1) Coogee and Bondi Beach are very nice and only a short bus ride away, but if you have a chance, head over to Manly Beach. Getting there requires a ferry ride, but the beach and surrounding shops make it worthwhile.
2) Definitely check out Paddy's Market. It has the cheapest everything in Sydney, especially if you want to buy souvenirs and produce.
3) Try kangaroo meat. It's a bit difficult to cook (you have to eat it pretty rare and it burns easily) but it's worth a try.
4) Take advantage of each and every traveling opportunity that IFSA-Butler provides. It is already paid for, and includes adventure trips like Dolphin watching and Blue Mountains hikes.
5) The downloading program is called ApexDC++. It is the best file-sharing program I've ever seen. It works the same as MyTunes or Mojo, but it is insanely fast. You can get a movie in minutes, plus it doesn't charge you for internet usage since it is an intranet service. Ask about it!
6) Check out Circular Quay a lot. That place is full of good bars and good food.
7) Go see an Aussie rules football game at the Olympic Stadium.
8) Try out Star City Casino, right near downtown. Blackjack was my favorite.
9) Lowenbrau has excellent beer. It is a German beer garden type place in The Rocks.
10) As far as traveling goes, I went to Melbourne, New Zealand during Easter Week Break, and The Whitsunday Islands. Gold Coast, Nimbin, Cairns, Fiji, The Outback, Brisbane, and Tasmania were also popular. Travel as much as you can within your budget.
12) As for bars, here is the skinny in my opinion:
   Monday: Marly Bar.
   Tuesday: Scruffy Murphys or The Gaffe.
   Wednesday: Sidebar, Marly, or The Eastern (it's in Bondi, which is quite a ways away and pretty expensive cab ride, but DEFINITELY check it out at least once)
   Thursday: World Bar, The Ivy, Jacksons
   Friday/Saturday: no go-to spot – mix it up. Cargo Bar in Darling Harbor was nice.
   Also, be mindful of the on-campus residential college parties at uni-bars. They are just like frat parties, and the drinks are the cheapest around.
Don’t

1) Go out to eat all the time if you can help it. It will take a toll on your wallet. Cook most of your meals (if living in Village), or eat the meal plan food (if living in Residential Colleges)
2) For bars, top floor is the lounge, middle floor is the bar, and bottom floor is the dance club. This set-up applies to many bars in Sydney.
3) Travel alone. Find a group of travel companions, who will likely be American students
4) Don’t forget that coins are like monopoly money
5) Don’t use your Australian cell phone like you do here. Limit texting and calling. Use Skype to talk to family and hometown friends.
6) Don’t forget to ride the bus. Public transportation is huge there – cabs are expensive.
5) Don’t forget to use caution at King’s Cross. It is basically Sydney’s toned down version of a red light district.
7) Don’t take the classes lightly. USyd is world-renowned, so don’t expect an easy semester. You should probably buy the textbooks, or share them with classmates (splitting cost).
8) Don’t overpay for lodging on vacations. Stay in hostels when you travel. They are amazingly cheap and usually do sponsored bar crawls where you’ll get a couple drinks at each bar. Plane tickets are pretty cheap within Australia as well.
9) Don’t be offended when Australians are sarcastic or “have a go at you”