

St Paul's International School 25th Anniversary 2022

Past Student "Stories" from 2011 – Part Two

Following the rebranding of St Paul's School with the new tagline 'Create your own story' in 2011, students at SPIS wrote about their stories and life at our school. Here is Part 2 - some more of their stories.

1. Saba SAEDI-DEHKHARGHANY from Iran (2010 - 2011)



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Me & St Paul's

It was about 5 years ago that I first came to St Paul's but not for study, as an international student. My sister and her family are living in Australia and I came to visit them. Her little son was studying at St Paul's and they decided to put me in the same school as him. I studied at St Paul's for 6 months then I was supposed to come back to my country because I was going to school there.

After 5 years which was 2009, I decided to come to Australia. I was really tired of my life. I thought that my life should change so I came to Australia and start to living in a new life. First I went to the international school for 2 terms then they sent me to the main school. At first, being with Australian students and teachers was so scary for me then I got used to it. I have too many good and bad experiences during study at St Paul's.

I'm living with my sister, but that has its own problems. However studying at St. Paul's and guaranteeing my own future is worth to all of these problems. I can solve all these problems but I couldn't guarantee my future in my country, Iran. My difficulties are; missing my family and friends, missing my country, having a problem with the unknown culture, not living at my own home. If you look at the life, these are really small to being problems. And I'm sure that everyone who is studying in foreign countries have the same difficulties as me.

After all, I love to being in St Paul's and make new friends and being part of the Australia's community.

This is Saba's story.



2. Jiahao (Land) RUAN from China (2011 – 2012)



My Story

My name is Land. I am named Holkarye originally; Land is the last name of my name. But when I come to Australia, I think it was too long. So I use Land for my name. I'm from China. I'm 17 years old. There are 5 people in my family, my parents, my elder brother and a younger sister. I'm interested in many things but I don't know much about them.

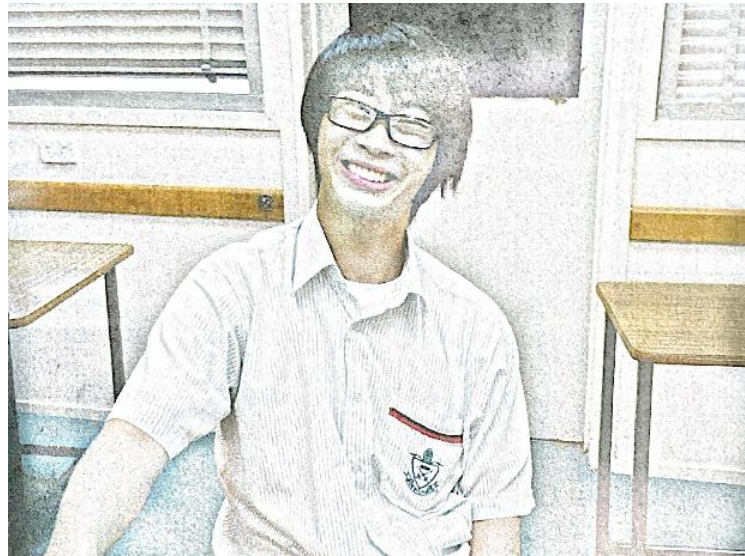
English is a universal language; I want to speak English more fluently. So I came to Australia to study at St Paul's. I expected I could improve my English quickly. The first impression of Australia is that I thought there were sheep all over the Australia. But I haven't seen so many sheep here. I have been here for a month. I most like the teachers in St Paul's because they are very kind. Mrs Power told me that my English has improved a lot. I don't need lot of friends here. I don't want to stay here for a long time. I didn't think I should recommend other to do what I did because I am bored without my friends in China.

RUAN Jiahao - HP - 2011 - 2012

Land

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3. Ngoc Long (Jack) Nguyen from Vietnam (2008-2011)



My Story

My name is Jack, I'm from Vietnam. I have been here for 4 years. I chose to come here to study because here the education is better than my country.

I really enjoyed my time at the International School because I had lots of help with my English.

I am studying Music Technology because I want to become a DJ in the future.

Nguyen Ngoc Long - Jack
T2 2008 HP - 4/12 2011

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4. **Christine Haiman FONG from Hong Kong (2009-2011)**



My Story

Christine Fong

I came from Hong Kong and the reason for choosing Australia, is because Australia is my birth place. Therefore, I would like to continue my high school life here. Life is not easy in Australia, especially when you need to live without parents and need to take care of myself that took me a long time to get used to it.

I studied at St Paul's since 2009 (Year 10) and this year is my third year in this school. St Paul's had good support in the area of sports and academic, especially the golf range. Also, St Paul's provide a good opportunity about subject selection, so I can choose the subjects through my interests, abilities and aptitudes. Moreover, each overseas student would request to study ESL. This subject helps us to strengthen our English skills and other subjects' assignments. Hence, my academic results were not bad in year 11. Hopefully, this year my academic results will improve as well.

Fong Haiman - 1/10 2009 - 2011

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5. Ka Hou (Aaron) FONG from Macau (2011-2013)



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My story

What is your story? I have a nice story. My name is Aaron. I am 17 years old. I came from Macau. Have you been to Macau? It is a very good place to travel. 17 years ago I was born in there. In my family there is my father, mother and an older sister. They are very friendly and they love me so much. So I love my family. What is your favourite sport? I love basketball because it is exciting. So in my free times, I would usually to play basketball with my friends. Now I am a student. But I came to Australia for study.

I think English is very important. So there are many people would learn English. First of all, I first came to St Paul's school I saw different people from different countries. For example: China, Japan, Korea etc. But they also speak English. In addition, I felt this school is very big. I think this school is a good place for study. This is because it has good sports and classes. So we can focus to study in the class.

In conclusion, I have been Australia for six months. I believe my English has some improved. Finally, I love this school, because it has many friendly teachers.


Aaron Fong - UP 2/9/11
-1/12 2013

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6. Two short term students from Japan visited SPIS at this time to improve their English as well as experience school life in Australia. They also wrote about their stories.

6. (a) Hana TAKAHASHI



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MY STORY

<*ABOUT MYSELF*>

My name is Hana Takahashi. I'm from Japan. I'm 15 years old. There are 4 people and one dog in my family. They are my father, mother, little brother, the beagle puppy, and me. I love Snoopy and his friends. My hobby is playing basketball and cooking. I have been played basketball for 3 years and I also join the St Paul's basketball club. I also like to listening to the music. I like Japanese pop singer, YUI and Korean pop singer Girl's Generation.

<*AUSTRALIA*>

I came to Australia to learn English and achieve my dream. My dream is to be a flight attendant. I know that to became flight attendant is very difficult but I think it's a very interesting job. I will be here for 9 months. I already spent 1 month in Australia. I feel it's very quickly! My biggest reason why I think the time goes quickly is being in Australia is fun! At the St Paul's school, I made some new friends and they are nice to me so I get comfortable. I want to make a lot of friends so when you see me please say hello!

*See you
28/07/11 - 30/10/11*

6(b) Shihori NAKAI



My Story

Shihori Nakai

My name is Shihori. I came from Osaka, Japan. My birthday is 31th of July 1994. There are 5 people in my family, my father, mother, old brother, old sister, dog and me. No one can speak English in my family so they want to I will be able to speak English. I'm interested in different countries culture, snowboarding and animals.

I have a reason why I study English and came to Australia. Firstly, in the future, I want to be a wedding coordinator and I work in a big hotel so I will need English. Secondly, I want to make many friends in the world. Because of this I came to here.

Before I came to Australia, I thought Australia is hot but Australia is not so hot. Australia's weather is awesome! I'll stay in Australia about 9 month. I think it is too long for me.

One of the things I like most in the St Paul's is the swimming class. The swimming class is very funny and comfortable. All most day is good weather for swimming. Australia's swimming class is much better than Japan.

From when I came here I made a lot of good friends. Some students are interested in Japanese so we can teach own language each other. I think it is good for us so my English skill is better than before. Listening is much better than before.

I like Australia and St Paul's!!!!

03/10/11 - 30/11/11
Nakai - HP 2011 - ~~1037~~ ~~1037~~

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