So I’ve arrived here in Guayaquil, Ecuador. No longer in Melbourne and no longer at La Trobe but its been exciting.

So this is my room, I stay here with an Ecuadorian family. I’ve got René, my host Dad, Pilar my host Mum and David my host brother.

Ahhh it’s been.. it was tough at first obviously with the language as my host parents only speak Spanish and that’s why I’m here to learn the language.

And yeh although sometimes it feels like you don’t, you haven’t really learnt anything, but if I compare myself to where I was to where I am now, definitely come along way.

So just give you a quick run down on my day to day general day to day things. I study at a university here called UEES and it’s obviously not as good as La Trobe but still a great uni and they give us an internship, sort of like voluntary work where we work 4 hours in the morning.

I’m working in the “El Campo” the countryside.

I’m working with farmers which is great as it relates to my agricultural science degree and it’s great fun.

It does take a little while to get out there as it is in the countryside, it’s about an hour and a half bus ride there and an hour and a half bus ride back, so it is long. But nah it’s great, learn heaps and the people out there are amazing.

So I generally return home at about 1pm here I have lunch with my host family. Generally people here come home for lunch and it is the biggest meal of the day and it is generally pretty big.

And Guayaquil is very famous for it’s rice and taste amazing but it comes with everything, even if you have pasta it comes with rice. So if you’re on a carb free diet Guayaquil isn’t the place for you.

So after lunch I roll myself to uni about 3pm I start my classes and I finish my classes at 10.20pm.

So I have a little bit of a break between my classes but still 10.20pm is a bit different because at La Trobe you generally finish at about at latest 5pm so it’s a long day waking up early working on the farm and then going to classes.

So it’s sort of like two days in one but you get a lot out of it and the end of the week you feel like you’ve done a lot and yeh it’s great.

So this is just a little bit of an introduction to my time here, in my next blogs I’ll show you around, show you some of the people I’ve met and yeh it will be exciting, little bit different to my previous at La Trobe but yeh it’s going to be great, but for now hasta luego and ciao!