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I was very nervous before I left for Australia but once I left Nagoya I became excited.

It was 5:55 in the morning when I arrived in Sydney. It was very cold as it was the winter season. We attended the Blue Mountains Grammar School from July 28 to July 25. I was introduced to my buddy on the first day of school. At this time I was very nervous. However, while talking with my buddy, the tension eased and I enjoyed it. My buddies were girls of 15 years and 13 years old. We joined the classes on 5th and 6th periods. Here the students choose classes that they would like to take like university lessons. Also, there is time like tea time called “recess” between the 2nd 3rd hour. Since my buddy was selecting Japanese, I talked in Japanese and talked in English at home and studied each other. Also, in Japanese class, I was taught Australia’s famous dance and vegemite dance. We performed *koi* dance by Hoshino Gen and Pocky dance. I was able to have wonderful time at this school. I had a homestay for a short period, but I think that my English ability has definitely increased.

We had a home stay in Jamberoo from afternoon July 28 until morning July 30. Jamberoo has a rich nature, the night sky was very beautiful and I saw plenty of shooting stars. We went hiking. The sky is blue, the sea is beautiful, the mountains are big and I felt the nature with my whole body, I was able to experience. Also, as I went to the town, Farmer’s market was held in the morning. Even just watching it was fun. Everyone had tea at a nearby café. I drank hot chocolate for the first time. It tasted like cocoa. I was happy to have actually experienced it because I had wanted to have hot chocolate and drink it overseas. I went to a house of one of my host mother’s friend and took a horse ride. It was my first time so I was very nervous, but I rode easily. My host father got me on his convertible car and took me for a walk in the forest. The wind was very pleasant. I gave a feed to a cow on the way. It was a pleasure to have a valuable experience.

I went to Sydney from afternoon July 30. Sydney had plenty of beautiful buildings, unlike Blue Mountains and Jamberoo. I went to a boys’ school called St Aloysius’ College on July 31. It was fresh as it was my first visit to a boys’ school. I went to a girls’ school called Wenona on August 2. I thought it was quiet because it was a girl’s school, but everyone was very lively and enjoyable. All the three schools I visited had Japanese classes. I was pleased to learn that there were lots of people interested in Japan. However, we found out that we do not know so much about Japan and Nagoya. I thought that we also need to learn about Japan in order to get to know more about Japan and Nagoya.

Through this overseas trip I was connected to many people. I do not think this is the end. I hope to continue to keep in touch with them and I hope Japan and Australia can always be friends. I will never forget this wonderful experience.

