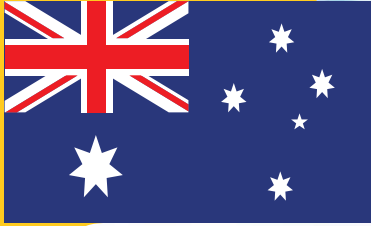


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Dedication to Serving
the Community



Vision

Children are nurtured, Youngsters are educated
Adults are supported to contribute
Elderly are cared for
The less fortunate are lightened with hope.

Mission

To be the most prominent and committed charitable organization.
In the Kuk's Spirit to do good deeds with benevolence.
Dedicated in protecting the young and the innocent,
caring for the elderly and the underprivileged,
aiding the poor and healing the sick,
educating the young and nurturing their morality,
providing recreation to the public, caring for the environment,
passing on the cultural inheritance and
bringing goodness to the community

Values

Fine traditions, Accommodate the current needs
People-oriented, Care and appreciation
Sound governance, Pragmatism and innovative
Integrity, Vigilance
Optimal use of resources, Cost-effectiveness
Professional team, Service with heart





Preface

Po Leung Kuk Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College encourages cultural exchange and offers international exposure for both teachers and students as it allows us to meet people from different countries and experience completely different cultures of other places firsthand.

Exchange program is an education which allows teachers to share their teaching experiences and students to learn through sharing experiences with their new partners coming from different places in the world. It can also equip our teachers with different kinds of teaching strategies and help them to develop students' autonomy.

This year, we made a breakthrough, not only organizing an exchange program for our students to learn more about the environment conservation done by Australia in recent years, but also getting our affiliated primary school involved in this study opportunity so that our students can even learn how to act as big brothers and sisters in leading and guiding primary students to learn.

In the following pages, you can know more about the marine life and beach protection conducted in Australia. Of course, you can see lots of wonderful views in Australia as well. Teachers and students of both schools have gained a wide range of experience and implemented reflection in this ecological study tour. I hope all of you can share their joy and valuable experiences.

Mr. Wong Chung Ki

Principal of PLK Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College

Preface



During the summer holiday, four teachers and twenty students from Po Leung Kuk Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College and our school went to Australia for a nine-day educational study tour. Our main aim was to give our students the unique opportunity to learn about educational, cultural and ecological developments in Australia and to instill confidence in the use of English. The study tour was truly an unforgettable experience for them.

In the trip, our students had the opportunity to live in the homestay. They had a deep understanding about the living style and culture of the Australian family. Our students studied in the well-established Imagine Education Australia's College of English. They learnt in the language class and shared their experiences with the others. They were able to practise in English with the newly-made friends.

Besides learning in the college, they went to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Paradise Country to see the wild animals. A visit to Surfers Paradise, Burleigh Heads and Harbour Town gave our students the opportunities to sample the typical culture. The smooth organisation of the visits made a lot of enjoyable experiences for everyone.

The tour also taught our students to be independent and forged new ways of communicating with teachers and one another. It was a character-building experience for each and everyone of them and they all seized the opportunity to widen their communications skills. Our students were able to broaden their minds, experience different cultures and gain a meaningful insight into the Australian education system and way of life.

The success of the tour was due largely to the teachers of both schools who made the necessary contacts, devised the program, planned the itinerary and developed the English training program and Parents' Seminar prior to departure. We offered our special thanks to the teachers who came on the tour. They looked after the students with kindness and patience on a daily basis.

Our school also wants to give thanks to Po Leung Kuk Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College for providing us with the resources to organise this trip. Our students had a valuable life experience on the education tour. It helped our students to mature and broaden their horizons. They rose admirably to the challenges that lay before them and had benefited greatly from this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Hopefully, we will have more golden chances to visit other foreign countries in the coming future!

Ms. Kam Yim Mui

Principal of PLK Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School

Day 1: Depart from Hong Kong International Airport



Day 2: Arrive at Gold Coast Airport

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Imagine Education: Welcome Ceremony and Homestay Orientation



Day 2 : Meet host family and transfer to homestay



Day 3 : Warner Bros. Movie World



Day 4 : Host family activity



Day 5 : English Class at Imagine Education



Day 5 : Surfers Paradise, Q1 skyscraper and Beach Walk



Day 6 : Paradise Country



Day 7 : Sports activities with Imagine Education staff and classmates



*Day 8 : English Class at Imagine Education
Graduation Ceremony, Harbour Town Outlet Shopping Centre*



Day 9 : Depart from Gold Coast Airport



Reflections from teacher and students (Learning Group 1)



Ms. Siu Pui Yin (Vice-Principal of PLK Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College)

Ten junior form students went on a study tour in Gold Coast, Australia with ten Primary school students studying in Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary school from 12th July to 20th July 2018. Accompanied by four teachers, students learnt English at Imagine Education and experienced Aussie culture and lifestyle. The study tour helped broaden horizons and understand different cultures of all participants.



SkyPoint Observation Deck and met koalas and kangaroos at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Apart from learning at Imagine Education, we had lots of memorable moments with our homestay families. On Sunday evening, two students and I surprised our homestay parents with a typical Hong Kong family meal for dinner. Was it a disaster? Of course not! After a long preparation and the effort we made together, we served our homestay parents with fried eggs with tomatoes, mixed vegetable with tofu in oyster sauce and microwave steamed rice (a new thing I learnt in Oz). For dessert, we enjoyed mixed berries and Taiwanese pancake with vanilla custard sauce. Our homestay parents were impressed because they like Asian dishes very much. It was an unforgettable evening!

Upon arrival at Warner Bros. Movie World Theme Park, we were all captivated by the super-heroes and world-class adventure rides. It was a thrilling start! On the next day, we all had fun with our homestay family with different activities like hiking in the countryside, shopping at Woolworths and playing cricket on the beach. After a relaxing weekend, students were ready for school. In the mornings, students interacted with other international students and enjoyed English lessons in small groups. While in the afternoons, we gathered together and explored Australia's iconic beach, Surfers Paradise, enjoyed 360 degree panoramic views at

One small step can change your life. I was so glad that students were more and more confident to use English and try out new challenges during the study tour. Our big brothers had also impressed me a lot as they were mature and patient enough to take good care of their primary school buddies.

Time flew but wonderful memories last forever. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Kwan, Ms. Chik and Ms. Kwok. I hope that more study tours in different places of the world will be provided for our students in the near future.

S.1E Chiu Man Wan, Denise



I have learned a lot from the tour. I am confident to communicate with others in English. I know more about Australians. They are very friendly and generous. They love the nature. I appreciate the Australian

government has lots of policies to protect the ocean and the marine life. I think Hong Kong can learn from it. Moreover, I can learn more about the wildlife in Australia. I enjoyed feeding birds, shearing and hugging koalas. I could know more about their species, diet and their lifestyles from Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, which is a zoological garden in Australia.

I think the most memorable experience was visiting the Movie World and the Surfers Paradise. I tried some thrilling

rides and bought plenty of souvenirs. I played with my friends and took many photos on the beach. I won't forget these fantastic memories. I would like to thank the school for giving me an opportunity to join this study tour. I hope I can join again in the near future.





S.1E Ng Sze Wan, Haziel

Before joining the study tour, I was a dependent girl. I always relied on my parents to wake me up in the morning. However, my sense of self-control and self-discipline has been strengthened after the tour. I have also learned how to communicate with people of different nationalities.

Staying with my homestay family helped train my communication skills. I still remember how shy I was when I first met my homestay dad and mum. After they had kept encouraging me to speak to them, I improved a lot. I felt more confident to speak in English.

I think the most memorable experience about this tour was visiting the Surfers Paradise at Gold Coast. The sand there was really soft. I felt like stepping on clouds. In addition, the seawater was very clear. I felt relaxed when I was looking at such a stunning view. We took lots of photos with such a beautiful scenery.

Compare to Gold Coast in Hong Kong, the one in Australia is breathtaking. I think the Australian government has put lots of efforts on beach protection. Citizens are devoted to protect and conserve the environment. The beach is very clean. In addition, there are lots of marine habitats which show water pollution problem is not serious.



S.3A Poon Siu Chung, Jacky

I think I have the potential to be a big brother after taking care of my buddies who were primary school students in this one-week study tour. We were in the same homestay. Being a caregiver was really challenging, I had never taken care of anyone. I had to help them handle lots of problems. Luckily, I could solve all these and I felt proud of myself. They were **v e r y** energetic and I always reminded myself to be a good model in front of them.

I appreciate the policies on wildlife conservation done by the Australian government. A wildlife conservancy has been set up which manages animals in 27 sanctuaries where 533 bird species and 202 mammal species are protected.



Besides, I could meet students from different countries, such as Russia, Taiwan and China. Through interacting with them, I knew more about their cultures which broadened my horizons. My interpersonal skills could be built up through interacting with them.





P.4D Lam Ho Man, Ken

I really learned a lot during this tour. First, I practiced using English to communicate with my homestay family. When I first arrived at the house, it was quite difficult to break the formal guest-host relationship. I felt strange in a new environment. I spent some time to share my life experience with them. Then, I had more interactions with the family. I learnt more about American traditional culture deeply.

Second, it was my first time to have a personal presentation in the lesson in a foreign city. I felt a little bit nervous. I practised a lot at home. Finally, my presentation was successful. I was excited and full of satisfaction. One important thing I learnt during my time abroad is that not

everything goes according to plan and that sometimes it makes for an even more memorable experience. Learning how to adapt to these situations helped my maturity and independence grow naturally.

The most impressive thing in this tour was the English video project that I did about ecological conservation in the tour. We went to different tourist spots. We found some information based on the topic and made a slideshow with my groupmates. We enjoyed our learning together. I believe that nature conservation should be a central feature of the Government's long-term plans for the future of Hong Kong. From the tour, I learnt many ways to protect the environment and our nature world. It was the best and most rewarding experience for me.

I would like to thank all the teachers and teammates for the caring and sharing in the tour. I had a wonderful time in Australia so I hope to go there again.



P.4B Yu Ming Hei, Adonis

My first overseas living experience, out of the country without my family was memorable. I cried for the first few nights, because I had been suffering from serious home sickness. Thanks to modern technology, I could keep close touch with my parents. I could even talk to them "face to face" through the Internet! During the trip, I faced some challenges, but my teachers encouraged me and cheered me up. Being able to face one of my biggest fears, communication and language barriers, I became a more independent and confident person. My love for travel grew and I was introduced to other culture that was different from mine. I was surprised at how comfortable I was exploring in the new country. I became a brave boy. Thanks for the support of my teachers and schoolmates.

In this journey, I have learnt and seen a lot of new things that I haven't experienced in my life before. I thought that the environment of Australia was so clean and natural. Actually, there was

neither air nor water pollution. We went to the beach on the fourth day. We didn't bring our swimsuits, so we only played on the sand. After a while, we started playing with water excitedly. We ran towards the sea with bare feet, the water was so cool. There was no rubbish on the beach or in the sea. Everyone kept clean and protected the coast. I was surprised to enjoy such a wonderful environment. It was totally different from Hong Kong. It was really the coolest thing that I saw there.

This trip was full of laughter and tears. But it was definitely a treasurable and memorable experience for me. I'm still recalling every moment in Australia and can't stop longing for my next tour!



Reflections from teacher and students (Learning Group 2)

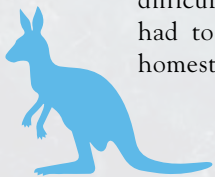
Mr. Kwan Siu Ming (PLK Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College)



This was my first time to Gold Coast, Australia. When we walked on the Gold Coast beach which stretches along 57 kilometres of coastline, we felt wonderful by the breathtaking scenery and the nature. At the same time, we could calm down our mind to listen to the sound of nature and the harmony of the wildlife creatures.

This was also my first time to travel with both primary and secondary school students. The interactions and co-operations between them were really amazing and brought positive 'chemical reactions'. The big brothers and sisters learnt how to take care of themselves meanwhile they also needed to take care of their younger groupmates at homestay and guide them in completing group learning activities.

Patience, caring, mutual respect and proper communication were what they had to learn. Facing difficulties and solving problems were also what they had to go through in some unexpected situations at homestay and the trip.



S.1E Lee Tsz Him, Ezio

From this tour, I found Australians have a very healthy lifestyle. It was my first time to experience homestay. It was fun. My homestay mum taught me cricket and we played happily on the beach. She was almost 70 but she was still very energetic. She is my role model. I think I will start having a balanced diet and do exercise regularly in order to keep my body fit. Apart from playing cricket with my homestay mum, going to the outlet was another unforgettable experience since we had to prepare a lot like searching for the information, discussing the plan and route before going there.

I am interested in knowing the marine life in Australia since it has a wide range of marine creatures. I browsed the Internet and it says these marine creatures are the most fascinating ones in the world. Through beach protection, coastal erosion in Australian can be minimized and hence facilitate marine conservation.



In the IT century, we can use IT to learn and enjoy a lot of entertainments and do a lot of work efficiently in daily life. However, the interpersonal relationship between people has seemed to fall back. This trip was really a good chance for our students and even us to reflect how the relationship between people should be. Moreover, we could experience how the wildlife live with human beings harmoniously in a developed country like Australia and her ways of conservation of the nature and wildlife.

Finally, I was very thankful to our Vice-Principal, Ms Siu, Ms Chik and Ms Kwok of Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School for taking care of our students and leading them to learn pleasantly and effectively in the study tour.





S.1D Cheung Hang, Victor

Having a chance to communicate with my homestay where I could learn their culture and language was one of my reasons of joining the study tour. I found they have a very healthy diet. They always eat vegetables and cereal.

They sleep at nine every night. I definitely cannot do it

as I still haven't finished my homework and revision at nine.

wanted to try the exciting ride with me again. After that, I went to Paradise Country another day. I saw many animals, for example, goats, sheep, kangaroos and ducks. We took many photos there. I had not seen these animals before. I just saw them on the Internet. However, now I was given a chance to soothe and feed them. It was an unforgettable experience.



Visiting different attractions in Australia was the highlight of the tour. I enjoyed going to Warner Bros. Movie World and the Paradise Country. In Warner Bros. Movie World, I saw many cartoon characters including my favourite Marvel characters. Beside taking photos with the characters, I also rode the roller coaster with my friend Wyman. Wyman



S.2D Kwok Chun Ming, Sunny

Compare with my study tour in Canada last year, this study tour is more challenging. As I stayed in a homestay with a primary student, I was responsible for taking care of him. I have never taken care of others. I found I have become mature and independent after this tour.

Apart from taking care of my buddy, I had lots of new experiences. I tried riding roller coaster, Oz meat pie, feeding kangaroos and taking photos with koala. The most memorable experience was I took a shower without hot water in winter!! It was freezing. I learnt a lesson and after that I preferred taking a bath in the afternoon. I told myself 'Sunny, just do it! Maybe you will love it!' whenever I tried something new. This gave me courage to face the challenges.

zoos. A safe habitat is provided for them. Although tourists could visit the animals in the zoos, rules have been set in zoos like screaming and feeding animals with outside food are not allowed. Moreover, the government has set laws to protect the wild animals so that they will not be killed by hunters.



I think the Australian government has done a good job in conserving the wildlife. All wild animals are protected in





P.5D Chau Yik Shing, Christian



It was an awesome experience for me. I enjoyed a lot of activities with our schoolmates and we took a lot of photos in the countryside when we visited the famous spots. In this tour, we had a special mission. We needed to collect some information about ecological conservation. We worked hard together and made our video slideshow with our photos and descriptions. I learned about the development of ecological conservation and education in Australia. I also learned how to protect the environment in different ways. From my observation, Australians cared about their society. They protected the nature world and reduced the pollution in different ways. The Australian government set up a lot of regulations to protect the animals and the nature environment. The citizens followed the policies. I must learn from them.

Besides, Imagine Education Centre was a good and comfortable place for us to learn English there. The teacher



was funny and friendly. We played a lot of interesting games with him. Meanwhile, I shared my life experience together with my classmates and I got many wonderful chances to communicate with the foreigners in English. It strengthened my speaking skills through the interaction. It was impressive for me to learn English in the other country.

Thanks to all the teachers for arranging all the activities! I really enjoyed the tour! It was fantastic! I want to express my gratitude to Ms. Siu, Mr. Kwan, Miss Kwok and Miss Chik for bringing our crazy group around and ensuring everyone's safety. Thanks to our tour guide for helping us arrange the homestay, touring us around and providing us with all the information of the attractions.



P.4D So Wai Chun, Marcus

It was the second time I joined the study tour in my school. The experiences in Australia and Shanghai were totally different. My house was big and I tasted the traditional Australian food. Aside from their language and culture, I also learned a lot about myself. Before that, my parents took care of me. But now, I could manage my daily routine without my parents.

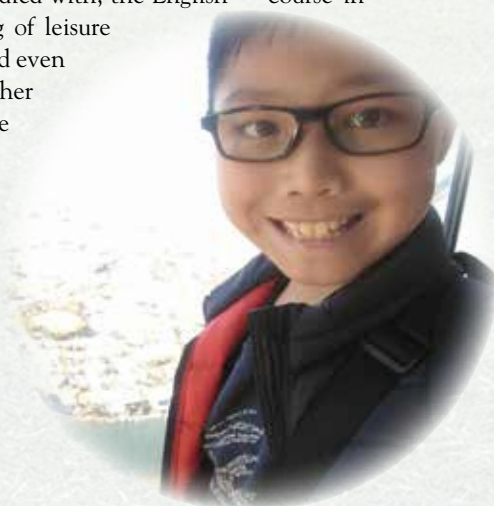
Our schoolmates and I joined the tour under the care of their teachers. We went to Movie World. It is bigger than Disneyland in Hong Kong. We were brave. We played on the roller coasters. It was more exciting than the ones in Hong Kong. We had great fun there.

With my classmates, I also visited some other famous sightseeing spots. Field trips to the natural sceneries were organized. All these memorable experiences not only showed

our schoolmates the uniqueness of Australia, but we were also cultivated our interests in appreciating ecological and cultural landscapes, leading us to care for the surroundings and the world. Currently, the Australian ecological society is working with urban educators and youth to develop means to measure changes in ecosystem services as a result of civic ecology education programs. I hope that it will be developed in Hong Kong too. Being at these places took my learning out of the classroom and into actual experiences. I was able to deepen my understanding of the environment protection and ecology conservation. It was absolutely unforgettable and I will carry this experience with me for the rest of my life.

Until now, any of the pictures taken there can always remind me of the happy days I spent there, the teacher and the classmates I studied with, the English course in expectation, the feeling of leisure walking on the street and even the comfortable weather with a big temperature variation of 10 degrees between day and night.

This was a good experience for me to learn more, see more and feel more. I'll never forget this tour.





Reflections from teacher and students (Learning Group 3)

Ms. Chik Ka Wai (PLK Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School)

Our study tour gave our students the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills while experiencing the Gold Coast's world-renowned lifestyle. It also offered our students golden chances to experience new environments, build closer bonds with their schoolmates and other secondary students, learn about a new culture, expand their horizons, etc. It enabled our students to see things in a new perspective. Our students were immersed in a completely different culture and somehow built a connection to it. They were also given time to get outside and enjoy nature. The images of them playing freely were so beautiful.

Students visited different tourist spots. They participated in different kinds of interactive activities and learned in the English class. They experienced another way of learning during the trip. There was much more interpersonal interaction than at school and this made us more mature. It was impressive for me seeing everyone tried their best in learning every day. Every one of us formed a crucial part of the group and I could not imagine how different the trip would have been without anyone of them.

On this trip, both the students and teachers would learn something different from that in the classroom. Taking care of one another among the teammates in the tour impressed me a lot. Our students lived in different homestay families



in groups so they needed to be more independent. They solved their own problems by themselves and took care of their buddies. They worked in groups to finish the theme-based video and had high motivation to work on their own learning booklets. It was really a golden opportunity for them to learn from others.

The tour was meaningful and valuable for them to widen their horizons and cultivate respect for different cultures. This trip was over, but the friendship and unforgettable memory will stay on forever. I hope that our students could share more joyful experience with the whole school in the future and their experience in the tour would help them construct a fruitful and enjoyable life. Can't wait to have another trip with my beloved students in the future!



S.1C Cheung Wai Lan, Viann

Farms can be found everywhere in Australia. Before the farm visit, I thought farms were very small, dirty and smelly. However, I found it was big and clean after my first visit. There were lots of activities, for example, shearing, feeding, taking photos with koalas and different kinds of animals.

After going to the beach in Australia, I started thinking about the civic awareness of citizens in Hong Kong. Why are the beaches in Hong Kong so dirty? Why is the water pollution so serious? Is it because of the ineffectiveness of moral education? How can it be improved? Beach protection is the responsibility of everyone. I hope the situation can be improved in the near future.



I think the most memorable experience in this tour was celebrating one of our primary school classmates' birthday. On his birthday, we went to school as usual. We had a group discussion in lesson. After the discussion, two teachers came out suddenly with a birthday cake and sang the birthday song. He felt so touched. We sang and took photos together.





P.5D Tam Tsz Huen, Twinky

Before I went to the study tour to Australia, I was very excited since I have never been to a country which is far away from Hong Kong. When we arrived there, I was happy. There were a lot of differences between Australia and Hong Kong.

I was excited to stay in the homestay family with my teacher and classmate. The host prepared two very nice rooms for me and my buddy. We communicated with them all the time. Homestay experience also helped me a lot in my language learning especially that our hosts talked to us in English and I watched TV programmes all in English. Meanwhile, I became brave to communicate with the shop keepers and cashiers when I bought my souvenirs in the shops.

I really learned a lot during this tour. The Chinese famous saying, "Walk a million miles worth much more than reading a million books" was really true. I met some new friends and gained a lot of new life experiences which I could never get from books or classes. There were many fun activities, such as learning about Australian cultures, having a farm tour, going to the beaches, etc. In the farm, I watched the sheep show. There were different kinds of sheep. They were cute and the wool was soft. I could also hug the koalas and it gave me an unforgettable memory.

It was truly a one-in-a-lifetime experience! I hope I can join another study tour which is as educational, fun, inspirational and memorable as this trip.



P.5D Hui Sum Yau, Cynthia



During the nine-day tour, I learnt a lot of new things. Our teachers taught us interesting English skills and much more I had never expected. Now I know more about the Australian culture. It was amazing! During the lessons, we had group discussion and needed to work together. My groupmates all soon got on very well and we played games and chatted together while we were having recess. It was better than I expected before heading to Australia.

more about Australian customs. I enjoyed the time in Movie World. My teachers and our groupmates played exciting games together. Besides, I bought so many valuable souvenirs that I used up all of my pocket money.

Besides, our teachers took us to the beach and the zoo. We worked hard together to finish our project on ecological conservation. I knew that the Australian government did a variety of educational activities to raise the public awareness on this issue. The Australians always keep clean in the city. They started the protection from their early ages. They tried to reduce pollution and cared about the animals. I learnt the importance of protecting the nature especially those endangered animals.

The most memorable thing for me was my experience to live with my host family. I enjoyed chatting and going out with them. They were very nice and caring. They cared our feelings and looked after us patiently. They cooked us three meals per day and provided us with various Australian delicacies. Most of the Australian meals were delicious and I particularly enjoyed the pizzas. They taught me the skill of making a pizza at night. Finally, I made my tasty one. It was marvelous.

In the coming future, I would like to go to Australia again and visit my host family as I really miss them.

Apart from studying and making friends, we went on many excursions. We had been to many famous tourist attractions and took a lot of nice photos. All of them were so interesting and I could not believe in my eyes that I could see those attractive buildings and learn



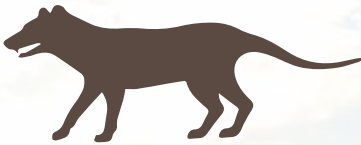


S.1E Sam Ka Yiu, Natalie



I enjoyed the time with my host family. Having dinner, watching television and chatting with them were the most enjoyment moments. They told me a lot about the Australian culture. In order to thank for their host, I had bought them a souvenir from Hong Kong. I was scared that they would not like it. I gave them the souvenir on the last day of the tour. Luckily they liked it very much.

After visiting the Surfers Paradise, I think beach protection is very important. We can do a lot to protect the beach. For example, we should not litter. We can be volunteers to help clean the beach. We also can raise the public awareness on keeping the beach clean through social networking sites. If all people are willing to contribute, I think our lovely beach can be protected.



S.1K Cheung Wai Ming, Wyman

This was my first time to Gold Coast. I enjoyed different activities like learning English, padding and feeding kangaroos. I particularly like the locally-produced food there. I tried different types of organic vegetables. The vegetables were grown by the homestay family. It was amazing. My homestay parents liked using vegetables to make various dishes like spaghetti, steak and salad. The eggs were so fresh that and they got from the farm nearby. All were very yummy and healthy. We won't have such a garden in our flat in Hong Kong to grow different vegetables. It was really an unforgettable experience.



Reflections from teacher and students (Learning Group 4)



Ms. Kwok Wing Ki (PLK Stanley Ho Sau Nan Primary School)

I organized some study tours in the past few years. It was the first time for me to organise the joint school summer study tour to Australia and stay in the homestay family with my students. It was great fun to visit Australia with my students and colleague together with the secondary school. Confidence, independence, team spirit are three characteristics that I value highly and have been trying to instill in our students at our school. The study tour greatly helped this process and on that merit alone could be considered a huge success.

The study tour to Australia showed me the most beautiful nature of mankind – selfless care and love. For many of the students involved in the tour, it was the first time for them to travel overseas without their parents. This provided them with a perfect opportunity to develop themselves to be more independent. They needed to follow our teachers' instructions and take care of their own daily routine. Throughout our stay, our students were totally engaged in all sorts of academic and extra-curricular activities in the language learning centre. They were inspired by the Australian culture. They had very positive changes. They became active in lessons and more open-minded to challenges. Their English proficiency was significantly improved. They were confident in socializing with the others in English. They showed mutual support to their teammates and helped each other in the whole trip.

The study tour was a valuable experience to students. It provided golden chances for students to practice English in an authentic environment. Given the inspiration and stimulation, the students' performance was beyond our expectations and imagination. They eagerly participated in all activities. Through all these activities, we got to understand one another more and more deeply. I felt that we were like a big family, each with different characters. I gladly witnessed the 180-degree changes of our students in this tour. They all became more mature, beautiful and adorable.

Apart from it, teachers and students developed a better relationship. We enjoyed meals and played together. I felt that the distance between teachers and students lessened and we became closer. It was a truly remarkable study tour that far exceeded my expectations. As a teacher, I learnt together with my students excitedly. Without a doubt, this experience has made a profound impact on me, both professionally and personally. It was such an enjoyable, priceless, inspirational and meaningful experience.

I am looking forward to having similar experiences in the future to enhance our students' educational and personal enrichment.



S.2D Luo Shing, Jason



Through interacting with Australians in the tour, I noticed that they have a very healthy lifestyle. They seldom go out at night. They have dinner at 6 p.m. and sleep at 8 p.m. To me, I may be still taking part in extra-curricular activities at school at 6. They believe that sleeping early is good for their health and good for both physical and mental well-being. Meeting friends from different countries, such as China, Russia, Japan and Taiwan at Imagine College further broadened my horizons.

I have reflection on marine conservation after this tour. Protection and preservation of ecosystems in oceans are

very important. Overfishing, hunting for whales and even climate change further cause damage to the ecosystems. Hence, it is important to stop overfishing and preserve marine life species.





P.5D Ko Suet Ching, Charmaine



To me, it was an extremely meaningful and enjoyable experience because it helped me with the spoken English and broadened our horizons. I was very shy in my school before. One thing I was very nervous about before going abroad was the language barrier. At the beginning of the lessons in Australia, I faced some difficulties.

However, I tried my best to learn in the lesson with the help of our foreign teacher, Mr. Patrick. He was nice to my teammates. I practiced a lot and asked questions without fear. I learned that it was not as scary as I thought it would be to communicate with locals.

During the tour, I trained up my English speaking skill by communicating with the host family and other foreigners there. During my stay with them, they tried their best to make me happy. They sacrificed their free time and brought me to the night market. They were happy when I was laughing and having fun. They treated me like their family members. Meanwhile, I learnt how to take care of myself in the new environment. I solved the problems by myself and had mutual support for my schoolmates. I became more independent and boosted my confidence in learning.

It was valuable for me to explore and learn more about Australian culture. My host family bought me for a hiking activity at a weekend. The places were nice and clean. I became more aware of the ecological issues in the changing world. To preserve the remaining forests, humans should simply stop cutting down trees. Forests are in major need of preservation. For every tree that's cut down, a new one needs to be planted in its place. We also need to protect the home of the wild animals.

Finally, I want to appreciate that our school could offer this golden opportunity to us. I had benefited a lot from this tour. I will share my life experience with my schoolmates. If there is another chance, I am sure that I will join again.



P.5B Ngo Yat Hei, Hazel



Time flies. I couldn't believe the nine-day educational tour has ended!! It was a fruitful and unforgettable experience for me and I would never forget every minute that I spent in Australia.

It was my first time to travel by myself. I had a little bit nervous before the tour. When we met our homestay, I talked to them politely. In the house, I learnt to be more independent. I helped them to do housework at night and played with their grandsons. They were nice patient and caring. My host took care of me, chatted with me and made some yummy food all the time. They showed us the ways to make the traditional Australian food. They were like the second family to me. I love them.

When we learnt in the centre, Mr. Patrick taught us some interesting and challenging things. He was intelligent and helpful. We had a lot of fun in the lessons.

Most importantly, I had learnt to care about the environment and protect the earth. One day, we went to Surfer's Paradise. The beach was beautiful. I found that the Australians were very self-disciplined. They didn't throw the rubbish into the sea or on

the beach. I was amused. Besides, we went to Paradise Country and saw many kinds of animals. The Australian government set up different kinds of policies to protect the rare animals. It broadened my horizon about ecological conservation. All the citizens should have the responsibility to show the helping hands in their own society.

Generally, I learned a lot of things in the tour. First, I tried to take care of myself as well as my teammates. I also learnt to share my opinions and communicate in a pressure-free atmosphere.

I hope I can have more chances to join the educational tours in the coming future.





P.5D Tse Yu Tin, Duncan



Before our schoolmates went to Australia, all of us were required to do some preparation and homework in Hong Kong. I put a lot of effort to surf the net. I had a solid understanding of what we would be seeing and learning. It was excited and couldn't wait to see my homestay family. After a long flight, we arrived there and we met our host family in the afternoon. They were nice and friendly. This was the first time I lived in the homestay without my parents. I tried my best to train up myself to be independent. I started to be brave and chatted with them in English.

Australia is an amazing country to city. From the tour, I learnt more about the traditional culture and visited many famous places. Besides, I trained up my English speaking skill by communicating with the foreigners. I enriched my knowledge.

People in Australia like outdoor activities a lot! We also did

some interesting outdoor activities during the trip. One of the important things I learnt in the tour was about how we could protect our wild animals. This trip was memorable as we learnt loads of knowledge about Australia's nature. We visited Paradise Country. The zoo keeper taught me the ways to feed the kangaroos. Illegal kangaroo hunt is under control in Australia. I believe that everyone has the responsibility to protect our animal world.

It was an extraordinary journey that I will never ever forget. I can't wait to have another trip with my beloved schoolmates in the future!

P.5D Kwok Chun Wing, Jason

The educational tour has been the most exciting moment for me in these years. That night I departed for Australia for a nine-day study trip without my parents' companion. It was the first time I travelled with my schoolmates by myself. I had been longing for the adventurous days. The flight to Gold Coast was boring and tiring. We departed near midnight, but we were too excited that we could not fall asleep during the whole journey. Although we were really sleepy upon arrival, we were wide awake due to excitement.

Weather was really good in Gold Coast. Sunny with breeze, it was so comfortable. We started our first day's schedule right after landing. Hurray! Our 9-days of adventure officially started! The education centre we attended was not very big, but it was a very decent place. Trees and grassland were all over the campus. The environment was so relaxing which was so different from the stressful atmosphere in Hong Kong.

I met my homestay guardian after the outdoor activity on that day. She was a joyful and kind woman. She prepared us western dinner and packed us lunch every day. She cooked very well and food was delicious. The supermarkets in Gold Coast were huge! The fruits sections were amazing! All looked so tasty. I really wanted to taste every kind of them.



Our study schedule included both classes and excursion visits. I enjoyed the outdoor session very much. But of course everyone liked excursion visits the most. We visited the Movie World, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Paradise Country, Harbour Town, Burleigh Heads and of course the world's famous Surfers Paradise. I got on well with the secondary students. It was a very fun and special experience to play with them.

I enjoyed the visit in the farm most. This was my first time to visit such a huge farm and in close contact with koalas and kangaroos. I felt totally relaxed with the animals. I learnt how to protect the animals. Ecological conservation is very important to the world. The Australian government had a campaign to save kangaroos and other threatened and endangered wildlife from extinction. It reduced the hunters to shoot the kangaroos. I also need to be a good citizen and protect our environment in the future.

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