

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Support Our Kids Homestay Program in AUSTRALIA Report



August 2016  
Support Our Kids Committee

# 1. Objective

## ■Program Content:

Date : August 2~16, 2016

※May 29 : 1<sup>st</sup> Orientation (in Miyagi)

※June 26 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Orientation (in Miyagi)

※August 2,3 : 3<sup>rd</sup> Orientation (Tokyo, Australian Embassy in Japan)

※August 16 : Closing ceremony (Tokyo)

Location : Australia (Brisbane)

Host school : Mitchelton State High School



Participants : 9 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, Minami-sanrikucho, Club Australia, NEVER FORGET TOHOKU

※We also received many support from individuals.

# 2. Orientation

Date : August 2 and August 3, 2016

Location : Japan FM Network/Olympic Center  
Australian Embassy

2日	内容	備考
13:00	Meet at Tokyo station Orientation Greeting	Support Our Kids Committee By Executive Director Yukiatsu Akizawa
13:05	Guest Introduction	
13:10	Student Self-Introductions	Japanese & English
13:25	Introduction about the program	
13:35	Case Study	Support Our Kids Project Specialist Mr.Hirano
14:05	About Insurance	AIU Consultant Mr.Shida
14:15	break	
14:25	Ice break & Team building	
14:40	Group discussion	
15:00	Presentation practice	
16:40	Notices	
17:00	Closing	
18:00	Check in	
18:20	Dinner	
19:10	Share the earthquake experience Set the group goal	
21:00	Preparing for bed	
22:00	Light out	

3日	内容	備考
8:00		
8:30	Breakfast Check out	
9:30	Practice Presentation	
11:30	Lunch	
12:30	Move to Australia Embassy	
13:30	Greeting	Australia Embassy
13:40	Student Self-Introductions	Japanese & English
13:55	Presentation about Australia	Australia Embassy
14:30	Presentation about Japanese culture	Itoen
14:50	break	
15:00	Presentation on the disaster	
15:15	Group photo	
15:20	Greeting from the student	
15:30	Move to Narita	



# 3. Schedule

Date		AM	PM	Accommodation
Day1	Aug 2	12:00 meet at Tokyo station	13:00-17:00 Orientation	Yoyogi Olympic center
Day2	Aug 3	Orientation	13:00~15:30 Australia Embassy Visit →to Narita Airport 20:25 Departure (JQ012)	Flight
Day3	Aug 4	6: 15 Arrival in Gold Coast →to Brisbane Welcome party	English lesson	Homestay
Day4	Aug 5	English lesson	Integration session	Homestay
Day5	Aug 6	Leisure time with host family		Homestay
Day6	Aug 7	Leisure time with host family		Homestay
Day7	Aug 8	Primary school visit	Integration session	Homestay
Day8	Aug 9	English lesson	Cooking class Integration session	Homestay
Day9	Aug 10	Leisure time with host family		Homestay
Day10	Aug 11	English lesson	Aboriginal dance lesson	Homestay
Day11	Aug 12	Presentation on Great East Japan Earthquake English lesson	BBQ lunch party	Homestay
Day12	Aug 13	Sightseeing – Brisbane city, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary		Homestay
Day13	Aug 14	Leisure time with host family		Homestay
Day14	Aug 15	→to Gold Coast 10:45 Departure(JQ011)	18:55 Arrival at Narita	Tokyo Central Youth Hostel
Day15	Aug 16	9:30 Closing ceremony		—



# 4. Photo Report

## ■ Arrival • Welcome Party



## ■ Meet with Buddies and Host families



## ■ Mitchelton State High School



## ■ Activity (Primary school Visit / Aborigine Cultural Experience)



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





## 5. Closing Ceremony

Date : August 16, 2016 9:30~11:00  
Location : Tokyo Central Youth Hostel  
Content : Looking back at the program, presentations



## 6. Special Thanks

This program is supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Australia-Japan Foundation.



**2016**  
40yr Anniversary  
1976-2016



## 7. Reports from participants

Australia is a multicultural country with different kinds of people, things, religion and way of thinking. Through seeing this, I believe I have gained a wider perspective. Now I know that we've grown to become a better person because of all the support we received from so many people. One of the most important things I learned from experiencing the disaster was, when placed in such a tragedy it is important to think and cooperate with what is left to create something new.



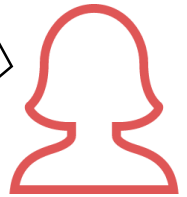
Y.S (17yo)



K.S (13yo)

Upon going abroad, I realized the negative effect media has on people. It certainly is a good source for information, but I believe too much can have a negative effect. Having too much information takes away the excitement of seeing or experiencing something for the first time. Sometimes, it can also result in prejudice. From now on, I would like to balance how I use the media.

Through our trip to Australia, I believe it was a great opportunity for Australians to know more about our experiences during the disaster and I know it gave perspective to more people than we thought. I, myself, have gained a whole new perspective through this trip. Also, by meeting many new people, I gained better communication skills. I would like to take what I learned from this program to become an even better person. Finally, I hope to become someone who creates a better world for the next generation.



K.S (14yo)



M.S (13yo)

Through this homestay program, I came to think about what one's independence, or ability to stand on their own feet, means. I learned that it is how you think, move or respond in any kind of situation you are put under. I can't say I learned to perfectly stand on my own feet, but I tried. I also know I will have opportunities to continue trying when I get back to Japan. It has been a memorable experience.

This homestay program has given me so many chances to help me become a better person. I will not waste this. Thank you all for your support.