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Australia

“I Can”

I can't even begin to believe how fast time has flown. It feels like just yesterday I was stepping off the plane into the world of unknown. I now have less than 60 days until I return home and I don't know what to think or how I feel.

The past couple months have flown by, and I wish time could just slow down. School has been amazing; I love all of my classes and classmates. I am taking Drama here and we're putting on a play in just a couple weeks. I'm excited yet nervous about the performance as I'm in charge on all the makeup and hair. Last week we got to go on a trip to Adelaide to see the play “Mr. Burns” They did an amazing job! The school trip was amazing and really helped us bond as a drama class. The trip helped me make new friends and helped to build my confidence. I love my school so much and I don't want to go back home.

I've got the chance to go on a trip to Melbourne to see my favourite Aussie Rules team “Saint Kilda” play. This was such a cool experience since Aussie Rules (Footy) is an Australian sport and has to be my favourite sport to watch. There is so much action and the atmosphere is incredible. We ended up winning the game against Carlton. I've also gotten the chance to attend the ANZAC day ceremony, which is like Remembrance Day ceremony, but for Australia and New Zealand. The ceremonies start very early in the morning, the local service began at 5 am. After the ceremony, everyone rushes home to start preparing for the ANZAC day Footy Match which is a game the can only be played by Collingwood and Essendon, first teams in the league.

I've helped out my rotary club with many different activities like sausage sizzles, donut making, and wood cutting. I've also attended District Conference where I got to listen to speeches about being bold in life. They had amazing speakers that left me lost for words. As exchange students, inbounds and rebounds, we sang the Australian National Anthem at the start of the conference and then had a debate on if “Rotary is a Catalyst for change”. The debate went very well both sides had excellent points. Shout out to my amazing team.

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I have just finished my 21-day safari about Australia. I went on the tour with 26 amazing exchange student that have become family. The trip went into the Australian outback and to the coast where we got to go Snorkelling in the Great Barrier Reef. The trip was amazing and I owe it all to our amazing trip leaders.

Thank you to everyone who's committed their time to making exchange as best as it could be. Your effort is noticed and we cannot begin to thank you enough. I would like to thank everyone in both district 9780 and 7080 for all your time and energy. I owe everything to you.

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