

Newsletter – Week 5



I'll explain what we usually do in class. We always take a vocabulary test in the morning. After this we usually do listening. Sometimes we write an essay or take a test. I think it is hard to do these, however I feel my English is improving, so I will, study more!

Sunghyuk Seol



I'm going to tell you the differences between Japanese and Australian classes. First, I think in Australian class we can do more pair work than Japanese class. Second, Australian class has fewer students than in Japan, so we have many chances to express our opinions.

Daichi Isobe

Working hard at the halfway point

Hello SHS families and students.

We are nearing the halfway point in our SHS tour! How the time has flown. It is a good time for students to pause and reflect...what have I done? What do I still want to achieve? Am I using my English at home?

There are ways to help a shy or hesitant student. Using open questions, which require more than a yes/no question will help. Encouraging students to try, and reminding them that even Aussies make grammar mistakes every day will help their confidence when speaking. Playing quick word games in the car or while cooking dinner is a fun way to get the words flowing too; word association, opposite games, I Spy etc are great fun!



This week we had great focus in class. Students worked on learning new vocabulary, improving their grammar by looking at verb patterns, and continuing their textbook work. Our Australian focus for the week was 'Aussie school life'. Some students will be visiting our mainstream classes soon to experience what high school in Australia is like. Students are surprised by how much technology is used in the

classroom.

Next week, we will be going to Dreamworld on Wednesday 19 July. Students may wear free dress on this day. A reminder to wear warm, comfortable clothes – skirts and heels will not be suitable for a rollercoaster!

Finally, please remember our school hours are 8:45am – 3:15pm. Thank you.

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The wall of my Australian classroom is transparent glass, so anybody can look into our classroom. We also stick important things on the wall, so if we forget important things we can check it all the time.

Suzuno Nozaki

Every day, we learn many things about English in our class. We do a vocabulary test every day. We have to write new words and make sentences. We have also learned to write an essay, how to listen and English grammar. This is all very useful in my life!

Sohei Saeki



Opposites Game

Try an opposites game, where you say a word and the student says the opposite, eg. white – black wet – dry up – down in – out teacher – student (this is handy: <http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/words/opposites1.htm>)

Word Association or Word Families

This is great fun! Give the student 30 seconds or a minute, and they have to think of as many words as possible. You could give them a theme eg. Food/Sport/Countries..., or try a letter eg. H words. My children love this as a family challenge.

We study listening to improve our listening skills, and to learn how to pronounce every day. We sometimes write an essay. We improve our writing skills, and we also learn about reading. In this way, we learn about English.

Mayu Ono

I'll introduce you to my class in Australia. First, we always take a vocab test in the morning. We take the test of five new words. We have to memorise these words. Second, we sometimes have to write an essay. It is so hard.

Kotone Takeuchi



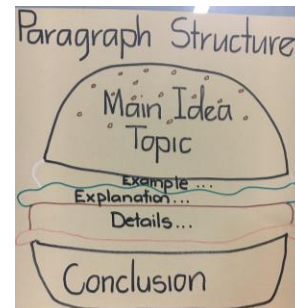
This week, Group 4 students wrote recounts of their Australian class life. Thank you Group 4 and Ms Greig for the stories and photos.

I'll tell you about interesting points in my class. My class sometimes plays music in the background so we can study harder. There are also many notices on the walls. One of them is a hamburger paragraph structure. It is very funny and it helps us understand. Besides, our teacher is very cute and interesting.

Honoka Yamashita

There are many experiences that are different to Japan. In Japanese class, most lessons are only study and more study, so it makes me sleepy. But here in Australia there are many times to have conversations with my friends or in groups. Second, sometimes in class teachers put humour between long talking. In Japan, some teachers do but it is not so funny.

Riku Yamawaki



Next week:

- Dreamworld on Wednesday – free dress
- Groups 3 & 4 – golf on Tuesday

