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## September Yepper

September has been pretty fun as I did a lot of things this month. I went back to school this month and also changed host families back to my first original family. The school is going very well but I still can't do too much in the lessons as there are a lot of smart students and the work is a lot harder than in Australia so I sometimes find it hard to grasp the concept of the lesson.



Earlier this month the host brother took me and one of his friends to virtual reality, so I got to try virtual reality in Taiwan for the first time and it was very different to Australian virtual reality as Taiwan's is a lot more advanced than ours although it was still very fun and it was a good day and night. Throughout this month the host family has taken me to a few more temples. After visiting one of the temples we went pomelo picking as it's nearing the mid autumn festival time and it's a traditional food eaten at that time. It was fun picking the pomelos off the tree as it reminds me of the mango trees in the backyard at my house in Australia.

I went out with some classmates the other day near the middle of the month to the gardens next to the National Palace Museum where we wore some more traditional Taiwanese clothing and had some small photo shoots around the place. I got to learn a lot about the gardens and about the area that I was in. After the photo shoot we went into the museum which was right next door and I even bought a souvenir from the shop. The very next day I went on a bushwalk/barbecue with the Rotarians in my district and it was very nice weather in the morning but it turned rainy quickly mid-morning but it was so much fun and we were undercover so it was fine plus we got all the bushwalking done early.

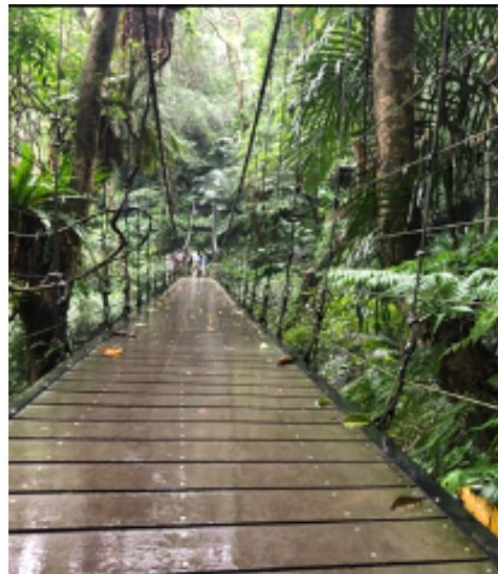




Nearing the end of the month I got the opportunity to go to a school and watch Rotarians give some money to the school as they were struck by a very bad earthquake some years back and I was lucky enough to see a student performance and was able to drink tea with the Headmasters and Rotarians there at the school and I was even gifted a beautiful handcrafted teapot which I will be using back in Australia. Throughout this month I also hung out with the other exchange student here from South

Africa. I know I am going to be a very sad when we have to part ways as we are the only exchange students in the area. We hang out a lot and we've done a lot of things together so it's going to be very sad to leave but I also can't wait to go home and see all my friends again.

PHOTOS( Temples, pomelo (柚子 in chinese), the gardens near the museum, the jade cabbage a small treasure of Taiwan, a bridge from the bushwalk, the teapot I was gifted and the school where I got it at)





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