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"I live by this saying – sunshine always comes after storms, everything will always pay off for you."

Hello, my name is Lucy, and I am in Year 12 at Canterbury College. I have been at Canterbury for three and a half years, from halfway through Year 9.

My Middle School teacher was the first person to suggest Canterbury to me. She suggested Brisbane as it is a good city, has great weather, and she said it is much better than Sydney or Melbourne for study. I researched schools and styles of uniform and chose Canterbury.

I have enjoyed learning about the Australian culture. I most enjoyed a school excursion to O'Reillys Rainforest Retreat in the Gold Coast hinterland. We had an Aussie barbeque and saw koalas. We also got to try kangaroo sausage, which I didn't like, as it is strange to me to eat the Australian national animal.

The highlights of my time at Canterbury would be Food Studies in Year 9, as I love cooking and trying different foods, and getting an A+ on my Maths B assignment.

Next year I would like to stay in Australia and study Commerce at Sydney University.

My advice to other international students thinking of coming to Australia is improve your language skills first, then, when you are here, embrace the Australian culture and try your best to study well.

