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“My advice to other international students is to not be afraid, Australian people are very friendly.”

Hello, my name is Ben, and I am in Year 12 at Canterbury College. I have been at Canterbury for two years, from the start of Year 10.

I first heard about Canterbury when I spoke to a Canterbury representative at an international study conference in Hong Kong. I visited Canterbury as part of a shortterm study tour group, then came back to study for longer.

Brisbane has great air quality. Canterbury is very different from my studies in Hong Kong, there are lots of subjects here, less stress, and more of a love of learning.

I am studying Japanese for interest and have entered and won placings at the Modern Language Teachers Association of Queensland Languages Competition each year.

I have loved visiting Melbourne, the Gold Coast and Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, where I got to hold a koala.

My highlight of my time at Canterbury has been Year 11 Camp. It was more relaxed than camps in Hong Kong and I loved dressing up for the garbage bag formal event.

Next year I might stay in Australia and study Social Work or Education at the University of Queensland.

My advice to other international students thinking of coming to Australia is to find non international social groups to join based on common interests.

## About us

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