

Virtual Study Tour Program with UOW College

Date / Time:

Date: Monday 22nd February 2021 – Friday 19th March 2021

Time: 9am – 1pm (Japan Time)

Outline:

UOW College is delighted to be able to host a four week Virtual study tour program. Students will be provided with opportunities to acquire and practise their language skills in a communicative and interactive online learning environment whilst learning about Australian Culture.

The course caters to students from complete beginner to upper-intermediate level and develops all of the macro skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing in a systematic and supportive learning environment.

Lower level students will be taught the language they need in the real world encompassing language for work, study, travel and international communication. There will be a carefully controlled input of grammar and vocabulary set within real life situations. Reading and writing tasks are designed to consolidate and practise their new language.

Higher level language students will be provided with the opportunity to develop speaking fluency and spontaneity and improving listening and comprehension skills in a wide range of social, professional and academic situations. Their language skills will be developed with a focus on idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms. Students will be encouraged to give opinions and express refined aspects of meaning precisely within a wide range of high-interest topics with an international and business perspective.

Each week students will have the opportunity to learn about a new aspect of Australian culture. Whether it be local food, sports, University life or the local landscape.

All lessons will be conducted via Zoom or Webex other than the conversation café which will be held on the platform Remo. Some of these lessons will be taught live on site such as the virtual excursion to the local zoo, a tour of the Wollongong campus and an Australian home.

Program:

Week	Theme	Lessons / Activities
Week 1	Orientation (Monday)	Welcome to UOW college.
	Life of a student in Australia	Opportunity to meet and interview local students as they share their experience of studying in Australia.
	Virtual Campus tour – UOW Campus	Tour of the Wollongong Campus. Visit the maker space, the UOW gymnasium and the Engineering faculty.
	Australia a sporting Nation	Why do Australians love sports so much? Learn about Australian Rules Football, Australia’s love for beach culture (surf club and surfing) and the advancements made for Women in sport.
Week 2	Australia a multicultural Country	Exploration about multicultural Australia
	Australian Food	Discuss food and the important role food has in multicultural Australia. Explore the Aussie supermarkets and farmers markets.
	Australia’s Coffee Culture	Australia has a love for coffee. Unlike American’s who love Starbucks, Australian’s love to support local family operated businesses.
	Australian Cooking lesson	Learn to bake an Aussie favourite – the Anzac biscuit.



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Week 3	Australian Landscape Flora and Fauna	Learn about what makes Australia's landscape so unique and learn about some of Australia's most interesting flora and fauna.
	Australia's Indigenous Culture	Meet a local Dharawal man. Hear some of the traditional stories of the Wollongong area and learn about some of the plants used as bush foods and bush medicine.
	Visit to Symbio Zoo Wildlife park	This week we will teach live from Symbio zoo a local wildlife sanctuary. You will get to meet a local zoo keeper and ask them questions as we visit the koala sanctuary and get up close and personal with the emu's and the kangaroos.
Week 4	Australian Festivals and Celebrations	Learn about the various celebrations and cultural festivals that Australians celebrate. Learn about Australia Day, ANZAC day, the Queen's birthday and their significance to the Australian people. Think about your own cultural holidays and how they started and whether they are still relevant today.
	Australian Popular culture	Australia was made famous with the movie Crocodile Dundee and then Steve Irwin but there is more to Australia than crocodiles. This lesson we will introduce you to some of Australia's best films, musicians and books.
	Fun facts about Australia. Lesson and Quiz	Learn about a range of interesting facts about Australia. For example why was the kangaroo and emu chosen to be on Australia's National Emblem? What were the Sydney Olympics bronze medals made up of? Find out the answer to these questions and more as we have fun reviewing all things Australia.
	Conversation Café with local students	Meet local UOW and UOW College students in our conversation café on Remo. This is your opportunity to talk about your favourite hobbies, music, cinema, sports etc. Find a table that interests you and start talking and making new friends.