



My Exchange in Tasmania



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My Exchange



On week 2 and 3 of this term (term 2) I was on a round square exchange in Launceston Tasmania. For those of you who don't know where that is launceston is in northern tasmania which is an island off the south coast of australia. Seton was my exchange for the entire time and he's an awesome person to be around. Today I'll tell you a bit about him and my side of the exchange.

My Host School



For the duration of the exchange I was at a school called Scotch Oakburn College. It is a co-ed school with about 1200 students from preschool to year 12 as year 12 in Australia is year 13 in New Zealand. I was there with Seton who helped me navigate the school in all its entirety. Being at the centre of my exchange, it was a great school which I enjoyed thoroughly.

At School



When I was at scotch oakburn, I had a lot of fun. Meeting lots of new friends (most of which i was unable to get photos of) and enjoying the different culture there. While I was there, I tried a few new subjects like chinese and money smart along with different variations and ways of other subjects. While there were challenges at times, I really enjoyed the time spent at the school and I'd love to go catch up with friends made there sometime in the future.

The Weekends

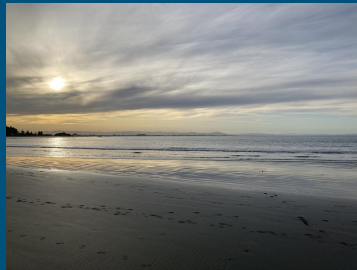


Whilst it was in the weekends, I did some pretty fun things too! On the second day of the exchange, I went bowling with some of seton's friends where I had a lot of fun getting to know people. Later that day I climbed in the beautiful tasmanian treetops with Seton, Charlie and Connor. After a great week at school it was back to the weekends where we headed to Lulworth for the night where I explored the northern coast of tasmania. Lulworth was really nice and being there was definitely one of my highlights of the trip.

Back In New Zealand



Once we got back the excitement had not ended yet! Still in a bit of sadness from the part in tasmania ending so soon, I was determined to give Seton a fun and memorable experience. When we arrived in Christchurch Airport at one in the morning we were all a bit tired and jet lagged but after a quick sleep we got ready for school on the next day. I showed seton around the farm and he had a drive on the bike. For Seton, this was a big change as he was entering boarding school for the first time. With a brief repack we went to school to get him settled in. After a week of school, we headed to punakaiki on the west coast for the weekend. While we were there we saw some seals explored the mining towns, went biking and had a swim in the river along with many other things.



Continuing on, I showed seton around Christchurch after school and even went as far as sumner where we got a goody goody gumdrop ice cream as Seton thought they tasted better in NZ. For our last weekend, I fell sick on Saturday with a vomiting bug and was unable to go shooting with seton later that night. With a little bit of practise earlier on with the 22, Seton got the first kill and got a possum. With an early start the next day at 4 oclock we sadly headed to the airport to wish seton goodbye after a very memorable exchange.

My advice



If you're even remotely thinking about doing a student exchange, keep an eye out for notices on schoolbox for anything that pops up and once you've done the research take and you like the idea take that leap and apply for one It will be worth it. A Lifelong friend, memories that you will remember forever and a time so good you can't stop thinking about. What more could you ask for? So give it a try and you could have as great of an experience as I had.