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Title: My Wonderful Experiences

To observe the difference of way of working between in Australia and in Japan was the purpose of my study. However, I learned much more things in 10 days.

First, we went to Blue Mountains soon after we got to Australia. Blue Mountains is a world heritage which is not far from Sydney. We saw Three Sisters. I felt that was the most wonderful sight I have ever seen. After that, we went to the Blue Mountains Grammar School. I met a girl whose name is Abbey. I took classes with her and did a homestay in her house for 5 days. We spent great time drawing *etegami*, eating Australian food, and talking about each other's family.

It was especially fun for me to spend time with her and her family. I will keep having a relationship with her and her family from now on.

Next, we went to Jamberoo. I did a homestay there with my friends for 3 days. Jamberoo has a grand nature. We walked along the coast. After that, we had a campfire with my family and another family. I talked with many people. Last day, my host family took me to a market and a pub. The pub's owner and my host mother told me about historical buildings in Jamberoo. I could learn history of this town.

Thereafter, we stayed in Sydney for 5 days. During that time, we visited two schools. First of all, we went to St Aloysius' College. We did the quiz game with students who are taking Japanese class. Everyone's Japanese is very good. I was surprised. During the day, I could talk with students of many different grades.

In Wenona School, I spend all day with my buddy. She takes a drama class. It is unusual in Japan. This is my most surprising thing. I enjoyed taking that class. Students of this school are very cheerful. I was glad that students feel free to talk to me.

In addition, we visited Sydney Town Hall. A city worker guided us around the building. It was so beautiful exterior and introspection of building. We received an explanation about history of Sydney City and City Hall. After that, we performed Japanese traditional dance, "So-ran bushi" and "PPAP". We enjoyed talking with city workers.

Last day, we went to the Taronga Zoo and saw many animals. Before we went to Australia, I studied about the Taronga Zoo as a sister zoo of Higashiyama Zoo. So, I could gain deeper understanding about this.

During the program, I could research about how to work in Australia. I interviewed my host family and a Japanese who works in Australia. I think that I want to move forward with my study based on that. Then, I want to tell my experience to a lot of people.