Living in Australia has always been a dream that seemed so far away, until I heard about SFU’s exchange program which gives students the opportunity to live and study abroad. I feel that studying in a new country has allowed me to break free from my daily routine in Vancouver, and has allowed me to become a more open-minded individual to new cultures and new experiences.

Perth Skyline

Studying in Perth, Western Australia at Murdoch University has been an unforgettable experience. On campus, there are wild parrots and rainbow coloured birds that live in the trees. Bush Court is an outdoor courtyard in the middle of the school, which is considered the main gathering point for all students. The residence on campus consists of apartments, which is only a 5-10 minute walk to school. Everyone that lives on Rez is encouraged to participate in fun Rez Events like Yoga, The Swan Valley Wine Tour, Iron Chef, Pajama Party, Movie Night, and more.
One of my highlights from studying at Murdoch University was The Northwest Trip, which is offered to all the exchange students every semester. I found that this was the best way to meet other exchange students from around the world. The Northwest trip was a 10 day trip that took place over the reading break, where a professional tour company would take us camping along the North Western coastline of Western Australia, all the way up to Coral Bay. It was surreal getting to camp in the Aussie outback with red dirt, where wild animals like Kangaroos and Dingoes were known to roam around. On one of the days, we hiked the gorges in Karijini National Park only to go cliff jumping in the waterholes. In Monkey Mia, wild dolphins visited the shoreline and swam right up to us when we were only knee-deep in water. I love the laid back beach lifestyle Perth, Australia has to offer.
Top: Dolphin Feeding in Monkey Mia, At the beach in Monkey Mia
Below: Waterfall in Karajini National Park