

The ELC Magazine

"put all memories in this magazine"

7/2023 - 12/2023

go



"excited"
or "nervous"

class profile

As I study ELC this year, I get to understand their personalities and hobbies. It gives me an opportunity to make this class profiles based on their interests. Even though we only being classmates for half of year, I love spending time with 'em.

— Ami



Don't try to be what you're not. If you're nervous, be nervous. If you're shy, be shy.
It's cute.

MI



HÀ MY

"memories in photobooth x"





Tina

Dù bạn không cao nhưng người khác vẫn phải nhìn.

(Even though you're not tall, others still have to look at you)



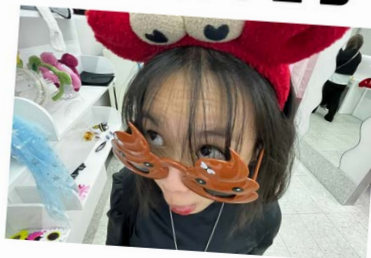
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(must try to know)



ROSIE



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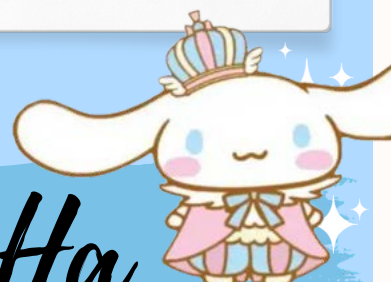
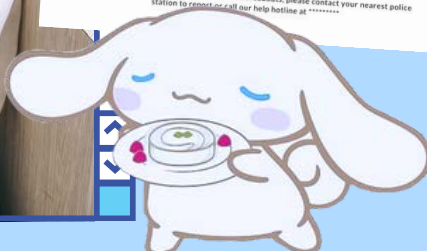


QUÁCH KIM HÀ

SHE IS AWESOME, WHO OWNS EVERY WONDERFUL CHARACTERISTICS.

APPROACH WITH EXTREME CAUTION

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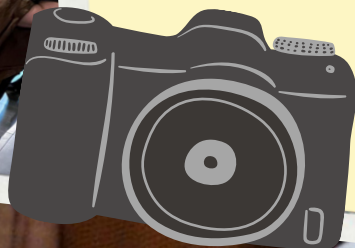


Kim Hà

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Hà khom kay
(Ha no spicy)

Ps: I'm the prisoner at Nk prison.



Sophie

"Chụp hình vì không
muốn bỏ lỡ"

(Take photos because I don't want to
miss it)

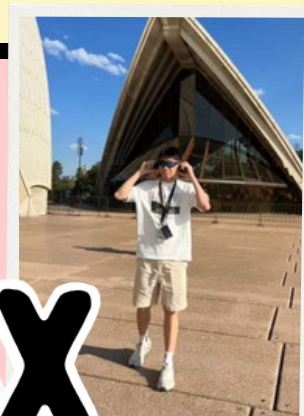


I'm Alex , there's not
much more to say.



ALEX

One word is handsome.



BẢO VY

"Tĩnh tâm"
(Keeps calm)



HAYDEN

Hello, my name is Hayden. I'm 16 years old. My hobby is sleeping. The highest honor I've ever won is my Kindergarten graduation Certificate.



Long hair, cat lover, talk a lot when trigger or nervous, don't be surprise when I talk during test. AND AMONGUS!

JACK

hi, i'm claraaa :))
My dream is to travel around the world with my best friends ! !

clara



ZOO EXCURSION



📷 ELC'S HIGHLIGHT

On the 20th of October (*Ha My's birthday*), the ELC class and new international students had an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo, which was a memorable and fun experience for all of us. Bao Vy shared her thoughts:

"I was extremely excited to see Tasmanian devils because they don't live in my home country, Vietnam."

Obviously, all students were looking forward to contemplating these unique animals such as wombats, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Snow Leopard, and Binturong. We started our trip from school around 8 am, luckily, everyone came to school on time hehe! Mr.GK and Mr.Delacy who were our tour guide, gave us some useful tips. First of all, Mr.GK brought us a 1-liter bottle of sunscreen to protect us from UV laser and skin cancer. He also advised us to reapply the sunscreen every 3 hours. Secondly, Mr.Delacy instructs to our class on the area of different animals: Sealife, Wildlife, and Australian bush <3.





°∂(〰^♡^〰)ε° STUDENTS'S FEEDBACK

"I had a lot of fun and discovered many interesting things, especially with the gorillas, they could cover their body with a blanket while they are sleeping. They were so smart haha" –Alex–

"Although my favorite animal was sick, I still think this is a helpful trip for me to learn about Australia's animals such as Koalas and Tasmanian devil –Bao Vy–

"This trip is a good opportunity for us to have practical experiences, information, and pictures for our WIKI. Moreover, this trip helps ELC students to connect and meet many lovely peers hehe >< –Ha My–

DISCOVERING ANIMALS (◁^..^)

Not only to connect and visit new place, ELC students have to research for their WIKI. Each person has his/her own animal to concentrate on. Actually, we took photos, videos, information to use it in our project.

There are 6 areas including: Asia, Europe, South America, North America, Australia and Africa. Each continent has their own featured animal.

Here is the QR if you guys interested in:



(◉.◡.◉) WRITTEN BY HA MY



City trips

Until July, I hadn't been to a tourist attraction, which are places of interest where we can learn new natural or cultural value, historical significance and amusement of Melbourne. The school organized an excursion and I was going with my classmates and teachers, Mr.GK and Mrs.Valentine. On the morning, we went to the city by tram. I enjoyed the scenery of Melbourne street, satisfied with the beautiful buildings. As we arrived in the city, we stopped by an art gallery in Melbourne called "National Gallery Victoria" (NGV). This exhibition includes more than 75,000 works with different topics including international art, design, photography, and architecture. Out of all the artwork, "Fashion now" is one of the interesting things that deeply stayed in my mind at NGV. I looked through the works of eighteen independent Melbourne designers, it's a combination of aesthetics, politics, materials, methodologies, and design philosophies. I admired and took lots of pictures which show how much I enjoyed these stunning pieces. I believe going around the NGV was the highlight of the city excursion.

by: ami

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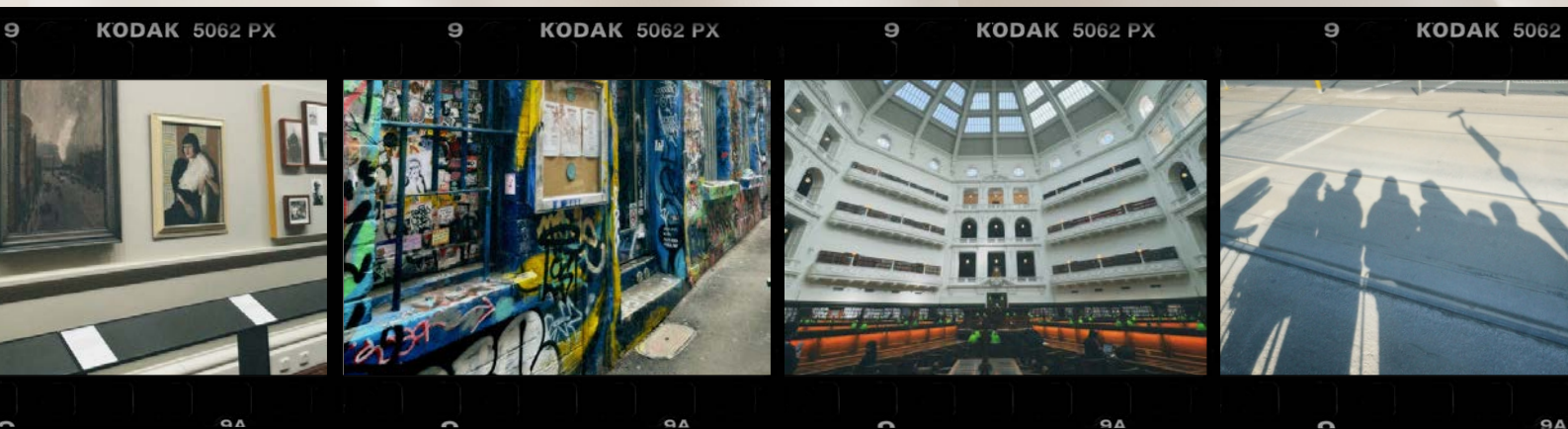
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The teachers then took us to a street cover of a dizzying array of colors, characters and shapes created by local and international artists alike. The changing subject matter runs from political to countercultural, spiced with irreverent humor. We went inside the state library afterward, my eyes went bright at the time I entered. It was exhilarating to discover different rooms because of how large it is. They are divided into reading rooms, galleries, exhibition spaces, lecture halls and venues. I personally would like to come back here if I have a chance. At this time we weren't really close to each other because the excursion happened a week into the ELC program. I decided to talk to the class and we really had a good time together, especially when me and my classmates had sushi for lunch at Melbourne Central and tried a terrible milkshake that I'll never buy again. We were messing around and talking about how different Australia is compared to our home countries. We went to have a look at the parliament building afterward and lastly the department of education. They both have wonderful structures. At the end of the day, we came back to school with lots of memorable experiences and would love to have another trip to the city again.



Melbourne Experiences

I had a memorable experience on my first day in Melbourne. It was July, a cold winter, and I arrived in Melbourne with dreams of a bright future. I landed at the airport and was picked up by the school representative to the homestay. My homestay is a big, spacious house but my room is quite small. Combined with the loneliness and cold, I cried on the first day when I arrived at the homestay. I miss my family, miss the atmosphere of Vietnam, miss my friends. I couldn't sleep because everything was so strange to me, so empty and lonely. I think international students all have the same feeling as me on their first day in Melbourne. Even though my mother was in a hotel in the city, I missed her very much. I called her 3 times that evening and cried.



Making beautiful memories
one destination at a time

TINA

Homestay -Sophie- Experiences




The most challenging thing for an international student to do is adjust to a new residence, which is commonly referred to as a "**Homestay**." Not all homestays are the same, nor are they all simple. I consider myself fortunate to live with my homestay, who provides me with excellent care.

Memorable moments



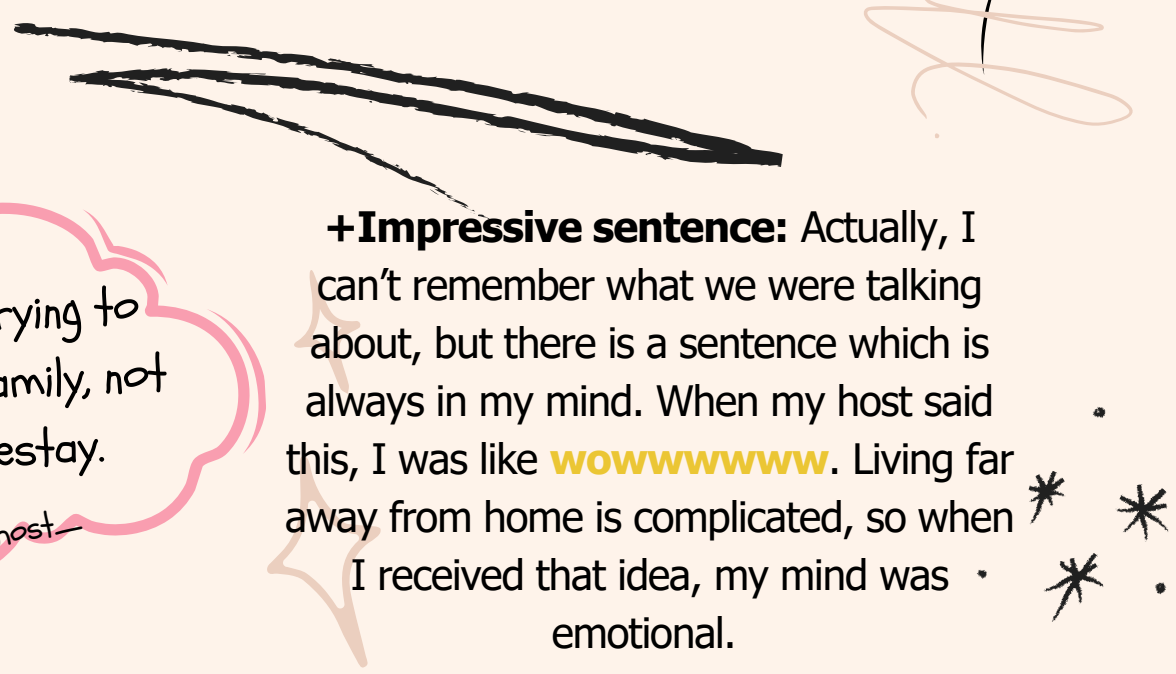
+My birthday: This year is the first time that I had my birthday far away from home. At first, I thought it gonna be tedious, and no one gonna celebrate it with me. But it was not the same as my mind. On my birthday, my friends did it. Moreover, my homestay **bought** a birthday cake, gift and sang happy birthday to me. It was memorable, my eyes were full of water. I felt that I was lucky to stay in this homestay.



We are trying to
live as a family, not
a homestay.

—Homestay host—

+Impressive sentence: Actually, I can't remember what we were talking about, but there is a sentence which is always in my mind. When my host said this, I was like **wowwwwww**. Living far away from home is complicated, so when I received that idea, my mind was emotional.





Difficulties

+ **Rule-following:** To be honest, I'm not very good at following rules.

But there are no options available to me. The most difficult rule is to **return home by 6:30p.m.** This regulation is very terrible for someone like me who spends practically all of their time outside. Because I arrived home later than expected, my host used to telephone the teacher =)))))). Returning to my family, I like to hang out with my pals and consider myself a "playgirl." Yes, that explains why this challenge is the **most difficult.**



+ **Language:** Language makes up the second. I'm from Vietnam. Since Vietnamese is my first language, my family speaks it constantly. Despite the length of time, I have spent mastering the language, English remains a **"hurdle."** I have to use only English. I find it difficult to understand what they are saying, and I'm too timid to ask again. For many students, like myself, shyness remains a challenge. Fortunately, it is now less. ✨

Homestay

Advice

-Sophie-

My friends and I have found that if you wish to switch homestay, you must be **patient** and **DO NOT** get into arguments with teachers. We **don't** match **100%** of homestays, so don't have high expectations regarding your host. It's just **70–80%**, so please talk to the teacher who can help you change the homestay as much as you can if you want to.



Don't wait for people to help you.
—Ha khom kay—



Eat a lot to be enough with the fee you pay every 2 weeks.
—Alex—



Don't shower too long.
—Alex—



Sports activities

by

Alex

School sports facilities

Basketball courts, badminton courts, billiard courts, fitness equipment, football fields, volleyball courts. we have everything.



ACTIVITIES

We attach great importance to sports, we have two PE classes every week, and the content each time is very innovative and fun. We play basketball, badminton, table tennis, swimming, and we would even develop our own games.

Also we have sports clubs to join during the lunch break.

There are even school exchange competitions where you can sign up to represent the school and win Honors.



ELC SWIM SAFETY TRIP



LEARN & EXPERIENCES

WE LEARNED HOW TO RESCUE, GET
IN WATER SAFELY, AND TIPS FOR
WATER SAFETY!!!

📍 BOROONDARA SPORTS COMPLEX



AFTER SWIMMING CLASS, I LEARNED A BUNCH OF **COOL** STUFF. IT'S LIKE I'M CONSTANTLY PICKING UP **NEW SKILLS** AND **IMPROVING** MY TECHNIQUE IN THE WATER. SOME REALLY **IMPORTANT SKILLS** LIKE **RESCUE TECHNIQUES**, **SAFE ENTRY** INTO THE WATER, AND **VALUABLE** TIPS FOR WATER SAFETY. IT'S SO CRUCIAL TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND STAY SAFE WHILE ENJOYING THE WATER.



Two ways we learned are throwing a **floatation device** or reaching out to them with a **long object**, like a **pole** or **branch**. Remember to always prioritize your safety too!

PLUS, IT'S A SUPER FUN WAY TO STAY FIT. I'M GLAD WE'RE LEARNING THESE SKILLS TOGETHER! **SOOOO FRESHHHHHHHHH** 🏊‍♂️



Rosie

Restaurant: Red Emperor

CHIPS LUNCH

ELC

In our first term in ELC, in order to help us to adapt and integrate the school life as soon as possible, he set up a challenge which require all of us to join a club, get to know local student and teachers. While everyone completes the challenge, Mr. GK set up chips lunch as an encouraging prize. All of the students in our class worked hard on the challenge and finished it before long. Mr GK made good on the the promise. We invited all our teachers to enjoy the chips with us. All of the food is super yummy and flavorful. I hadn't eaten such delicious fried food for a long time. Thank you Mr GK for giving us such a delicious lunch and unforgettable memories. And i also recommend future ELC students to have a good meal in this restaurant.

ELC menu:

- oyster
- fish cake
- Tuna hand rolls
- scallops
- chicken nugget
- dim sim
- chiko roll
- onion ring
- fritter
- corn jack



AUSTRALIA



HAIYAAAA. From my personal experience, the weather in Australia is XTREME. The winter is sooo cold, haiyaa, and the summer's sun can get you a really bad sunburn, burn sooo hot haiyaa. EVEN SKIN CANCER!!! IF YOU NOT CAREFUL!!! I gotta remember to bring some sunscreen next time! - Jack

- The weather is great, you can see lots of different types of weather. Like 5m ago it is still sunny, but after that, it will be super cold, the degree changes a lot during the day. You can truly experience all 4 seasons a day!!! - Hayden.

WEATHER

DIFFERENCES

Although the weather in Xinjiang is quite similar to Melbourne (it also has a very cold winter and hot summer) it is more comfortable. The sun doesn't cause skin cancer so we pretty much don't need to worry about it. What's more, the wind is not very strong and it won't blow your umbrella away! I had to fight against my umbrella once, and unfortunately... it has to go :))

- Hayden



VN, CHINA, TAIWAN

AUSTRALIA



If you are into cuisine culture, Australia is meant for you, my dear friend. Australia should be considered as the cuisine capital of the world. You could expect a wide range of cuisine, starting from Asia, Western, Australia to the edge of the world.

Australia. - Jack
Visit this link to find out more places to go for food and fun that ELC23 found: [ELC MAP](#)

CUISINE

DIFFERENCES

Very expensive and despite the wide range of cuisine, I'm still very proud of my home country food. For me, it is cheaper, tasty and delicious street food! Street food is not luxury but for me, it is the best cuisine as it holds so many memories about the land that I had lived in since childhood.

- Ha My



VN, CHINA, TAIWAN



Friends here are pretty kind, pretty good, you know. They're very helpful, you know, you can talk to them and improve your English a lots. Try not to stay within your country group, you know, be confident and step out of your comfort zone, take this opportunity to make international and local friends.

- Alex

The teachers are really friendly and care more about our students. **The environment** is really different because there are very few students in the class, and it's very comfortable.

- BaoVy



More comfortable and cozy. The teacher are very open to our mistake and help us improve from **Mr Murthy, Mr De Lacy and Ms Laidler**.

- If we have a long paragraph, we have to read it on our own. But like **Mr.Gk, Ms Davy and Ms Lobb** follow along with us and explain anything that we don't understand along the way <3!

- Clara

ELC It's a good opportunity to study in an English immersive environment, it helps improve your English. It will allow you to make international friends and gain.

Vietnamese english school: it's not practical, it's mostly about theory and grammar. We won't be actually confident in communicating in English.

P/S-FROM EVERYONE: WE LOVE YOU MR.GK, MR.MURTHY, MS DAVY, MS LOBB AND MS. LAIDLER, YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A BIG SUPPORT FOR US IN THE HARDEST TIME OF OUR LIFE.

FLOWER FOR ALGERNON

BOOK REVIEW



BY BAOUY HUYNH

A Mind-Bending Symphony of Brilliance and Heartache - "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes

At the beginning of the first term, we learned about the book named "Flower for Algernon".

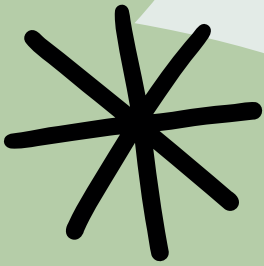
"Flowers for Algernon" is a book that truly captivates the reader, written by Daniel Keyes. The novel follows the story of Charlie Gordon, a man who starts off with a low IQ but undergoes an experimental surgery to increase his intelligence.



The story is narrated through the progress reports that Charlie writes himself, and it's fascinating to see how his brain changes throughout the book. Initially, his intelligence increases rapidly, but things start to get complicated as he begins to remember things from his past that he had forgotten.



The book makes you think about how people treat each other, especially those who are different. Charlie wasn't treated well before his surgery, and even after he becomes a genius, he's still treated differently. It's a sad reality, but it's something we can all learn from.



The writing in the book is easy to follow, and it makes you feel as if you are right there with Charlie, experiencing everything he is. Daniel Keyes' writing style is fantastic; he knows how to tug at your heartstrings. Some emotionally intense parts of the story may be difficult to read, but overall, it's worth it.



Overall, "Flowers for Algernon" is an outstanding book that prompts contemplation on intelligence, emotions, and how we treat others. If you're seeking a book that challenges your thinking and tugs at your emotions, this is for you.



HOW TO MAKE VIETNAMESE COFFEE

WITH HIGH COFFEE STANDARDS

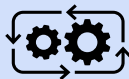


If you have chance to visit Vietnam, it is easy to see Vietnamese sit and sip with a cup of coffee every morning before working time.

The Vietnamese coffee has pleasant and sweet taste with the condensed milk. I believe that you would be hooked because of its smell, and it's easy for you to make. Here is a recipe that I would recommend to you:

Ingredient for one serve:

- Trung Nguyen Coffee (3 tablespoons)
 - Phin filter
 - Hot water (6 to 8 ounces)
 - Condensed milk (1 to 3 tablespoons, depending on your preference, Longevity brand)
- Ps: In lieu of using Trung Nguyen brand, you could use any brands that you have. And you can have any condensed milk instead.



Process

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Put about 1 to 3 tablespoons into a cup



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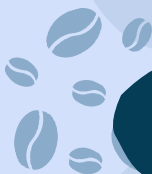
Wash the phin filter with hot water before putting on the top of the cup



3



Add approximately 3 tablespoons of course grind coffee to phin filter



4

Pour enough hot water into the phin filter and wait few minutes for the ground coffee being boomed. This is the part of the brewing process when the water releases CO2 from the coffee and grounds expand.



5



Press on the filter gently because coffee will be easy to pour out and would be easy to drip down.

Use spoon to stir coffee with condensed milk. (You can serve with ice)



I AM "HA NO SPICY"



During our time in ELL, we had a wonderful and relaxing experience in art class. In the first term, we learned watercolor painting, and Ms. Laidler taught us many painting techniques. Such as wash, dry brush, splatter and more...

We also learned a lot about watercolor painting. Such as three parts in a paint and horizon line.

We made a tracing of Claude Monet's work "Impression, Sunrise". We also painted our own landscapes watercolor paints.

In the second term. We learned about clay making. We made many clay creations, jars, cups, bowls, plates. These all carry the beautiful memories of our art class during this period.