Welcome home

Re-entry workshop
Education & culture

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Think about education as a cultural institution & reflect on the differences between the education system in Australia & in your host country.

Become more aware of the experience of international students in Australia.

Integrate your exchange experience into your continuing studies.
On exchange you learned a huge amount off campus. But don’t neglect what you learned on campus; and don’t overlook the chance to continue to make the most of this on your return.

Photo by Zhijai Lai.
La Sagrada Família designed by Antonia Gaudí, Barcelona, Spain.
Bringing the learning home

Part of campus internationalisation.

Part of attaining the graduate attribute of ‘becoming a global citizen’.

Photo by Luke Bagnall.
‘Au francais day camus calais!’
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in terms of classroom learning

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Photo by Morgan Petterson.
Mykonos, Greece.
cultural interpretation

describe interpret verify explain

Photo by Simone Anderson. Ios, Greece.
what was different about education in your host country?
It’s like Hogwart’s here. It’s like your whole university identity is defined by your college rather than your faculty (as it would be in Australia).

Maureen on Freshers week, University of Lancaster

Photo by Chris Brunero.
University of Alberta, Canada.
I feel like I’m back in high school!

You know, you pay a lot of money to get taught at uni, not to just do your own independent work.
UConn wasn’t just our school, it was our life.

Photo by ‘Kelly McG.’
University of Connecticut, USA.
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Being in Greek Life is probably one of the most American College experiences to have and I’m loving every minute of it.

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One of the best things about this university is the field trips. The most memorable one so far has been a three day village trip for my ‘Agriculture and nutrition in the developing world’ class... What better way to learn then standing in a hot cassava field with a farmer, in the interior of Fiji!

Photo by Katie B.
University of the South Pacific, Fiji.
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People in Australia are always talking about the uselessness of art and arts degrees, but you find less of that attitude over here, and their attitude shows up in the extra, nonessential details of their cities, like the legs of public benches, the lamp posts, the gates, the fountains everywhere...
Intelectuals: heroes or nerds?

What do the French think?

Try reading *Almost French*, pp 17-20, on French and Australian attitudes to visiting art galleries and museums.

Photo by Zhijai Lai.
The Louvre, Paris, France.
My indifference for the magnificent Louvre is not a laughing matter, it seems. Chatting on the lovely terrace, our different attitudes to the Louvre reveal a wider cultural gap.

‘I’ve been going to museums since I was four,’ he states. ‘They were the highlight of family holidays. Whenever we arrived in a new town the first thing my parents did was take us to an art gallery or museum.’

‘Kids in France must be a lot different from kids in Australia.’ And I describe our family holidays… in the bush, near lakes, rivers or beaches…

Overlooking the spectacular glass pyramid, we laugh at the sharp contrast between our childhood holidays: that while one was trailing maturely through museums, the other was… standing on a floating Lilo.

*Almost French*

Photo by Zhijai Lai.
The Louvre, Paris, France.
What were the most problematic differences you encountered in your exchange experience?

Why?

How did you resolve these issues?

Photo by Sandy Chen.
From exchange at Tsing Hua University in China.
It's all about culture!
(or, It's the culture, stupid!)

Photo by Zhijai Lai.
Display of music books in Venice, Italy.
What does it look like from the other side?
What would students from overseas find strange about Australia, and Australian classrooms?

Stephanie from the Netherlands enjoys her first taste of Vegemite…

Photo by Will.
Shared meal in Arnhem, the Netherlands.
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What would students from overseas find strange about Australia, Australian classrooms and Australian university culture?

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East Anglia, UK.
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How could life be made easier for an international student on an Australian campus?
What have you learned?

Bringing the learning home

part 2
Education or just ‘educational tourism’?

Think about how to capitalise on your exchange educational experience in the classroom!

Photo by Zhijai Lai.
Statues from Vatican City.
All of this, I think, shows the world that Germany is serious about this issue. And it’s comforting that in a world where nothing’s sacred, something can be treated with such near-universal reverence by a nation. I’m glad it’s not like what I’ve heard the British history curriculum is like (from my friend Kim), awkwardly skipping over the fact that the British Empire screwed up the world wherever it went, or like in Australia where we learn about what we did to Aborigines… but it’s not really treated with any reverence, perhaps because we learn SO MUCH about it that we’re kind of desensitised.

Photo by Luke Bagnall.
Berlin Holocaust Memorial, Germany.
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Morgan, Bringing the Learning Home (2 mins 13 sec)
http://youtu.be/1RuzTfniD1M

Photo by Joan Teresa Soon.
Display in Scotland.
Consider your own subjects...

- What is culturally specific about the approach used?
- How might that impact on the learning of a student from a different culture?
- **What could you do to introduce your newly acquired international perspective into that subject in your own classroom?**
Taking the Next Steps...

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Montreal, Canada.
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