



MURRUMBA STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE



Sakiko's story:

I am from Tokyo, Japan and attended Ogasawara High School. I am enjoying my life at MSSC very much. I like to dance, read and listen to music especially English and Korean songs.

I appreciate being able to come to MSSC as an international student. Every Friday night I miss my school and I am looking forward to coming back on Monday morning.

I am staying with a host family. There are three people and an adorable puppy in my house, father, mother and their grandson. And sometimes their granddaughters come to our house to watch movies. They are kind and support me. For example when I finished the first day of school I was tired and disappointed in my English, my host family said to me "You are very good. If you cannot understand now you don't have to worry, you will understand soon." They then took me to have delicious Australian hamburgers. Also in daily life they are taking care of me and make me happy. For example, my host family tell jokes often, then I like to know how to respond by making them laugh, I think this is a very good way to make the relationship stronger and improve my English.

There are a lot of enjoyable classes at the college, I especially like my dance class. This is because I can learn about choreography. In Japan I have practised Hula dancing for 12 years and am part of a cheer leading club. However I have never taken in to consideration the lighting, props and background music. Taking this class I have made some wonderful dancer friends, outside of class they are helpful and kind and help me with other subjects that I do not understand.

I want to be a person who is happy to help other people, to do so I know I have to improve myself. When I was in Japan I always cared about what others thought about me. Thus it was difficult for me to challenge myself, even if it was what I wanted to do. This attitude made me disappointed in myself, now I am participating in new activities. It was a big decision for me because I cannot speak and understand English well, and some things I have never tried to do before. But I have practiced at home and asked my friends for help and they say to me "You are such a good dancer". I have learnt to achieve my goals and have confidence in myself.

Finally if you are choosing to study overseas, I would recommend Murrumba State Secondary College because you will have many opportunities to challenge yourself. If you are good at sports you can join the Football Academy, music you can join a band or the High Performance Music Program. If at first you don't succeed it is ok. If you practice you will be able to have a lot of fun. And many friends, teachers and teachers will support your shining!

