

A GROUP OF AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN STUDENTS HAVE MASTERED INTRICACIES OF LOCAL ENGLISH

Hear Indori *angrezi* in foreign tongue

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A group of Australian and Canadian students who are in the city for a study tour are attracting an audience with a unique hobby of reproducing accents they picked up during their journeys across the world.

In short span of time, the students have picked up intricacies of local English and can mimic a hardcore Indori - with the a's and o's, aa riya's and jaa riya's amalgamating in the foreign tongue. The ninth grade students of Ivanhoe School, Melbourne and Appleby College, Canada, who are here at Daly College for pursuing a 10-day certificate course on cultural heritage of India, leave their audience wide-eyed with



Australian & Canadian students take a stroll at Daly College campus

exact replication of Americans, Chinese and the British. The students found the English accent used in different countries amusing.

"English we speak in Australia is different here and in rest of the parts of the world," said Tilli Beaumont of Ivanhoe School. "The words used are same in every country but they

sound so different everywhere," she added.

Hamish Asquith, who has well mastered the art of emulating different English accents of various countries, says that it is easy to understand the origin of a person just by hearing him speak in English.

"Indians, Americans, Chinese, English and others

An introduction to mythology

Students were taught the significance of gods and goddesses in the Hindu mythology as well as the importance of hymns and mantras in everyday life. They also been familiarised with the religious scriptures of India

have a peculiar way of using words of English language which is very interesting," he said.

These students who travelled to US, China, UK, Bali etc admitted that comprehending the meaning in a foreign accent of English language is tough.

"This happens everywhere on the globe that a

person finds the English accent of another country as a little difficult like we have little trouble in understanding Indian accent and similarly they have trouble in understanding ours'," said another student Sophie Day. Students of both schools are learning the Indian history and culture by the teachers of Daly College under the Round Square programme.

They visited Mandu and other historic places around Indore on Saturday. The students would be staging a Dandiya performance in the school assembly hall on Sunday. Students are also learning to prepare Indian cuisines under the programme and various religious and spiritual beliefs of our country.