

Salvin

Good morning, thank you so much for joining us, please continue to be excellent audience members by showing respect and humanity.

Welcome to Room 17's Assembly.

Owen,

Australia is a diverse country, home to many nationalities, religions, cultures and belief systems.

Olivia

It is also home to the oldest living culture on earth. Our Aboriginal people have walked this land for tens of thousands of years. Room 17 respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation. It is a privilege to be standing on Wadjuk country.

Jude

This semester we have been researching the reasons that people migrate to Australia. These are known as push and pull factors.

Jarrison

Please stand for the national anthem. Remember the lyric 'One and Free' we are a diverse nation but this line means that we are all together.

Hannah

Ok, quick challenge...stand up if you were born in another country...quite a few...ok, stand up if your parents were born in another country...Even more...stand up if your grandparents were born in another country...wow look at that, so many students with heritage from overseas.

Ryan

You can sit down! Our school, this community, this state, this country is made up of so many nationalities in fact 30% of our population was born overseas...

Matilda

But why did you, your parents, your grandparents decide to come to Australia?
Let's take a look....

TV SHOW THEME TUNE ON SCREEN 'WHY'

Dave

G'day Australia it's another episode of 'Why'? where we ask the Australian population the question you want answers to.

Shima

Today's question – Why did you come to Australia? Australia is full of interesting people and they all came here for different reasons.

Dave

You join us on the pristine beach of 'Sandy Bay'. Beaches are one the reasons people travel and move to Australia. We wanted to see if there were other reasons that these people moved here.

Shima

Let's start with you...sir, what's your name where did you come from and why are you here!

Oliver HM – We can workshop what you would like to say Oliver.

I studied to be an engineer but in my country there is no work, Over here, the opportunities are endless, so much work which means more money and a better lifestyle. It was such an obvious choice, I am so glad I call Australia home.

Dave

And you sir, why are you here?

Wangchuk

Back in my home country, we didn't have beaches like this! I came here for the surf man.

Wangchuk, Tyler and Kallan run with surfboards off the stage (like they are going to catch a wave).

We now call Australia home!

Shima

Turning to Freya

Did you also come for the beaches?

Freya

The beaches are fantastic but more importantly for me, I really wanted my family to have a better education, the schooling here is much more inclusive.

Ben Davey Climbs up the sandcastle and falls off.

You can see that my son Timmy really needs the extra support.

Dave

You two seem like sisters?

Sydney

Yeah I came over here first because Australia has got one of the best hockey programs in the world I wanted to train with some of the best.

Summer

And I couldn't let my big sister have all the fun, plus I was missing her back in NZ so I joined her out here last year.

Sydney (*Laughing*)

We now call Australia home.

Jack

This country is great, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom to be a bit of a clown! In my country if you said what you thought about the government you would be locked away.

Shima

(Turning to Claire)

Are you much happier here?

Claire

I am so much happier here, I wanted to live in a place that I didn't need to drive 2 hours to get to work, being stuck in traffic for hours everyday was making me sick. Plus look how sunny it is today

Puts on sun glasses

All students put on their sunglasses

Dave

We have met so many people here today who all came to Australia for a different way of life.

Shima

All of these factors are 'pull' factors, the people you met were 'pulled' by the new life they saw in Australia

Thanks for joining us today. Next on Channel 17 is the news.

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News Presentation to be filmed – Jarrison & Matilda

Yuki

So you see there are many reasons why people migrate to Australia, sometimes they are pushed from their country and sometimes they are pulled to this one.

PUSH!

Hannah

War

PULL!

Hayley

Better education

PUSH!

Hannah

Natural Disasters

PULL!

Hayley

Higher wages

PUSH!

Hannah

Pollution

PULL!

Hayley

Happier lifestyle

PUSH!

Hannah

Lack of Jobs

PULL!

Hayley

Freedom of speech

Sydney

That's enough you lot, whatever the reason, they now call Australia home.

SONG – Still call Australia Home (Now call Australia Home).

Sophie

Whatever the reason, we are so lucky to have so many people in our community that were born overseas who now call Australia home.

Hayley

One person who now calls Australia home is Mrs O'Hara, I'd like to invite her to address the assembly.

Sophie

Mrs O'Hara, why do you now call Australia home?

Ben Davey

It is now time for the school councillors to hand out the merit awards for Humanity and Possibilities.

Ben S

It is now time for the school councillors to hand out the merit awards for Belonging and Respect.

Duncan

I'd like to invite the school councillors to address the assembly

Aisha

We are about to sing the school song, remember belonging to this mighty school means you belong to a school full of diverse and interesting students
Please stand for the school song.

Myra

Thanks very much for joining us for today's assembly, why not ask your parents or grandparents if they were born overseas and why they came to Australia...you could even ask your teacher...for now please listen to them for your next instruction.