



Killara High School

Germany study tour 2023 to Johannes-Brahms-Schule from Killara High School in Sydney, Australia

Dear Principal Jula Rohde, Teachers, Students and Families,

On behalf of our entire school community at Killara High School in Sydney Australia, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the humanity, kindness and hospitality shown towards our students and teachers during our study tour of Germany. You and your team of dedicated students, families and teachers made our trip to Germany a truly memorable life experience. We have gained deep insight and knowledge throughout this experience at Johannes-Brahms-Schule and we will implement our learnings in Sydney. We take with us strategies associated with environmental protection and sustainability initiatives. We also take with us important teaching and learning strategies. Your care for the environment and your innovative learning styles are inspirational.

Our students lived with your students and their families for over a week, and they enjoyed every moment. Your families provided our students with cultural experiences that will resonate for their entire lives.

Both of our schools share a common goal, and this is to educate our young people to be positive global citizens and to make a positive contribution to the world that they will inherit. I believe this study tour, with all its components has truly achieved this goal for our students in both schools.

Students from both countries have formed meaningful friendships that will endure well beyond this experience, and I know that these special connections will enrich their lives in a manner that will improve and benefit their global perspectives. I hope that our students can continue to learn together and collaboratively unleash their potential using digital technologies.

Cristina and Isabella have supported the planning of this tour over many months, and their care, diligence, and attention to detail have provided us all with a feeling of being at "home" away from "home". They have been with us from the moment we landed and have supported us through to our departure. Cristina and Isabella radiate positive energy that encourages all those around them to rise. They truly manifest the ethos that: *we all rise when we lift others*. By this I mean that their generous actions in helping our students and teachers to arrange this tour, has had a positive ripple impact that extends across the globe. On behalf of our students and their families back in Sydney, we thank Cristina and Isabella.

We thank the wonderful students and families of Johannes-Brahms-Schule. You have welcomed our students into your homes and treated them with kindness and love, and we thank you for volunteering and supporting this life changing educational experience. We hope that one day we can provide your children with an Australian educational and cultural experience in Sydney.

Overall, we are honoured to be associated with the team of students and teachers at Johannes-Brahms-Schule and we very much look forward to visiting again, or even hosting your wonderful students and teachers in Sydney. A special mention to Ms Beyer, Ms Smit and Deputy Principal Mr Brennecke for inviting our teachers into your classrooms and supporting our excursions. Thank you to the many wonderful teachers at JBS for educating our students across key learning areas throughout this experience.

To the entire teaching team at Johannes-Brahms-Schule, students and families, we have travelled to your school from the other side of our planet, and you have shown us the best of the human spirit and German culture, and for this we will be forever grateful. I hope that our paths cross again in the future, either in Australia or Germany. Until then, thank you and goodbye.

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