

Japan Study Tour

Days 1 & 2

Yesterday, we arrived at the airport at 4:30am with most of us half-asleep; yet fuelled with excitement. The flight to Cairns was at 6am, then we traversed to the Tokyo flight at around 11am. Finally, at 6:30pm we made it to Narita Airport. We were all in the air for approximately 10 hours total; but we had entertainment on the plane so the flight felt shorter than it actually was.

At 9:30pm we checked into the ryokan (Japanese style inn). You can imagine how different it is to a regular Australian hotel. The flooring is tatami, the hallways are quite narrow, and we sleep in futons. Sleeping in futons took some time to adjust, but after relaxing they were very comfortable. This whole experience is very interesting, and we're learning something new everyday. To end the night we got snacks from the 7 Eleven and Family Mart. Both were a very convenient distance from the ryokan, and sold various foods and essentials. After eating our snacks to Japanese television, we slept to ready ourselves for the next day.

Today everyone went to the famous Shibuya crossing; however, the whole day we experienced the wrath of a typhoon. We got absolutely drenched in the rain so you'd expect we'd be cold, but rain paired with 100% humidity, meant the temperature wasn't too bad.

While attempting to avoid the rain, we explored various shopping centres in Shibuya, and we had really delicious Japanese foods and convenience store snacks.

The beginning of our Japan trip was a new experience for us all, and we are all excited for what's to come next.

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