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## Aussie Adventures

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“Adventures in Aussie Land”



*Hanging at the Melbourne Zoo with some American friends!*

Hi everyone!

I've been in Australia for about a month now and I can't believe how fast the time has gone! In these first four weeks, I have made so many friends, gone on so many adventures and gotten too many sunburns!

I was told on my first day here that it only takes being in the sun for 20 minutes to burn because we're closer to the sun, therefore it's more brutal. I learned the hard way how true that was, thankfully my sunburn wasn't too bad. But I learned my lesson to reapply sunscreen multiple times while I'm out. I even have to put some on just to walk to class!

Not only is the weather here very hot since it's the end of Summer, beginning of Autumn, it's also very humid. The hottest day since I've been here was 106 degrees and it took 10 seconds once I walked outside to start sweating. The weather is starting to cool down now so I'm looking forward to that.

My first two weeks, I was able to spend a lot of time in the city, which was so cool! Other than all the amazing food, my favorite thing in the city was probably the Eureka Skydeck. It's an 88 floor building with a stunning view of the entire city of Melbourne. The elevator takes you up to the 88th floor, which is incredibly scary if you're like me and have a fear of heights, but it was definitely worth it.

I've visited a few beaches and so far my favorite is Brighton Beach. It's the most beautiful sight I've seen: crystal clear waters, light brown sand, boats floating in the distance... It's like something you'd see in the movies. It's breathtaking.

I also spent a day at the Melbourne Zoo, where I saw my first kangaroo and koala. Let me tell you, they are even cuter in person than in the photos! It was a really hot day so not all the animals were out, bummer! But there are other zoos in Australia that I hope to go see!

Classes didn't start until my third week here, which was a nice set up. It gave me time to settle in and get comfortable. School is completely different at Deakin than it is at Linfield but it's kind of cool having something different. I have only been assigned one assignment amongst my three classes so that has given me the opportunity to adventure even more.

The Easter Holiday started today so I'm heading to Sydney tomorrow for a few days! I'll have to tell you all about it in my next post!

Talk to you soon!

April