



International Student Testimonial

Chen - Malaysia

Why did you choose to study in a Private School in Adelaide?

Initially when I was told I am coming over to Adelaide for my studies, I was hesitant because I have never been to Adelaide, only to Melbourne, Sydney and Perth and I loved those places. I decided to give it a go and study in Adelaide. I chose a private school instead of a government school because there is more variety of subjects offered in private schools than government schools.

Why did you choose to study at Immanuel College?

Immanuel College offered subjects like Design, Fashion Design, Food with Flair, and other subjects which will be very useful for my future.

What are the advantages of studying overseas?

In my opinion, one of the greatest advantages of studying overseas is to be able to get to know more people from around the world, from different background and cultures. I live by a quote by my sister, "It is not what you know that is important, but who you know." During my time in Adelaide and at Immanuel College, I learnt a lot and knew a lot from people around the world. One of the advantages for me here is that I am also able to learn something beyond the school curriculum, which is Cantonese. When I first came I could not speak or understand Cantonese at all as my dialect is Teochew and not Cantonese. In just a short period of 5 months in Adelaide, I can almost understand everything my Hong Kong friends are talking about and converse with them in Cantonese! There are many great advantages studying overseas.

How is Adelaide and Immanuel College different to your school in your home country?

When I came to Adelaide, I stayed in a Homestay at Marino. I was culture shocked when I first arrived. Everything was very different back home. Back in Malaysia, everywhere is pretty much urbanized and busy, unlike the suburbs here in Adelaide. However, I love the serenity of Adelaide.

I am not able to compare Immanuel College to the schools in my home country as I did not study in my home country. I studied in Singapore. Compared to my school in Singapore, Immanuel College is about 4 times bigger as it connects the Primary School and Boarding House together. Immanuel College has a lot of facilities like an indoor swimming pool, Century Theatre, specialist teaching areas for Art, Drama, Music, Technology, Fashion, Science, Food and Flair and the sport facilities, compared to Singapore, land area is much smaller so they do not have such privileges to build pools in school.

How has studying at Immanuel helped you to achieve your academic goals?

The fact that we use laptops for our lessons and homework is what helped me the most. Whenever I read a book for too long reading the small texts on the textbooks, I get tired really easily. Being able to use laptops for my studies helped me a lot in terms of doing research, looking for solutions online, and using the school's 'ConnectED' page where teachers share a lot of useful resources with students.

What course will you study at university?

When I am in University, I want to study Bachelor of Commerce, Marketing & Economics.

What are some of your most memorable experiences from your time spent at Immanuel College?

For me, every moment spent at Immanuel College is a memorable experience as there is always something interesting happening around the school. However, I really enjoyed moments spent with my friends during lesson, lunch, and exam periods when we strive to work hard and do our best together.

Did you live in the Boarding House or in Homestay? Why would you recommend the Boarding House or Homestay to a new student?

I lived in a Homestay and I would definitely recommend Homestay to new students. In my opinion, living in a Homestay, is a wonderful experience. You get to learn a lot about the daily lifestyle of the locals, learn about people from other backgrounds if you have another student living in the Homestay, like for me, there is a Year 12 student from Taiwan, and we share information about our own country and learn about each other.