

Shimodate First Students' Exchange Program in Perth

50 participants & 3 teachers visited Yanchep Secondary College & Ocean Reef Senior High School in August, 2024.

We fostered a great relationship and would like to continue this bond well into the future.

(Group 1) Students at Yanchep Secondary College & Shimodate First High School (Students in grades 9 ~ 11)



Student's enjoying their reunion with their buddies from last year. Discussing how they've grown since last time.



Participating in a traditional aboriginal ceremony, we experienced a true Australian welcome.



The student's investigating new ideas and study methods in the classroom. Exchanging their unique thoughts from the Japanese perspective and the Australian perspective.



Enjoying a large variation of classes and fun experiences. Student's getting used to the Australian keyboards.



Student's enjoying recess and sharing what types of food they each eat in their respective countries. The culture shock coupled with the joy their buddies gave them.



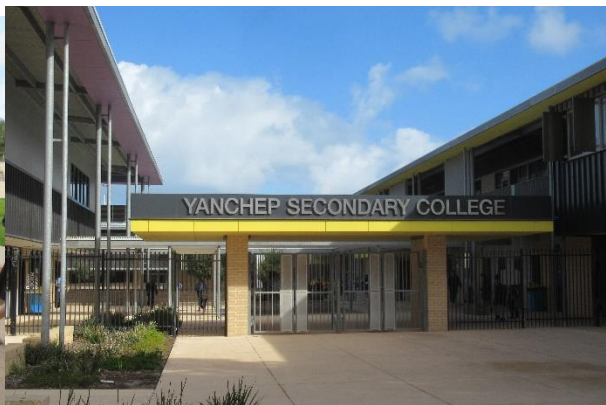
Chatting with their buddies about all they've experienced. Supporting each other and managing their daily lives together. Showcasing their different foods.



Going from class to class, the student's buddies are always by their side.



The buddies faithfully watch over their newfound friends. We love and miss Yanchep Secondary College.



Joining in on P.E. the student's and their buddies got to compete and work together in sports shared by both countries. Adventuring out in the yard.



The student's got to try Australian rugby and were enthralled by the daily activities.



The buddies kind and meticulous explanations made it easy for the Japanese student's to participate.



The graciousness of the headmaster granted this wonderful experience to the students, giving them certificates that they would surely cherish.

The closing ceremony was wonderfully managed by repeat students, having found a deeper understanding of themselves and what they could accomplish.



Each student truly had a grand time with their buddies, making memories that would last a lifetime.



The school, host families, and buddies could not fathom our gratitude. The kindness for which we received was overflowing with patience and virtue. Our appreciation knows no bounds, for all of those who were involved in creating this fantastic project. It was our sincerest pleasure to visit, and we hope that next year will be an even grander time.

(Group 2) Students at Ocean Reef Senior High School & Shimodate First High School (Students in grades 9~11)



The students being welcomed with a familiar warmth only found with friends and family.



From our first hello, the students quickly adapted to their new Australian classroom settings.



The unfolding classes were a strange and amusing time, every student had many enjoyable moments.



The student's got to experience new ideas and concepts like never before.



These discussions between two very different people, always lead to new discoveries. Going to understanding together they would have never been able to consider alone.



Going to a fro each class, their buddies stayed by their sides. Side by side, they throughout the school grounds.



Between the awesome rugby and the enduring track and field, the students got a hearty joy from these physical activities.



They found green fields and crowded walkways to explore during recess, a different but familiar sight for the students.



Their buddies introduced them to their own friends and the culture exchanged flourished.



The students demonstrated to their fellow buddies the process of making riceballs. Surely a fascinating experience for those who it was their first time.



The Australian students thrived in the making process, and everyone got to taste the victory of their labor.



The students got to experience musical chairs, a challenging yet exciting game, sharing in the joy of finding a chair and the shame of not, with their newfound friends.



The Student's each received a certificate for their efforts in Australia, certainly a boon for each student's future.



Our unforgettable experience with our host's unending hospitality, left us speechless throughout our time spent in Australia. All parties involved truly gained our everlasting appreciation during this marvelous trip. The goodwill we felt will not be easily forgotten and we cannot wait for a similar experience next year.

(Excursions) The best of both worlds / A gorgeous scenic view
The Desert of Pinnacles



The Desert of Pinnacles was a breathtaking memory



A luminescent sea and pure sands were an extraordinary combination.



Australia's beautiful beaches and sand dunes are awaiting all who venture to pursue them.



2025年8月にオーストラリアへ行きませんか。きっと多くの友達を得て、かけがえのない中高生活の思い出になるはずです。下館一高及び附属中は海外に関心のある生徒を全力で応援します。

For those seeking a life changing adventure, join us next August on a trip you'll never forget. Australia is an eye-opening experience with many natives offering a friendly helping hand. Both high schoolers and junior high school staff will be with you every step of the way to ensure a wonderful trip.

Returning back to our homes, the stop in Kuala Lumpur , Malaysia was filled with many sights to behold.

Petronas Twin Towers (ペトロナスツインタワー)



We have visited Melaka

Christ Church Melacca (Dutch Square)
(マラッカキリスト教会) (オランダ広場)

St.Paul's Church (セントポール教会礼拝堂史跡)



Jonker Street

Nyonya dishes (ニョニャ料理) at lunch



Straits of Malacca (マラッカ海峡)

We enjoyed a variety of Chinese cuisines at dinner.



Bukit Melaka

Palm trees

Cacao



In Kuala Lumpur

Breakfast at Hotel



Twin Towers Merdeca 118 (the second tallest building in the world)



ISTANA NEGARA (Royal Palace)(王宮)

Tugu Negara (国家記念碑)



Partaking of a delicious lunch at an Indian Restaurant

Batu Caves (バトゥ洞窟)



Merdeka Square (ムルデカ広場)



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Pejabat Perdana Menteri Malaysia (マレーシア首相官邸) Masjid Putra (プトラモスク)



Our short experience in Malaysia gifted to us a unique culture experience, with a collage of combinations of fascinating cultures mixed into one. The sights, people, and food left us with a poignant memory that will surely be unforgettable.