The year has started well and we are seeing great progress being made by the students settling into their new environment. It has been wonderful to see friendships being formed between the whole group which are continuing outside the classroom.

The program has been created with a strong emphasis on social skill and life skill development through the subjects being delivered to the students. These skills are consistent with the goals that have been developed through the use of the Zigurat Model for each student. Tuesday is excursion day except when the weather prohibits this from happening. The students investigated the Blackwood area on their first outing. They used the opportunity to purchase Metro Cards for public transport. Currently, public transport is being utilised to get to designated locations around Adelaide. The students are being shown how to use timetables to enable them to catch appropriate buses to get to the locations and then back to school in time for the end of the school day. The students have travelled to Marion Shopping Centre, Glenelg and Adelaide city so far.

Cameras have been purchased to be used on the excursions as well as some iPads and a pocket Wi-Fi to allow internet access while travelling.

Lots of yummy goodies have been cooked in their Food Preparation lessons. The students look forward to these lessons and it is good to see them supporting each other as they prepare and cook the food. Science has focused on our solar system and beyond. This has been transferred into their art lessons where the students made models of the planets. They are currently doing some pixel art. Mathematics has focused on angles and number work. In English, the students have been preparing a short story and a persuasive writing piece. Students are being encouraged to change into sports clothing for their Physical Education lessons where they have been learning the skills of playing Badminton, Bocce and Table Tennis.

Thank you everyone for your support so far.

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