9. People are super nice and friendly, and they take the initiative to talk to me.
10. Beef. 11. School! It was really fun and enjoyable!
12. Study English before going abroad.

いいね!  
小原中の前訪問団員にもクラリスがインタビューしました。  
(質問は2ページを見てね!)



◆思い出いっぱい◆



編集室～短期間でしたが、” a whole new world ” を体験し無事に帰ってきたみなさん、是非経験したことをこれからの人生に役立ててほしいなあと思います。また、今回行けなかった生徒のみなさん、きっと別の機会が待っています。その時が来ても慌てぬよう(笑)、準備をしておきましょう! (^\_-) ☆ 頑張ってくださいね～ ! (^\_^)

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