



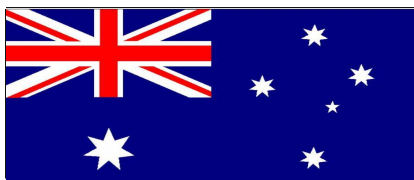
Knighly Adventures Abroad

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Complete this Sentence:
If I could do it over, I
would...definitely pack
less stuff!! haha

Major(s): Pre-Physical Therapy;
Minor in Art

Years/Term Abroad: 2007



Name of program and why you chose it: I chose to attend Swinburne University through BU's Bilateral Program. I chose this program because it was more affordable to pay as if I was still attending Bellarmine, and the city of Melbourne looked like a fun and exciting place to study.



Describe the Housing Situation: Swinburne does have on-campus accommodation available. There are a variety of apartment types to choose from, all of which are located directly on campus.

Best Memory: There are soo many memories to choose from! I'd have to say some of the best include a camping trip out to Wilson's Promontory, attending Footy games (Aussie football that is), and the huge Halloween Party we had for all of the exchange students. Good times ☺

Advice to future study abroad participants: Don't worry, have fun, and make the most of it!!!

How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? By going abroad, I learned so much about the world around me and gained a whole new perspective. I also learned a lot about myself as a person. Now in my studies, I am more open-minded, and I have found classes that truly interest me. I want to enjoy my education to the fullest.

Greatest Challenge: I think the hardest part about going abroad is being away from your family and friends. It's hard to be away from them when you are in a new country with new surroundings and new customs. Over time, I learned to adjust, make new friends, and make Australia my new home.



Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: I think the biggest shock for me was returning home. After being gone for almost a year, it has been hard adjusting to life in the States. I miss Australia and all the wonderful people I met while abroad.

What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad: I never knew the real meanings of certain Aussie slang. I was unaware of the horrible drought Australia has been involved in. I never knew how amazingly tasty Tim Tams were! I never realized how big Australia is!

"Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart" -- Confucius --

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