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"I did get homesick,
but I came to school and
my teachers helped me out a lot."

Hello, my name is Chesda, 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 my uncle suggested it. I hadn't been overseas before coming to Australia, but I wasn't scared.

I love the culture, weather, views, fresh air and loads of trees here at Canterbury. The teachers are very helpful with grammar and assessments.

I have loved visiting Australia Zoo, where I got to pat a koala and Tangalooma Island Resort, where I fed and patted a dolphin.

My highlights of my time at Canterbury have been studying English, the Year 11 Camp (I loved canoeing) and being named as a House Captain this year.

Next year I will stay in Australia and study Nursing at Griffith University here in Brisbane.

My advice to other international students thinking of coming to Australia is to not be afraid to ask for help, you will make lots of friends and they and the teachers are here to help you.

About us

Canterbury College is located halfway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast in beautiful Queensland, close to shopping centres, theme parks, beaches, national parks and public transport.

