

STUDENTS FROM JAPAN

On Sunday, August 1st, 17 Japanese students and two teachers from Shoyo High School arrived in Australia. Parkwood, as host school, welcomed them here. These students were then allocated to host families of our school community and stayed in Australia for 20 days, including a week in Sydney.

Whilst here, the students learnt more about Australia and our way of life, as well as improving their English skills. We are fortunate enough to have spoken to a few of these students, and found out what they thought of Australia and how it differs from Japan. Most noticeable to them was all the different types of fruits we have and how the Japanese enjoy eating them. Japan is very over populated and every spare piece of land is utilized, to them Australia is very Bright, green and spacious.

Miki, 17 said she enjoyed participating in sports, such as, judo,

baseball and softball, which she has been playing for 9 Years and, like most teenage girls, she enjoys going shopping.

We also spoke to 16 year old Rika Tamemoto to find out what she liked about Australia. She found English a little more difficult than Miki did. She also enjoys judo, baseball which is one of Japan's most popular sports and netball.

Four periods a day, these students were having English lessons; then they attended their host students' classes. This gave them an idea of how our school and classes are run throughout the day.

The host families took their Japanese guests to various places on weekends and showed them some of the famous tourist attractions in Victoria, as well as enjoying barbecues at our school with them.

We hope their visit to Australia is a memory not to be forgotten and we're sure it will help them to further their studies now that they know more about our English language.

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Rie Taniguchi
Yurie Tsutsasaki
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Kaoru Yamamoto
Kaori Susuki
Miki Kajihara
Natsuko Kanemoto
Ayumi Tsutsui
Yumiko Muya
Kousuki Suzuki
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