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Transcript

Remi

My name is Remy. I grew up in Brazil.

And now I live in Australia in a place that feels like paradise.

I grew up in big cities, were big buildings of 1620 stores, so really coming here and I saw this if for me it was unbelievable because it was.

Just another reality. Being able to drive half an hour and go to waterfall and just spend the afternoon there swimming and watching the the wildlife and that was really something amazing for me.

This is Cairns in Queensland, Australia on the Great Barrier Reef.

I think for me cans is peaceful because it's nice and quiet. It's also adventurous at the same time because you can do so many different things in the wild.

We've always really been into diving. I thought the Great Barrier Reef would be the perfect place to go and visit, so I decided to come to Cairns.

For six months as an exchange student, I came to Trinity Bay State High School. The education system is quite different, so I really enjoyed being able to pick the classes that I was more interested in. For example, I picked marine science, which ended up being.

Awesome, hey Remy, how you doing? Good to see you?

Let's see it too.

Dr. Bill Little

What's it like being back at Trinity Bay after this?

Remi

Time it's it's great to be back here. Just see all the classrooms.

Reminds me of five years ago with that I was in.

Dr. Bill Little

Those classrooms, Remy, was one of many international students that we get at the school, but Remy really stood out for me as well and I remember him being passionate about a marine science course.

So cans is amazing because we have the rainforest which is World Heritage and ancient. But we also have the reef.

You know one of the seven great wonders of the world, and it's right on our doorstep. We do this wonderful mix of doing science in the real world, but when you take 50 students and they're from Germany, Italy, Brazil.

China, Japan. They all come together and you give them those wow moments. It really is a once in a lifetime experience.

Remi

There was actually quite a few excursions, so they did whitewater rafting. They went into the rainforest. The one I did was a trip to Orpheus Island. Wisdom are in science class.

Being able to literally wake up in the morning, walk down the beach and on one side you'll have the mangroves with the baby sharks swimming around on the other side, you'll have the reef where you can just go and for a snorkel. It's almost overwhelming that feeling because.

Sometimes you're in places that have such amazing natural wonders that you don't know where to look because everywhere you look, it's just something different. That's completely mind blowing.

When I was on Orpheus Island and I had this experience, it was definitely one of the turning points that made me decide.

As soon as I graduated from high school, I was already coming back to Australia and I decided to do JCU because of that experience.

I started off studying marine science, but after my first year I switched to aquaculture.

Getting us all where I.

JCU in the aquaculture facility.

We have that contact with animals like barramundi or the Queensland grouper which then going into the wild if I go fishing and catching the barramundi is.

Actually, a feeling like completely unbelievable. It's a feeling of achievement that I managed to finally catch my first bar and I was getting a little bit more Australian because of that.

I think Australia is one of the safest country you could be. As soon as I arrive, I felt very welcome.

My host family was very lovely and they they made me feel home. What I really enjoyed as well was the fact that they would Take Me Out and visit places around. We went up to the table lamps using the railway.

Up to Kuranda and then down with the skyrail, we also went down to Mission Beach and that's where I started feeling that family.

Feeling from them.

Host Mother

Funny how you doing good.

Remi

Since I came back to Australia for university, I try and catch up with them as much as possible.

We go out for dinners and have a great time together. I really still have that good relationship with them.

Host Mother

What fish is that one?

Remi

I think that once a dogtooth puffer fish, it's good that even though I'm away from home, there is still that feeling of home here.

I'd definitely say that being a student here in international student in Australia has changed my life. A great feeling to be able.

To go somewhere and realize that that's what you want to do, and that's where you want to stay, so I'm pretty glad I ended up coming here. 'cause I found my true passion in my true career.