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Hoi from the Netherlands,

Well I've started my exchange in the Netherlands and the first three months have been amazing words just aren't enough to explain it.

The Dutch culture is extremely different to Australia... What I have found is that the Dutch are always on the go (something to do, somewhere to be.) This is a huge advantage, because I'm always out and about. Never do the same thing everyday!!

I go to two schools, which I enjoy because I'm meeting twice as many people. The school I attend on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, I'm doing Dutch History, language Dutch, Art, Art History, Geography and Gym. I'm enjoying the subjects because it's different from what I did in Australia. Which I love because I'm stepping out of my comfort zone!

At the other school the classes I'm doing there are Cooking and Agriculture, which is a variety!!

My host family are awesome. I have five brothers and sisters, but only two live at home. The biggest shock was coming to a family and being the youngest (in Australia I'm the oldest), and being treated like the little kid of the family. But I'm enjoying having older brothers and sisters!!



I've seen bits of The Netherlands and can't wait to see a lot more. I've also seen some of Belgium and Germany. But this is only the start of my experience and I can't wait for the next eight months :):)

Thankyou so much for this opportunity and once in a life time experience!!!

Sincerely,

Samantha Sporysz