### **Testimony**

### A day in the life of me?

My name is Dauton
I come from Brazil and I'm
learning English at PICE.
I'm in Level 3.

On Saturdays my day often starts 9 AM, when I get up, I have breakfast and after breakfast, if some friends call me to go somewhere, sometimes I go and I enjoy beautiful places in Perth, such as beaches, the zoo, and parks. Sometimes I stay at home and watch films and study English.

I think it is good to improve my English. In the evening sometimes

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I go to my friend's house and we have dinner.

He's married to a girl from Australia and I like it very much when I have dinner with them, because I like to talk with a native speaker to practise my English.

When I finish I go back home, I take a shower and go to bed. I like Saturdays, because I don't work and I can do something with my friends.

### My Home-stay

My name is Sabine, I have been in Perth at PICE for 10 weeks and I'm staying in a lovely home-stay.

There are three people in the family. The father is a manager in accommodation services in the disabilities sector and the mother works part-time as a medical receptionist. The daughter is sixteen and goes to college. With the dog "Peppa" and the cat "Mel", the family is complete.

At the moment there are two students staying in the home-stay: a boy from Thailand and myself. We live in Duncraig near the Warwick train

station, in a two-storey house with a wonderful garden area. Mostly my Home-stay mother and I cook dinner together. I like to help her with her homework.

The home-stay is absolutely perfect. We students are part of this family. They are very friendly, helpful and nice and they correct me when I say something wrong in English.

I'm very happy to spend my time in this family.

Well, dear home-stay:-) I will miss you very much!!

# Aussie lifestyle

This article is about Australian Culture, but before that, you need to learn a little bit about the Perth's History.

Perth City was founded by Captain James Stirling in 1829 as part of the Swan River Colony. In honor of the birthplace and parliamentary seat in the British House of Commons of Sir George Murray (secretary of State for war in Scotland).

Many names of streets and places around the city are tributes to people who constructed the history of Perth, like Captain William, Charles Fremantle, Captain James Stirling, etc. Today the Perth City is among the 10 best cities to live in the world with a lot of green places, diverse environment, a good public transport system, very good weather and multicultural food.

After two months of living in Perth you start to get used the Aussie lifestyle and better understand "Australian Dialect – Slang", but as they say here... No Worry Mate!

If you are looking for a job, No Worry! Learn to first part of philosophy to Aussie lifestyle...

### "Everything comes in due time"

But, if you already have a job. Learn to second part of philosophy to Aussie lifestyle...

"Work to live and not live to work".

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# Anna comes up Gold in PICE Academy Awards!

This year Perth International College of English held its first Academy Awards for student videos. There were some wonderful entries and the winning video was unveiled to the whole school on the 6th of November.

The competition was fierce, but the winner was clear – the fabulous video by Anna was the winner. It had everything – drama, humour and romance. I caught up with the director and her leading man Alex to find out how fame was treating them.

First I asked Anna what her aims had been in the movie: "I wanted it to be funny and humorous, and most of all to show how English can be important. I came up with the idea straight away, PICE connecting people." When Alex was invited to audition for the part he had no nerves, sure he could rise to the challenge. The only part of the filming he found hard was the dialogue in the café, where it took a few takes to manage the lines without laughing!

Anna had made videos in the past for her boyfriend when they were apart, so she put all her past experience to good use and created the finished video. Alex was thrilled with the result, and they were both excited during the award presentation ceremony. When the video started and Anna discovered she had won she was so happy.

"I didn't expect to win, as it was the first time I had entered a competition. I was so proud to see everyone enjoying the video and laughing as I had hoped."

The video will be on the PICE facebook page soon along with the 2nd and 3rd place videos. I asked Anna for her final thoughts on the experience, and she said that everyone should give it a go and try to do things as it is a great experience whether you win or not. I am sure with her talent, she has every chance of being a winner again!

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Watch the video on youtube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuI5wZRahaU

\* The next articles were developed by students at level 3 with the help of teacher Gema.



You have arrived in Perth and heard people say:

### "There are a lot of jobs here." Is this true?

Yes, this is true, but you need to know where and how find opportunities, and the most importantly, you have to be proactive.

Perth has many different kinds of jobs. The most common jobs for students are cleaning jobs. This is a good opportunity for people that don't speak English very well. But the problem is, you don't improve your English, because often you just clean alone. But if you need a job quickly, go to agent services, such as OCS, Airlite Group or Plus 8. They can help you find these jobs.

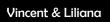
Another common kind of job here is being a Kitchen Hand. You have to help in the kitchen of a restaurant, washing dishes, cutting food or cleaning the floor. This job is quite hard, and often you have to work on weekends. But it is a wonderful opportunity for make money.

To find these jobs, just walk around and give your resume out to the restaurants in Leederville, Northbridge and Subiaco.

If you are a "night person" look for job in a nightclub or a pub. You can work as a Barman or Glassie. These are very good jobs that pay well and you can enjoy the night life in Perth. Often you will work just 2 or 3 days in the week, but you work long shifts.

So if you really like to work here, look around and enjoy this advices and don't forget to study.





## Yes, you can.....eat!

W nese food. If you like Chinese food as much as me, read this! I will tell where you can find Chinese restaurants and what kind of Chinese food you can eat there. In Northbridge, there are a lot of Chinese restaurants. Almost all of them come from Hong Kong or Guangdong because Hong Kong food and Cantonese food are very

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famous in China.

In these restaurants, you can have Dimsum where someone pushes a little trolley with sumai, shrimp dumplings,

You can take anything you want from the cart and pay later. And you can see someone carry big dishes with baked food like fried dumplings and tarts. Of course you can take anything you want from there and pay later too.

Enjoy the Chinese food in Perth!

steamed buns and other foods.

Do you like multicultural food? Then you are in the right place in Perth. You have the possibility of eating in a lot of foreign restaurants. You have plenty of choice. I'm Italian, but I've tasted food from many different kitchens in Perth. My favourite restaurant is a little eatery near P.I.C.E. You can eat Thai and Chinese food and it's very fresh. Normally I have the green curry with rice and the price is only \$8.50. But most of all I like the relaxed atmosphere. It's very important to me. I also like Japanese and Korea food, but I don't enjoy fast-food so much. I think fast-food isn't healthy, but it does make a good change.

I can say, my experience with food here in Perth is only positive!



There are many great places to shop Perth. "But I think Myer is the best shopping center."

I can choose different clothes for different events. I can also combine different and use athers brands together and create my own style. This shopping center has everything that can make you look part and extremely stylish. This shopping center is for people with big ambitions and grand plans for a bright future.

For women I think for a good choices include brands like Guess, Wish Clarion Dress, CUE fabric from Australia, Jane Lamerton, Ted Baker London, or you can choose some jeans brands such as Guess, Armani Jeans, Levi's and some jacket it is Wish or Regatta. As for comfortable weekend wear you can choose Bands it is really good and nice fabric colors its my choice.

Regards to shoes in a Perth I like really comfortable pleasant for walking. Ballet that's in my opinion are very elegant and sexy. As for me This is Armani, Blouch, Christian Louboutin, Ted Baker are a really good choices.

Myer has wide range of perfume and cosmetics. I can recommend brands as Christian Dior, George Armani, Ralph Lauren, Thierry Mugler and others all available in Perth. Naturally, the scent of a woman is another essential part of her wardrobe!

For men I think you can choose clothes for all occasions and also by all the famous brands. Some popular jeans, include **G-star, Levi's, Calvin Klein or Guess**. You can choose some jacket or t-shirt **Gaz Man, BLAQ, Ben Sherman, Tommy Hilfiger** or **Nautica** or some **Polo Ralph Lauren**. If you want suits you can choose this **Van Heusen** or **Flair IF, Italia Collezioni**.

If you want to know more you should go and check out

### Myer.

I give you address this: 200 Murray Street, 60000 WA, Perth.



### **Sport in Perth**

Perth is a good place to play sport. There are lots of parks to run in or to do exercise. You can run along the coast and use free gym equipment. I have practised running for 10 years. I like running. In Perth, I run about 3 or 4 times per week When I arrived in Perth. I lived in a home-stay near Scarborough. I went running on the coast at sunset. It was beautiful.

Actually, I'm living in a flat-share near Kings Park at the moment, so I can go there now. It's a good place but when the weather is warm, there are so many flies! If you want eat your meal for free, it's very good!!

Usually, I run alone but sometimes I run with some friends. I like to run because when you practise this sport, you can think about other things. When you are alone, you listen to music and, with your friends, you can practise English and discuss lots of different things.

For me, doing sport in Australia is very easy. There are lots of places to do it. If you don't like to run, swim or play sport, there are lots of gyms open everyday at every time. For example there is a gym opposite to the school called "Snap Fitness".

