Video 1 – Homestay Wellbeing

When I arrived in Australia, I was really nervous because I could not speak English really well at first.

When I first arrived here, I just only knew two words in English, yes and no.

The hardest thing was being away from my family. I’d have to speak a different language; I’d have to learn to be in dependent and then I’d have to fit in at school and at home.

How do I describe my homestay family? Kind, energetic and funny.

First time I arrived here, I felt homesick, but now it’s better.

If I felt homesick, I would play traditional music from back home and just started dancing and singing or I would call my family back home and talk to them.

Once or twice a week I speak to my family and tell them what’s happening in Australia and what experiences I did.

Since arriving in Australia, I’m not homesick because I have really kind homestay family and cute two doggies.

Sometimes I go for a walk with the dogs and my roommate Sally.

When I get in trouble like assessments and homework, my homestay family would help me.

If I felt homework was too much, teachers would say stop doing homework and sleep first, you can do homework the next day.

They look after the whole of you don’t they, not just the academics. They make sure you have enough sleep and food and socializing with your family.

I think the biggest reason for us to become homestay providers is the difference we make in children’s lives.

I know that if my children travelled and my children go overseas, I’d want them to be loved and I’d want them to feel safe and I’d love them to be in a home that feels like their home.

The best thing in Australia is people are really friendly, so positive and my listening skill is improving, and my speaking skills are improving too.

I do feel like I am a stronger person now because I learnt different stuff from what I used to do back home.

New family that I have to create a bond with, and I get to depend on myself more, and what I would say is just give it a try, even though it’s hard, just try because you’ll pull through.