Program: Study Abroad › Exchange
University: Queensland University of Technology
Location: Brisbane, Australia
Experience Faculty: Beedie School of Business

My exchange semester in Brisbane, Australia was without a doubt the best university experience i've had thus far. I am a fourth year Beedie student and chose to attend the Queensland University of Technology for semester 2, 2022. I am beyond grateful to have had this opportunity and would encourage all students to take advantage of their university's exchange program.

Experience Details
Semester: Summer
Year: 2022

Introduction + Preparation

The preparation involved with moving across the world for 5 months is inevitably stressful. Luckily, SFU held many information sessions and assigned students with study abroad officers to contact if any issues arose. There were many important preparations that I hadn't thought of when applying for an exchange semester such as acquiring a student visa, opening an Australian bank account and arranging an Australian phone number. Also, I did not know any other students going to Brisbane on exchange during the summer 2022 semester so I was on my own when preparations arose that SFU could not help with.

Packing

When it came time to pack for exchange, I tried to bring as much as possible from home to avoid spending unnecessary money. I brought some household items that could easily fit in my suitcase such as towels, cutlery and bedding. It was also helpful that I didn't need to pack any jackets or winter clothing which saved a lot of room in my suitcase. One thing that I packed and found extremely useful was wall adaptors. Before leaving, I purchased a pack of adaptors on Amazon that allowed me to use my electronics with the Australian outlets.

Travel and Transportation

I booked a direct flight from YVR to BNE through Air Canada. For one way, it was about $1,600 CAD at the time of booking which was a relatively good price considering the high demand.

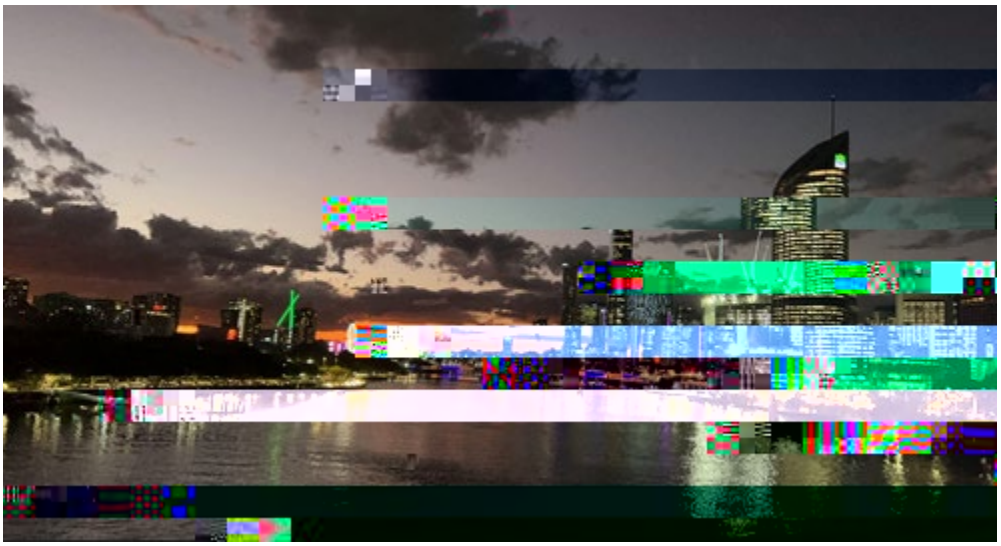
Learning and Adaptation

Sunshine Coast

Forster Beach

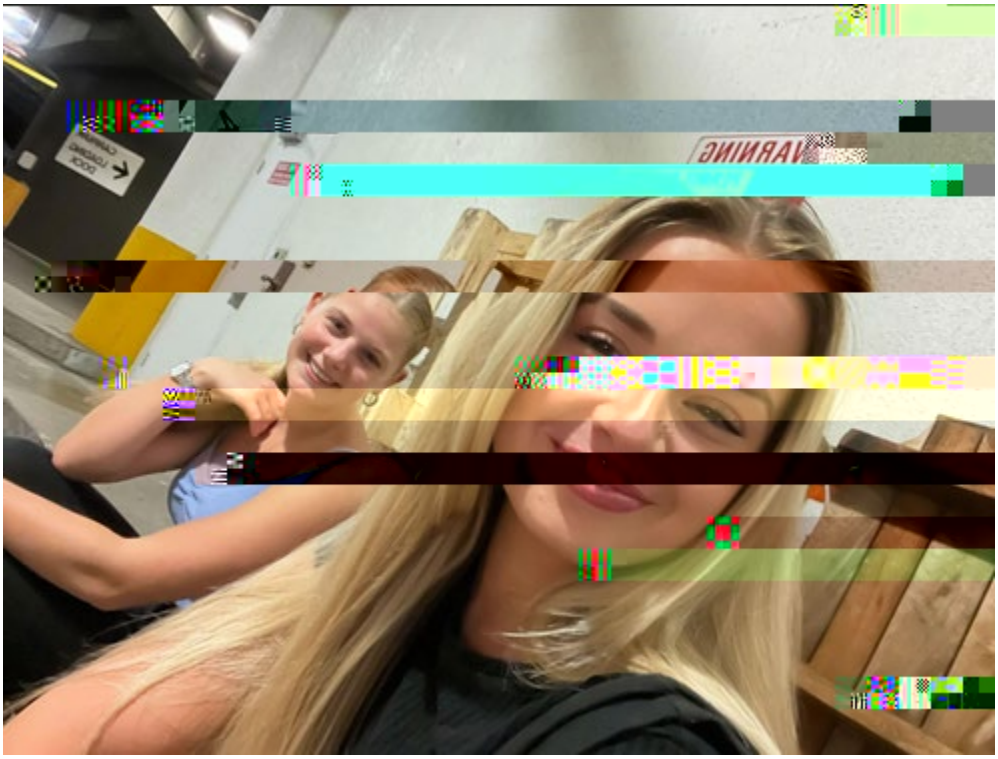
Saying goodbye to my best friends for 5 months

Sydney Opera House



View from the goodwill bridge

Road trip to Byron bay



Some aussies I met along the way