

APRIL/ MAY IN AUSTRALIA

Over the Easter holiday I went to Central Coast and Sydney with my host family; Genevieve, Maggie and Alice. In Central Coast I got surfing lessons with my youngest host sister Maggie and we went to the Australian Reptile Park. We went to Sydney and here we went on top of Sydney Tower Eye and had lunch. The last day in Sydney we took a ferry manly beach. At the end of the Easter holiday I went to Brisbane and stayed with the same family that I went and saw in the summer holiday. When I got back to Dubbo, I went on a three weeks trip around Australia with 38 other exchange students with 14 different nationalities. We sat on a bus for 10,000 km and I had an amazing time exploring beautiful Australia. We travelled to Australia's famous Northern Territory, taking in destinations like Cairns, Gold Coast, Alice Springs, Melbourne and Sydney. We were diving the Great Barrier Reef, exploring Uluru and visited the Great Ocean Road. The trip was filled with fun, adventures and amazing people.



At the beginning of this month I went to Central Coast with my host family Genevieve, Maggie, and Alice. We had lots of fun and it was good to see Maggie as she goes to boarding school. On the Central Coast we spent lots of time at the beach.





Maggie and I had surfing lessons which was very much fun.

The last day on the Central Coast we went to a reptile park. We saw lots of different reptiles and Australian animals.



This picture was taken from a lookout with me and my lovely host family; my host sisters Maggie and Alice and my host mum Genevieve.

We spent three nights in Sydney. One of the days we went and looked at the Sydney opera house and walked over the harbor bridge.



We went to Sydney and had lunch at the Sydney Tower Eye. The last day in Sydney was spent at Manly Beach.



I had an amazing time trip.

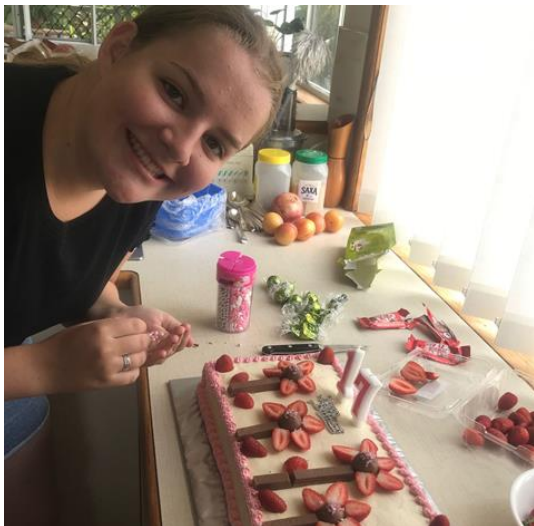
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At the end of the month I went back to the family I stayed with in Brisbane. I spent a couple of night at Caloundra where we went to a market and spent time at the beach. My last days I spent in Brisbane.



This picture is of my host dad and his four daughters. We took a boat out to an island and spent the day swimming and played cricket.



My host sister Jessica had her 17th birthday and we got to decorate her cake.

I went to the Queensland Museum and Science Centre with my host dad Peter. The Museum is the state museum of Queensland, Australia.

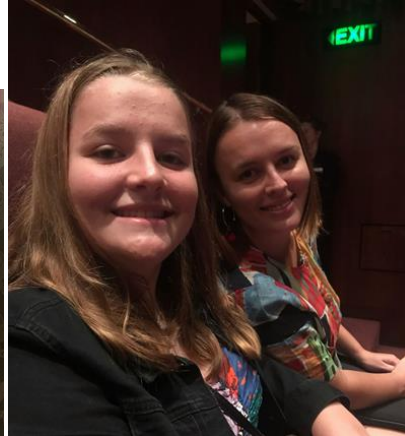


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Here is a picture of me and my host sister Emily when we went to Kangaroo Point Cliffs Park.

Brisbane I spent in the Performing Arts



My last night in Center and saw the Book of Mormon. I had a really good time in Brisbane and was lucky to be able to go back.

When I got back to Dubbo, I packed my bag and left on a three weeks trip around Australia. On the trip we were 38 exchange students from 14 different nationalities. We sat in the bus for 10,000 km and I had an amazing time. Here is a picture of the trip we went on.



The whole trip started when the bus collected me and others from two districts. We headed South West and arrived late evening into Canberra. Here we went to the War Memorial. The next day we went to Melbourne and we got free time to explore places like the famous Queen Victoria Markets.

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We went down the Great Ocean Road, home to the Twelve Apostles.



From here

we went to Adelaide where we got time to explore the city. After this we continued North. We passed through Port Augusta and then it was on to Woomera.



We continued our journey in central Australia and first stop was at Lake Hart, one of the largest Salt Lakes in Australia.



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From here we went to Cooper Pedy. We visited a underground church and slept underground.



We continued North and arrived in Kings Canyon. Here we went for three hours walk and saw the sunrise. We also got to ride camels.



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We arrived in Uluru and here we saw many colours of the Uluru sunset. We went for a bush walk and got an information session about the history of the rock and the Aboriginal people. The group also visited the cultural centre to learn more about history of the local people.



We went to Alice springs and went to a reptile center and got a picture with a large python wrapped around our necks.



Here is a picture of me and a joe.



One of the nights we had a bonfire.

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We arrive Cairns and here we spend three days. In Cairns we went to several waterfalls, such as the famous Millaa millaa.



We also went to the Great Barrier Reef and went scuba diving. Later that evening we got to explore the Cairns Night Markets.



From Cairns we went to Airlie beach where we went to the Whitsundays and went Ocean Rafting. This was lots of fun and we got to snorkel around Whitehaven beach. Unfortunately, this day was cold and wet but we all had fun.



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We went to Rockhampton and stayed at the old station and had a karaoke night.



From Rockhampton we went to the Gold Coast and here we got free time to explore the city. This was on the 17th May which is Norway's constitution day so me and the two other exchange students went on top of one of gold coast tall buildings and had coffee. We stopped in Byron Bay where we got to stay for a bit before heading to our last destination Arrawarra. From Arrawarra we went home. I had an amazing trip and are so thankful to everyone who made the trip so good.