



Rose Bay High School



私のなまえはエミリーです。八年生です。十四才です。Rose Bay 中学校にいきます。一番好きなスポーツはネットボールです。きれいなスポーツはクリケットです。好きなかもくはすうがくです。Watashi no namae wa Emily desu. Hachi nensei desu. Juuyon sai desu. Rose Bay chuugakkoo ni ikimasu. Ichi Ban suki na supootsu wa nettobooru desu. Kirai na supootsu wa Kuriketto desu. Suki Na kamoku wa suugaku desu.

ぼくのなまえはコナーです。ぼくも八年生です。十四才です。コンピュータとえんげきはたのしいと思います。

Boku no namae wa Conner desu.

Boku mo hachi nensei desu.

Juu yon sai desu. Computaa to engeki wa tanoshii to omoimasu.

1) How do Australian High School students spend their time at school?
At this school we have six periods. We start at 8.55am and we finish at 3pm .We have a 20 minute recess break at 11.30 and a 40 minute lunch break at 12.40. Each period is about 45minutes. During the break times we sit around and talk with friends or play ball games like netball, basketball or football. We must stay outside during breaks even if it is cold.

2) What are some interesting school rules or systems?

If we break the rules we have to do a detention at lunch time or after school .If we leave the classroom we must have the teacher sign our diary in permission. Sometimes people have to be moved to a special desk to sit by themselves. If we are in a lot of trouble we will be sent to a head teacher. We are not allowed to have mobile phones or music players in

the classroom. Girls are not supposed to wear too much jewellery or make up. Boys are not allowed to wear bright coloured t-shirts under their school shirts. If we are late we must go to the office and sign the late book.

3) What are some of the current trends or fashions in high school?
Most students try to look untidy with their uniform. It is kakunai (uncool) to look neat and tidy.



4) What are Australian uniforms like?

All schools have a different uniform. Ours is blue with red and white. Most people like it because there is a lot of choice in the combinations you can wear. Girls and boys wear similar uniforms except that boys wear blue collared shirts and girls wear white; everyone can wear either grey or dark blue trousers where girls can also wear blue skirts. Stockings are a choice. Many people like the tie but we never do it up properly. If you play on a school sporting team you can wear a sports top. Some private schools are really strict with their uniform and you have to wear jackets, hats and gloves!!! We wear jogging shoes not school shoes and we wear them inside even if they have mud on them. There is a cleaner who spends all day cleaning up after us. We are not very good at keeping the floors clean of dirt and rubbish because we don't clean it up ourselves.

5) What are clothing fashions like outside of school?

Girls: Short skirts, hipster trousers, 3/4tops, tight jeans, Ugg boots, scarves.

Boys: Jeans, beanies and untidy T-shirts, surf gear (Billabong, Rip-curl, Quick Silver brands)

6) What kind of bad behaviour is there in Australian schools?

At many schools people get into trouble for wagging, smoking, swearing, fighting, back-chatting, not doing homework, using phones in class, defiance and damaging property.

7) What kind of worries or problems do we have?

Staying up-to-date with the fashions, peer pressure to belong, conflict with parents, teachers and friends, catching buses, harassment and bullying.

We have a school counsellor who is kept very busy.

8) What things interest you about Japan?

Everything is interesting because it is so different to us, especially food and life style. Martial arts, swords and sport, prices of things, and culture generally are very interesting to us.

9) What do you usually eat at school?

We either bring our lunch from home which is usually sandwiches and junk like chips, chocolate and lollies. Or we buy from the school canteen which sells rolls and sandwiches, hot food like pies, hot chips and pasta dishes. They are selling sushi now too but its really bad sushi so it's putting everyone off. There are quite a lot of Japanese restaurants in Hobart that make excellent sushi.

At home: We eat cereal and toast for breakfast, sandwiches or junk for lunch, fast food or meat and vegetables for dinner. Some people eat fish but chicken is more common. We cook dishes from all over the world because that's where Australians come from. We eat more than you do because it is really cheap here. We also eat a lot of bread and pasta. We sometimes eat rice at dinner time.

10) What subjects do you study?

English, Maths, Japanese, Science, Art, Music, Drama, Home Economics, Materials Design and Technology, Health and PE, SOSE (a combination of geography, history, society, environment). We will send you some more photos of these soon.

11) What do you usually do after school?

Skate Boarding, watch TV, play sport, visit friend's houses, bike riding, go to the shopping centre with friends, walk the dog. Mostly we just relax. Homework is usually done at the last minute and in a rush. No-one wants to think about school, after school has finished.

12) There are about 28 students in an average size class.

Questions for you

- 1) How much of Australia do you get in Japan? Do you get our brands of food and clothes? Do you get our TV shows and music?
- 2) What kind of TV programmes do you watch?
- 3) What do you do on weekends?
- 4) Is it true you really study hard, have lots of exams and care about school?
- 5) How expensive is fruit? What does an apple cost?

- 6) Do you eat rice everyday? How often do you eat sashimi?
- 7) Is horse riding popular? Are there many places for horses to graze?
- 8) Is school strict? What subjects do you do? What are your teachers like?
- 9) We would also like to know about your school rules, uniforms and fashions.

ときどき私たちは日本語で書いてもいいですか？ (Is it okay if we sometimes write in Japanese as well?)



きをつくて、しつれいおねがいします。