

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Support Our Kids Homestay Program in AUSTRALIA Report



August 2015

Support Our Kids Committee

# 1. Objective

## ■Program Content:

Date : July 30 ~ August 15, 2015

※May 24 : 1<sup>st</sup> Orientation (in Miyagi)

※June 28 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Orientation (in Miyagi)

※July 30, 31 : 3<sup>rd</sup> Orientation (Tokyo, Australian Embassy in Japan)

※August 15 : Closing ceremony (Tokyo)

Location : Australia (Brisbane)

Host school : Craigslea State High School



Participants : 10 students (7<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Content : Homestay

Attend local school and meet local students

Presentation regarding experiences during the earthquake

Cultural exchange

Activity (Aborigine cultural experience)

Sight-seeing (Brisbane, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary)

## ■Support/Cooperation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Australian Embassy, Australia-Japan Foundation, Queensland Government, Club Australia, ANZCCJ, Minami-sanrikucho

※We also received many support from individuals.

# 2.Orientation

Date : July 30 and July 31, 2015  
 Location : 30日 Olympic Center  
 31日 Australian Embassy

Time	Schedule
7 / 30	
	Meet at Tokyo Station → Transfer to Olympic Center
13:00	<b>Orientation</b> <Center Building Rm.414>
13:00	Greetings by Executive Director Yukiatsu Akizawa
13:10	Guest Introduction
13:20	Student Self-Introductions
13:40	Introduction about the program
14:00	Break
14:10	Case Study (Support Our Kids Project Specialist Mr. Hirano)
14:40	About Insurance (AIU Consultant Mr. Shida)
14:50	Presentation practice
16:50	Notices
17:00	Closing/Clean up
17:30	Check in/Break
18:00	Dinner
19:00	Presentations Personal Goal・Group Goal <Center Building Rm.513>
21:00	Preparing for bed
22:00	Lights out
7 / 31	
8:00	Preparation
8:30	Break fast
9:30	Practice Presentation <Center Building Rm.416>
11:30	Lunch
13:00	Move to Australia Embassy (Yoyogi-kouen→Kokkai-gijidomae→Tameike-sanno →Azabu-juban→Australia Embassy)
13:30	<b>Australian Embassy Courtesy Visit</b>
13:35	Guest Introduction
13:40	Self Introduction
13:55	Presentation about Australia (Student Presentation)
14:30	Presentation about the culture in Australia
14:50	Break
15:00	Presentation about the disaster
15:15	Greetings from the student and presentation of their goal





### 3. Schedule

Day	Date	AM	Accommodation	Notes
1	Sat 01 Aug 2015	AM: Leisure time with host family PM:	Homestay by Host School	Group arrives at Gold Coast airport at approx 6:20am. Transfer to host school.
2	Sun 02 Aug 2015	AM: Leisure time with host family PM:	Homestay by Host School	Free time with host family.
3	Mon 03 Aug 2015	AM: Welcome morning/afternoon tea with buddies PM: English lesson (1 teacher)	Homestay by Host School	AM: Welcome morning tea with buddies, orientation and tour of school. PM: English lesson. Suggest focus on English for homestay.
4	Tue 04 Aug 2015	AM: English lesson (1 teacher) PM: Integration session	Homestay by Host School	AM: English lesson. Suggest focus on Australian Animals in preparation for excursion. PM: Integration.
5	Wed 05 Aug 2015	AM: Integration session PM: Integration session	Homestay by Host School	AM/PM: Full day integration.
6	Thu 06 Aug 2015	AM: English lesson (1 teacher) PM: Integration session	Homestay by Host School	AM: English lesson. PM: Integration.
7	Fri 07 Aug 2015	AM: Full day excursion - Sightseeing+ local attraction PM:	Homestay by Host School	Full day excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary + Brisbane city sightseeing.
8	Sat 08 Aug 2015	AM: Leisure time with host family PM:	Homestay by Host School	Free time with host family.
9	Sun 09 Aug 2015	AM: Leisure time with host family PM:	Homestay by Host School	Free time with host family.
10	Mon 10 Aug 2015	AM: English lesson (1 teacher) PM: Integration session	Homestay by Host School	AM: English lesson. PM: Integration.
11	Tue 11 Aug 2015	AM: English lesson (1 teacher) PM: Half day activity - Aboriginal cultural show	Homestay by Host School	AM: English lesson. PM: Half day Aboriginal Culture show.
12	Wed 12 Aug 2015	AM: Leisure time with host family PM:	Homestay by Host School	BRISBANE SHOW HOLIDAY. Leisure time with host families.
13	Thu 13 Aug 2015	AM: Integration session PM: Farewell lunch party with buddies	Homestay by Host School	AM: English lesson. PM: Farewell lunch party with buddies.
14	Fri 14 Aug 2015	AM: Depart school before 10am PM:		Departure from host school. Transfer to Gold Coast airport for 11:10am flight. Early departure fee in case of early departure time from host school included.



# 4. Photo Report

## ■Arrival



## ■Craigslea State High School



## ■Sightseeing (Brisbane & Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary)



## ■Activity(Aborigine Cultural Experience)



## ■Farewell Party





# 5. Closing Ceremony

Date : August 15, 2015 10:00~12:00  
Location : Olympic Center  
Content : Looking back at the program, presentations



# 6. Special Thanks



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# Student Reports

I gained confidence and friends I can trust in this program. As I sat on the passenger seat of my host family's car, they would say "Have a good day" as I leave and "How was your day?" as I arrive back home. To think of it, I've never had such conversation with my family back home. I realized, everyday in the passenger seat, I would laugh and sing and just be myself!

- O.T. (From Iwate Pref.)

I set 3 goals for this trip: cultural exchange, become better in English, and share my experiences during the disaster. I like to learn English and would like to work in an English-speaking environment. Before we left Japan, I was very nervous! However, during the orientation and our visit to the Australian Embassy, they all advised me to challenge and try - and I did. I approached my host family when I needed help and tried to express my thoughts. By the first week, I started to become comfortable with native English and made new friends. I learned the importance of "trying" in this program. Thank you very much to all who supported this program!

-O.A. (From Fukushima Pref.)

I would like to express my gratitude to all who helped and supported us in this program. I learned so much on this trip, from the people I met and the new experiences. Being able to go and homestay at a multi-ethnic country and different from Japan, gave me memorable and helpful experiences. I believe how I will use what I learned and use it for the better good, will be the best way I can repay all of our supporters.

- T.N. (From Miyagi Pref.)