



The Bamboo Shoots

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We do hope The Bamboo Shoots born out of the soil of Yamato-Takada will grow up and act as a go-between for the citizens in Lismore and in Yamato-Takada

Enchanting Lantern Parade in Lismore city

It might be said that the 'Lismore Lantern Parade' is the biggest event held once a year in Lismore city. The 25th anniversary of the event was held on June 25 this year.

Mr. Isaac Smith, mayor of Lismore council, held the big lantern of Yamatotakada's mascot called 'Miku-chan' this year too, as he did it last year, which was a fabulous event with Lismore locals.

Furthermore this year, children who belong to 'Bamboo English Class' wrote a lot of messages of their own in earnest on a big curtain prepared by Yamato Takada city.

It was sent to Lismore and participated in the parade there. More than 20,000 people came to see the parade going through its passing way. They had a great time enjoying the parade and were impressed as well by its fantastic light from the lanterns.



Lismore Lantern Parade, 2019



▼The children "Banboo English Class" writing messages on a big curtain to send to Lismore.



2019 EXCHANGE STUDENTS PRESENTS

Our Lismore's Best 3



Noriko Fujimura
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The four exchange students and the chaperone (an English teacher, group leader) visited Lismore from July 25 to August 9, 2019.

They visited some schools and public facilities in Lismore city and spent a happy time with local people.

~ Spot ~

☆ Byron Bay



This is the lighthouse known as the symbol of Byron Bay. It is located in the easternmost point of Australia and was built in 1901.



☆ Nimbin

This is a town that attracts young people. There were some shops like holding up the prevention of global warming and selling clothes and accessories made from marijuana. They were unique and interesting for us. The buildings are used aborigine art and colorful. We went to the Candle Factory and observed candle making.



☆ Ballina



We were able to watch swimming in a large group of wild dolphins and whales with the naked eye!



~ Food ~



☆ Fish & Chips



It's the dish that fried white fish with French fries. It is famous as a fast food and popular food for many people.

☆ Pie

It's a baked dish which is made of pastry dough that covers a filling of meat or fruit. The variations are plentiful!



☆ Schnitzel



This is like the fried chicken of Japan. It was a large portion and so delicious. In Australia, it is a celebration cuisine and very popular food for local people.

~ What we surprised ~

☆ At school

- There is no junior high school and the students from 12 to 18 years old go to high school.
- They don't have the school uniform like for summer and winter and wear the same uniform all the year around.



☆ At home

- They have no custom to take a bath regularly.
- They don't take off the outdoor shoes in their house.





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Junior High School
Teacher
Yumi Kirino



▲ After arrival in Lismore, at City Council

It was a fulfilling two weeks for me and the students to stay in Lismore. Every day was exciting and the two weeks went by so fast. I did a homestay when I was a student, but I never thought I would do homestay again once I start working. The homestay since I was grown was different from the one I did before. I had a valuable experience through

this exchange program.

Most people in Lismore were nice and treated us very kindly. We parted from them in tears on the last day in Lismore.

I want the four students who participated in this exchange student program with a history to apply what they have experienced to the future. Thank you very much.



▲ At Minyon Falls



▲ At the Coast near Byron Bay with Host family's kid



▲ At the Farewell Party with Host family



▲ Local birds, the Rainbow Lorikeet