

REPORT ON EXCHANGE VISIT

Sydney (Pymble Ladies' College):

Our time in Down Under

On the 25th of August, we arrived in Sydney, Australia. After an exhausting flight, we were looking forward to spending six amazing weeks in Australia, a country that we had never visited before. The jetlag slowed us down for the first couple of days, but it was very exciting to be at a different school, and our exchange partners, Beth and Elle, helped us adjust quickly. At Pymble Ladies' College, the school we attended in Australia, the students wear school uniforms. The school is much bigger in comparison to the Paulinum. Everyone was friendly and eager to include us in every conversation. Luckily, we were both hosted by very friendly families and had wonderful exchange partners. We felt welcomed into their homes, with everyone making sure to include us in their everyday life. On top of that, every day there was something new to explore. We visited the Featherhead Koala Park, the Blue Mountains, Luna Park (theme park), the city of Sydney, an art gallery and so much more. Australia has many beautiful places to offer its tourists. Julia visited the capital city of Australia, Canberra, for one weekend, and Anna went to Cairns, which is next to the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, with Elle, her exchange partner. Having these opportunities to visit different parts of Australia was inspiring, as we could discover more about life in a different country. The last week of our exchange was during the holidays, when Julia and her exchange partner, Beth, participated in a Church group camp, and stayed at her holiday house in Hawk's Nest, near the beach. Overall, our experience in Australia was life changing, and we both made friends for life. Both of us would have loved to stay longer, but luckily soon our exchange students will arrive in Münster, which means we will have the chance to show them all about our lives here in Münster and at the Paulinum. We would recommend that everyone apply for the exchange! It was one of the best opportunities that we have ever been presented with.

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