

## **The 44th START Program & The 1st START+ Program (Australia)**

For around two weeks from August 25th to September 11th 2017, 20 first-year students participated in the 44

amazing that many students diligently carried out interviews with local students and compiled a rich presentation that improved in comparison with the one made before the program, using polished English expressions and presentation skills they had picked up from lectures.

Through this program, participants felt the joy and, at the same time, realized the difficulty of communicating in English. During the program, participants often commented saying “It is difficult to express myself in English. It is frustrating that I can’t get (someone) to understand what I am saying”. Eventually, through the program and conversation with their host families, more and more students began to savor the joy of speaking English. Many students spent a meaningful time with their host families, and said “The homestay experience was totally awesome. I don’t want to go back to Japan.” The relaxed environment at the farewell party on the final day is totally different from the day they first arrived. It is hoped that students will make full use of the invaluable experiences gained through this program, and we wish them all the best in life.



Discussion with local students



Presentation on the final day

Observing wild seals at Kangaroo Island

Lectures with local students (START+  
Program)

At IELI City campus (START+  
Program)