

WEP Student Exchange

Ever wondered what it would be like to be an exchange student?

Information Sessions

WEP Australia will be running a free information session in Brisbane for all students interested in finding out more about student exchange.

When: Wednesday 5 August '15 / 7-8:30pm

Where: Sunnybank Hills Library
Cnr Compton & Calam Roads
Sunnybank Hills QLD 4109

When: Wednesday 26 August '15 / 7-8:30pm

Where: Ashgrove Library
87 Amarina Avenue
Ashgrove QLD 4060



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Cultural Differences Between Italy And Australia

Okay, where do I start? I've been in Italy for three months now and I have about seven more to go. The cultural differences I've noticed between Australia and Italy would be the way people interact with each other. For example, people are much more affectionate/touchy here. Don't be surprised if your classmates randomly hug you, kiss you on the cheek, and maybe slap you on the back. This isn't really abnormal in Australia, I just find that my class is a lot more playful than any of my classes in Australia.

Another difference would be your feet. Always have something on your feet. In the house? Slippers or thongs. Outside? Shoes. Don't walk around in your thongs guys (too cold anyway). Italians are very particular about cleaning the house, so they don't want your dirty feet walking around. Also think of your bedroom in Australia after two weeks – it's not going to look like that here. Speaking of shoes, the normal everyday shoes for teenagers are Doc Martins, converses or vans. The brands don't matter as much as the style. On my first day of school my shoelaces on my Doc Martin's broke, I therefore had to wear my sandshoes (for P.E.).

Overall so far, my experience has been really fun. I have made heaps of friends and there are lots of things to look forward to. Even though there are times when I feel a little homesick, I am extremely happy here in Italy and I can't wait for the months ahead.

- Gabby, Italy

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