



# ***Knightly Adventures Abroad***

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**Advice to future study abroad participants:**  
**Enjoy every minute of your study abroad experience. It FLYS by!!**



**If I could do it over, I would...**

**STAY LONGER!!**

**Major: Physical Therapy**

**Years/Term Abroad: Fall 2008**

**Name of program and why you chose it:**  
**Exchange at Swinburne University**  
**They offered Italian, and the semester dates fit well with my schedule at Bellarmine.**

**Describe the Housing Situation:** I lived in an apartment complex (on campus but not university housing) with three Australians. We each had a key to our own room and shared a common area with a kitchen.

**Best Memory:** I have two. **Blasting music, singing, and dancing in the living room with my housemates--Going to the Saturday morning market with Aaron for fruit and veggies.**

**How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience?** I appreciate Bellarmine for its small class size and intimate teaching style, but I also see that we have much to improve upon. I have a greater appreciation for our school spirit and sports teams as well!

**Greatest Challenge:** **Forcing myself to study...**

**Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock:** I haven't noticed any.

**What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad:** Australia can be expensive! The cost of simply living in my apartment was the same amount as room *and* board at Bellarmine. The exchange rate was not in my favor at the beginning of my study abroad either!

**The best way I can attempt to describe my experience is that I felt alive.**