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Our class travelled on a bus to the centre of Sydney and walked up some fire escape stairs to an air-conditioned space with a lot of technology, TVs, gaming equipment, headsets and microphones. We all sanitised our hands to be COVIDSAFE and sat on some comfy lounges while an instructor explained what we were to do. We formed groups of five and I was with Ava, Izumi, Simone and Sarang.

We walked into a room and each sat on a comfortable gaming chair with a TV above our heads and headsets so that we could see the VR and also communicate with our teammates. We settled ourselves into the chairs, put on our headsets and raised our hands so that they were picked up by the headset. The VR experience began! We were in chairs, strapped down and all in a circle. We used our lasers and telekinesis to blow up robots and align huge poles into key like inverts in a central console to move us onto the next part of the experience. We grabbed equipment, aligned shapes and floated through zero-G for nearly an hour completing tasks like that one in order to finish the mission. Once we had finished the last assignment we were teleported into space and we flew to our space pods and shot towards the Earth as our mission ended and the credits flashed up on the screen.

As we pulled off our headsets we smiled at each other and stood up from our comfy chairs. We walked out of the dark room and into the area our class had been in when we had entered from the fire escape. We played Mario Kart on some Nintendo Switches that were in the room and learned that the smoke we had smelled and the air we had felt against our faces while in the room were in fact real life special effects that had been used to make our experience even more realistic and involved. We snacked on the afternoon tea that had been provided for us and lent back against the lounges as the nausea from virtual reality hit. Once everyone had finished their experiences we gathered together and said goodbye to the staff that had helped us as we went through our mission and collected brochures.