

We see Gary sitting in his bedroom, he is looking at photos of his home village in Burma. He is also looking at photos of his friends in Malaysia and some videos on you tube that he made whilst living in Malaysia.

GARY (VO)

I'm from Chin State - North West Burma a small Town called lautu khuahrang. When I lived in my country, I didn't finish high school because it was too expensive to study. In 2001 my eldest brother moved to Malaysia and my middle brother moved in 2007 but the money was never enough for me to study in another city because all of us wanted to study as well. So when I lived in my country in 2010, my brothers know that I couldn't continue to study in Burma, so they asked me to move to Kuala Lumpur. "Come to Malaysia to study or to work, whatever you like" said my brothers. And I applied for Malaysian visa to live with my brothers. When I left from my home, my parents and some my siblings were very sad and cried. Finally my father told me, "My son, you never give up. We really wish you good luck with everything you do and we will always pray to God that you're safe." And I went to Kulam Lumpur to live with my brothers. Well, I think in Malaysia life was hard as well because I came from Chine State in North West Burma and I guess in Malaysia Burmese people weren't allow to go to local schools. Even I thought education wasn't important for me anymore. I just wanted to work and earn money. I thought it was too late for me to study.

Gary hopps on his scooter and we see him riding down the street heading to the station and in city.

GARY (VO)

Now I live in Australia, and I think differently about education. I know Australia has one of the best education system in the World. My parents are still

living in Burma, I live with my sister-in-law, my eldest brother, my niece and nephew, here in Melbourne. Sometimes, I ride my scooter to train station but most days I just walk.

3 INT. BEDROOM DAY

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We see Gary packing books in a bag. He packs his scooter and leaves his bedroom Gary's sister-in law and little nephew wave to him and say goodbye as his sister in law opens the door for him.

GARY (OV)

My sister-in law, always cooks food for me and wash my clothes alike my mum. Each monig I go to school she opens the door with her children and say goodbye to me.

4 EXT. TRAIN STATION DAY

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Gary arrives at the station and sits and waits for the train.

GARY (VO)

Sometimes I miss the train and have to wait 10 to 15 minutes for the next train. And it makes to be late my class, I don't like to be late for class because I know even though the teacher doesn't say anything to me, I know I've missed important information.

5 INT. TRAIN DAY

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Gary is on the train listening to music on my phone and reading book

GARY (VO)

I enjoy listening to music and reading books on the trains. I love to read stories about refugees and about homeless people and even famous people like Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa or Barack Obama.

6 EXT. RMIT DAY

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Gary arrives at RMIT and meets his friends. They laugh and talk and work together on assignments and projects.

GARY (VO)

Even though English is not my first language, I only has to speak English when I'm at school. I don't know anyone at Uni who speaks Burmese or Chin. I really love meeting people from different backgrounds and cultures. Some of my classmates are very intelligent and ambitious. In classroom discussions, I have to think fast and explain my ideas clearly and share them with my friends. This is pretty hard for me at the moment but I'm trying to do my best.

7 INT. BEDROOM DAY

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Gary is looking at photo of his home village and photos of his time working as a volunteer at CMY (Centre for Multicultural Youth).

GARY (VO)

Sometimes I feel really homesick, I miss my parents and my hometown and the friends I grew up with. I have a plan for my future, to visit my country someday, I haven't been there a long time.

8 INT. BEDROOM DAY

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We see Gary's books, computers and bag as he is studying in his bedroom in Sunshine.

GARY (OV)

Well, actually, when I was younger I was studying without technology because there weren't any computers and phones in my hometown. It means, I grew up without any cartoons, games, movies, televisions etc. So, now when some people ask me what is my favorite cartoon or toy when I was a child, I would say "What do you think? I grew up without any cartoon, toy or game. You know?"

9 INT. STUDIO DAY

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Gary is being interviewd. He is asked Why does he think that education is so important for him.

INTERVIEWER

Hi Gary, thanks for coming in.

GARY

You're welcome. Thanks for inviting me.

INTERVIEWER

Well, let's get straight into it. Why is education important for you, and why do you want to encourage your friends to continue studying?

GARY (interview)

Umm well, I can see that education is the most important thing in my life. If I'm not studying, I wouldn't be able to speak English. I mean, I will be nothing if I'm not study. Even though my life has been very hard, and sometimes I feel that this is too difficult, I know I can't give up. I know that education is everything. I recommended that, we shouldn't stop studying when we are still pretty young. I strongly believe if you stop studying, you start dying. If life knocks you down, you just have to get back up again. It's never too late to study and learn new things.