

Reflection on Perth Study Tour 2014

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I am so lucky to have a chance to participate in Australia Exchange Program. In Hong Kong, we only speak English in our English lesson while for the rest of the time, we speak Cantonese with our friends and family. In order to increase my exposure to English environment, I decided to go to Perth.

Visiting Perth has given me the chance to learn about the lifestyle of local people, it is totally different from Hong Kong's lifestyle. Perth is a place good for studying and relaxing. Whenever I looked up to the sky, I could easily find a blue sky and wonderful green scenery. Unlike Hong Kong, it is a place unspoiled and unpolluted. In Hong Kong, there are tall buildings everywhere so it is difficult to see a big blue sky. I am lucky that I could see awesome views and know how beautiful this world could be.

This study tour gives me a chance to broaden my horizons and let me become more independent and mature. This is my first to travel abroad without my family, I had to learn how to take care of myself. I have also become more polite to other people as Australian people are very friendly and polite. They always say 'please' and 'thank you' to each other.

This program has also allowed me to meet new friends outside Hong Kong, they were the students in Murdoch College, Australia. I spent a day with one of the local students. I followed them to their classes and tried to listen to the lecture given by their teachers. Of course, we exchanged our Facebook as I hope that I can keep contact with them even when I go back to Hong Kong later. I was so lucky that I could attend their Multi-National Day held in Murdoch College. I met one student who came from Singapore. All of them were very nice to me.

Before I went to this study tour, I was so shy to speak English. I was afraid that I would made a lot of grammatical mistakes and my vocabulary was not enough to communicate with my host family. At first, I didn't speak English with them. Through these two days, I was no longer shy to speak in English. I have learnt that even I may make grammatical mistakes or I may run out of vocabulary when talking to local people, taking up the courage to speak to foreigners will surely help improve my spoken English.