Executive Summary

• 70 out of 150 participating students (47%) completed the survey

• 80% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide has helped them make Australian friends and that it has given them a greater understanding of Australian culture

• 74% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide is helping them develop flexibility to feel comfortable in another culture

• 63% of respondents have met with their volunteer three or more times since the Welcome Reception (31 March 2016)

• Learning about Aussie culture, feeling welcome, having meaningful discussions and developing new connections have been voted the best parts of EA

• 80% of respondents do not feel that aspects of the Experience Adelaide program need changing

• 87% of the respondents are likely to recommend the Experience Adelaide Program to other new international students
1a: 80% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide helped them to make Australian friends
1b: 80% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide has given them a greater understanding of the Australian culture

Selected Comments

- “At first I didn't really believe anyone would like to dedicate their time to showing the Australian culture to a foreigner, but I enrolled to the program just to see what would happen and I can tell you I was very surprised to meet an amazing family that was willing to put a lot of effort into welcoming other cultures and teaching about Australian culture. I had an amazing experience!!!”
- “I am deeply moved to mention that I really enjoy and have an interesting time with my volunteer who I was matched in this program.”
- “…this program is very helpful [to] students to build up close friendship with Aussie family.”
1c: 74% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide is helping them develop flexibility to feel comfortable in another culture.
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1d: 76% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide makes them reflect on their own culture.
1e: 72% of respondents agree that Experience Adelaide is adding significant value to their study experience at the University of Adelaide.
2: 63% of respondents have met with their alumni family three or more times since the Welcome Reception

Selected Comments

- “I am extremely grateful to my volunteer family as they are truly making an effort to make me feel welcome.”
- “My volunteer made sure she would invite us to do different things at least once a month.”
- “We are quite busy with study and rarely have time to catch up.”
3: Learning about Aussie culture, feeling welcome, and meaningful discussions have been voted the best parts of EA

Respondents were able to select more than one response
4: 80% of respondents do not feel that aspects of the Experience Adelaide program need changing

Selected Comments

• “Give continuous information when someone didn't meet with the volunteer to rearrange the second meeting.”

• “Organise the first meeting earlier.”
5: 87% of the respondents are likely to recommend the Experience Adelaide Program to other new international students

Selected Comment:

- “Experience Adelaide is a very good program. I never have such an experience before. Through this program I understand better Australian culture, way of thinking, way of life and my culture as well. I feel blessed to have generous volunteer who cares, interact warmly like my own family. I also get chance to visit beautiful places, tasting different foods, talk with local people, and this makes me enjoy more studying and living in Adelaide. My horizon broadens and enable to understand things, people and other differences better. Experience Adelaide is not only connecting people but also bridging two different cultures. This is fantastic. Thank you.”
6: Countries of Survey Respondents

- China: 17
- Malaysia: 10
- Vietnam: 5
- Indonesia: 5
- Japan: 4
- Hong Kong: 3
- Myanmar: 3
- India: 3
- Cambodia: 2
- Pakistan: 2
- Sri Lanka: 2
- Brazil: 1
- South Korea: 1
- Venezuela: 1
- Sri Lanka: 1
- France: 1
- Singapore: 1
- Hong Kong: 1
- Brazil: 1
- Malaysia: 1
- Germany: 1
- Laos: 1
- Azerbaijan: 1
- Iran: 1
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7: Regions of Survey Respondents

Southeast Asia, 29, 42%
North Asia, 26, 37%
West Asia, 8, 11%
South America, 4, 6%
Western Europe, 2, 3%
Middle East, 1, 1%
South America, 4, 6%
Western Europe, 2, 3%
North Asia, 26, 37%
Southeast Asia, 29, 42%
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8. Respondents’ Age Group

- 18 - 25, 45, 62%
- 25 - 30, 17, 24%
- 30 - 35, 5, 7%
- 35 - 40, 2, 3%
- 40 - 45, 3, 4%