

Student Testimonial

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When I boarded the flight that brought me here I didn't know what would happen to me. After that moment to now, three days before I go back to Germany, I can happily say that I did have a great time. I would definitely recommend going to the Friends' School for any year 9 or 10 in all the world seeking an adventure.

After my long flight I finally arrived at the Hobart Airport and the first thing that came to my mind was that Hobart seemed very small and the airport was just a very little building in the middle of nowhere. Sunny, a supervisor at Walker House, picked up Jenny and I, another girl that boards, and took us to Walker. Everyone seemed very nice and welcoming, the weather was warm (especially for me, since I flew from Winter into Summer) and my room was clean and bigger than I thought, I even had one to myself.

The school system was very different at first, but then I got used to it and it made more sense to me than the German system. The work that I had to do was very different and mostly easier than the German work and the teachers who I had explained well. I quickly found friends and also got used to the language after a while.

During the holiday and long weekends I enjoyed many trips to the beaches, sights and also bushwalks. I saw a lot of interesting things around Tasmania and a friend of mine, from the Boarding House, even took me home with her during the Easter Break.

The variety of the school sports surprised me in a good way and I quickly signed up for Cricket, which I had never played before. This was an interesting experience and I loved trying a new sport. I also signed up for Sailing, Hockey and Badminton in Term 2, which gave me the opportunity to meet new friends and improve my skills. It was particularly great to be able to tutor my friend Jack and expand on his German vocabulary.

I will miss my new friends so much and I hope I can visit them again or maybe they can visit me in Germany. I plan on doing a gap year at Friends' after I graduate, but at the moment my priority lies in getting home safely and finally seeing my family again.