

Notice the Numbers

2,116 are the students attending ACHS.
17 are the students violating dress code each day for first week of school.
2 are the students violating dress code each day for the current week in school.

750 are the approximate students in the library each day.
2 are the approximate students asked to leave the library each week.

108 are the student parking spots available.
16 are the parking violations this school year as of yet.

Student Ambassadors make trip to Australia

By Kevin Kruthers

A group of 35 Lake County teens, several of whom are students at ACHS, took part in the trip of a lifetime.

As a courtesy of People to People International Student Ambassadors, these students visited the nation of Australia, home of world famous attractions such as the Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef. Students set out to explore Australia's many treasures for 20 days last summer, experiencing first hand its unique British-influenced culture, and most importantly, having fun, and making new friends.

Students departed for Australia on June 17. Students arrived in Sydney on Monday, June 18, as a result of losing a day to crossing the International dateline. From there, students would spend the next 18 days traveling by bus from Sydney to Cairns, covering a distance of 3,500 miles.

A vigorous itinerary provided the

students with much to do. "I enjoyed the stop at Coolum," said ACHS sophomore Christine Pondell.

"We had a lot of free time there, which was really cool." ACHS junior Laura Bookwalter found the farm stay of most interest. "I could totally relate," she said, "coming from a farm myself. It was interesting to learn about how they work a farm in another country." Other highlights of the trip included the visit of Surfer's Paradise, the dive at the Great Barrier Reef, and the Sydney Harbor Bridge climb. "I'm really afraid of heights. Climbing the [Sydney Harbor] bridge was fun and allowed me to overcome that fear," said Bookwalter.

According to their website, the legacy of People to People International Student Ambassadors can be traced back to former president Dwight D. Eisenhower, who first founded the program in 1956. Eisenhower formed the

program based on the concept of world peace, believing that if students could understand other nation's cultures they wouldn't develop conflict-causing suspicions and misconceptions.

Next summer's destination will be the sandy beaches of Costa Rica. Students interested in becoming an ambassador, can get information at www.studentambassadors.org.



Photos by Ashley Foster



SITES OF SYDNEY: The Sydney Harbor Bridge (left), Sydney Opera House (above), and Sydney Olympics Logo (top), are some of the sites the People to People International Student Ambassadors visited on their trip in Australia.

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