



Brighton Secondary School

Japan Study Trip 2024

Day 14 - Saturday

The day started early at 6am, greeted by a lovely breakfast consisting of onigiri (おにぎり), yoghurt, a bowl of fruit, and a hot cup of coffee.

At school, we all went to play table tennis with students who had spent many hours practicing. We all had an exhilarating game against each other, while Ivan needed a challenge and went against the students from the table tennis club.

Afterwards, we had free time. Some of us spent that time getting more sleep, chatting, or playing games. We celebrated Ollie's birthday by writing messages and drawing pictures on the chalkboard for him.

Then came the farewell party. We all sat and ate with our host families, where we watched a slideshow of many pictures that we took during our week of homestay. We all gave our farewell letters to our host families who were overjoyed by our use of hiragana, katakana, and kanji.

We were all called up and given a certificate and a gift bag by the Toyodai-Himeji's principal. Some students from both Toyodai-Himeji and Brighton Secondary gave a speech about their experiences with homestay. Ms Holt also gave a speech about our gratitude for being able to experience this trip.

Unfortunately, it was time to say goodbye to our host families. We all took a group photo and got on the bus. Many different emotions were felt on the bus ride to the airport as our time in Japan was coming to an end.

After the two-and-a-half-hour bus ride to the airport, we managed to get through customs without any trouble. We did a bit of last-minute shopping before getting to our gate to depart for Cairns and then home to Adelaide.

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