Reflection on Cairns Study Tour 2016 Written by Chau Lok Hin

Joining the overseas study tour is one of my learning goals for my secondary school life. This summer, I was able to reach my goal and had a rewarding journey with my friends, Denna and Susie.

When we arrived at the school (Sun Pacific College), we had an orientation by the school staff. While the staff was introducing the school facilities to us. I felt there would be lots of excitement during the English lessons. After our orientation, we had the time to meet our host family.

My host family were generous and helpful. Their name were Tina and Michael, they also had a kid named Zac. At first, I wondered how to get through these days. But with their kindness and passion, I really started to feel that I was a member of their family. In these days, we did lots of things. Before dinner, I played soccer with the kid. After the dinner, we kept chatting and we even made a music video which was posted on YouTube. It was exciting because I never thought that I could shoot a video and showed it publicly on a video streaming platform. After these ten days, we had to go back home. Though we had to return, I think our relationship with the host family will not just stop here. Our journey just began and nobody knows where our final stop is. I want to thank my host family who took care of Jason and me for24/7 these days. I will miss all of you and the time that we were together.

Throughout the tour, I spent lots of great time with my friends. We tried different things -- took lots of photos, enjoyed the magnificent views of Australia, etc. I believe that this is a memorable trip for you and me.

After the BBQ time with our host families, there was a sharing session. Teachers asked us to use an adjective to describe this trip. I used the word 'meaningful'. In this trip, I understand the differences between Australians and Hong Kongers, such as habits, cultures etc.... I had a wonderful time with my host family (Tina, Michael and Zac) and my friends Denna &Susie, all of us had great time in Australia.

Lastly, I want to thank lots of people. I want to thank Miss Hui, Miss Hung, Miss Lam and Mr .Nip who helped and took care of us during this trip. And also thanks to our tour guide Felicity who helped us to take beautiful photos of us and deal with all the problems we faced in Australia. I want to thank my host family again that they brought lots of happy moments to me and Jason. I want to thank Susie and Denna who spent the memorable time with me. And I want to thank our school for giving us an opportunity to learn outside Hong Kong and widen our horizons.