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Wow! What just happened! This basically describes the exchange experience. One thing I realised on exchange is how isolated and big Australia is, I felt as though I had been cut totally out of my comfort zone placed into a totally new country, made to adapt (or die), only to then be cut and put back into Australia. Reflecting on the experience it seems like a dream.

Delft is a beautiful little city (in fact it has very famous architecture) of just over 100,000 inhabitants. Boring? No because Holland is very small and we could be anywhere in the country within 1 hour with the efficiency of the Dutch train system (which also ran throughout the night). The Dutch are extremely organised and love technology, so get ready for chipnik and the pain of not having this technology when you first arrive. They don't use coins much.

We always found something to do, largely because of the crazy 'erasmus' or European exchange students, with the one goal of having a great time! I found making friends to be very easy, and having English is fantastic. Being in Holland I could speak to check out chicks in English, yes try speak to one in Australia in Spanish and see what happens...

This experience is something I will always hold dear. I have made friends that already are sorely missed and I know I will see again in the near future. I stayed with their families whilst in Italy and Spain, so it was 'fantastico'. The Dutch climate made me truly appreciate what we have in Brisbane, although maybe a little hot at times. The expression on people's faces after saying 'we have temperatures of 20 °C in winter..' priceless.

The university had a very high quality of education. Access to computers, internet, and professors was easy. For this aspect I would say it's on par with uq. I did not however like not having tutorials. This made me study more during exam periods. You will probably do master courses here which are harder than courses at uq.

The beer in Europe will also be missed. Belgium beer is awesome, so good and so strong! Beer is also way cheaper than Australia.

Overall if you have ever considered to do exchange I strongly recommend it. You will never be the same again. Take every opportunity that comes your way.

