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3月5日(月)にジェームスシーハン高校で行われた歓迎セレモニーと姉妹校交流についての記事が掲載されました。

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NEWS

Students taste life Down Under

BY ALEX CROWE

JAMES Sheahan Catholic High School is currently hosting 21 students and four teachers from Ushiku City, Japan.

A school assembly was held on Monday morning welcoming the students, who are staying at the homes of some of James Sheahan's students of Japanese until March 17.

The students from Ushiki Senior High School and Toyo University High School are spending two weeks experiencing life at an Australian school and the lives of their year 10 and 11 hosts.

Hong Yu Chen said his initial impression of Australia is that it is very big.

"My school is very small - this school is very big," Hong said.

"The food is delicious - it's very big too though."

Hong's host Thomas Dews said that despite the vegetable taster being met with only mild enthusiasm, his experience as a host has been very positive.

"I was initially a little nervous to host," Thomas said.

"But it has been really amazing to watch Hong settle in and learn all the things we do differently."

Thomas will have the opportunity to experience these differences first hand, with the hosts visiting Japan for two weeks in October.

James Sheahan assistant principal Michelle Whiteley has been involved in the school's 28 year exchange program for a decade.

Mrs Whiteley said learning the Japanese language has been life changing for her and she hopes the exchange experience is life changing for the students.

"The students are 16 years old during their exchange and are capable of doing many things for themselves but we still see them grow in confidence and independence," she said.

"They learn very quickly that communication is not all about words."

Mrs Whiteley said even after five visits to Japan the culture and lifestyle is still a source of fascination.

"While Japan is heavily influenced by the west, lots of things don't change much at all," she said.

"The schools are still using chalkboards - the exchange students see my children using ipads and computers and they're shocked to see no paper."

Mrs Whiteley said Japan's contrast between modernity and tradition amazes the students.

"With the popularity of anime our students are exposed more to the culture," she said.

"They are very excited to go and live that."

SCHOOL SWAP: Teacher's Norio Machita, Jiro Abe, Assistant Principal Michelle Whiteley, Hong Yu Chen, Thomas Dews, Airi Furusato and Tatsuyu Takamura

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WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy
Min: 11°C Max: 23°C	Min: 10°C Max: 22°C	Min: 10°C Max: 23°C	Min: 9°C Max: 24°C

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