“I always wanted to come to Sydney,” said Kim Nolte who was inspired to come to Australia by images of sunny skies, great beaches and the Sydney Harbour.

Kim came to South Sydney High School on the Study Abroad program which allows high school students to spend up to a year studying at a New South Wales government school in Sydney.

The Study Abroad program has provided her a unique insight into Australian culture and lifestyle in Sydney. “I chose to study in Australia because I wanted to make new friends and have an overseas experience,” she said. She found students are friendly and welcoming.

At South Sydney High School, Kim was also able to participate in a variety of sports activities and even saw kangaroos on a school excursion. She found the teachers very professional and helpful, and received credit for her studies in Australia when she returned to Germany.

South Sydney High School is one of 20 high schools participating in the study abroad program. Located in Sydney’s Eastern Suburbs, the school is close to the city beaches and the city business centre. The school is a comprehensive and coeducational high school, the largest government school in the Bondi school education area. Students can select from a range foreign languages and elective subjects, creative arts, design and technology.

Kim recommends studying at a NSW government school. “It was a great experience,” she said. She hopes to be able to return to Australia someday.