

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The benefits of the exchange are many and varied. Students gain considerable self-confidence, tolerance and self-reliance through having to accept greater responsibility for themselves and their actions.

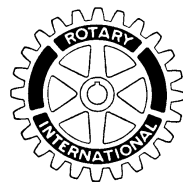
Students have to adapt to unfamiliar and different surroundings and ways of life which are different from that of Australia. For some, it will be the first extended period of separation from their own family. The experience provides the opportunity to develop many useful social 'survival skills'.

The exchange provides a unique opportunity for young Australians to experience at first hand the many cultural aspects of a different country, a new way of life, and, in many instances, another language. The friendships students make will be life long and important in achieving the aims of the exchange - the building of goodwill and understanding between countries.

WHAT TO DO NOW?

If you are interested in making an application you must do this on the appropriate application form. These are obtainable from the Secretariat of the District Youth Exchange Program Committee .

The Youth Exchange Secretariat must receive your completed Application Form, a copy of your latest School Report, a recent ID. colour photograph (5cms square) and **an Application Fee of \$50. Cheque or money order made payable to "Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange Program Committee Inc."** or EFT **BSB 112 879 Account No. 153840035 (please email Chairman if sending by EFT)**



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS

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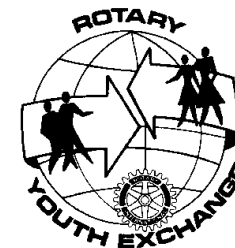
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DISTRICT 9670 AUSTRALIA

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

*Information
for students
in 2010-2011*

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Program is arranged by Rotary Clubs for young people to experience a year of education overseas, in a wide choice of countries. It also offers many other opportunities, both during and after the exchange is completed.

The Rotary program is recognised as the best student exchange program by schools, parents and students themselves because of its sound infrastructure.

Students stay with host families who are arranged by the hosting Club. In the majority of exchanges there is more than one host family, the preferred number being three or four. Host families may or may not be members of Rotary, but are Rotary approved.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any boy or girl. The children of Rotarians are welcome but of course gain no preference in selection.

Applicants should be in Year 10 or 12 in the year that they make application. The preferred age of applicants is between 15 - 18 years and should not have turned 19 at the time of departure (January of the year following application).

Applicants should be making sound progress at school and have a general interest in people and places. They should possess a good general knowledge of Australia - its political system, socio-economic policies and its involvement in international affairs.

Applicants must have displayed high standards of personal conduct and attitudes which are widely accepted in our community. They should have an outgoing personality and be interested in cultural and outdoor pursuit

Rotary is looking for young people who can act as personal ambassadors.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

Students are selected by Rotary Clubs on the basis of their application and a personal interview.

Applications close with the District Youth Exchange Secretariat on 1st April. Clubs will receive their allocated application Forms by mid April and will interview by late April.

The successful applicant from the Rotary Club is then nominated to the District Youth Exchange Program Committee. This Committee then interviews nominated applicants in May before arranging exchanges with overseas Clubs. Students have the opportunity to nominate any preferred countries of exchange from those available. However, there are limited places available in any one country, and a preparedness to accept an exchange in any of the available countries is necessary.

ROTARY PROVIDES TRAINING

Rotary clubs have an important role in the Exchange. Both the Hosting and Sponsor Club will provide one of their members to act as a counsellor. The counsellor's role is to maintain close contact with the student. This is expected to continue through the exchange period, not only with the student but also with the student's family, keeping everyone informed on the progress of the exchange.

The District Committee provides a briefing program for a wide range of subjects including personal development and public speaking. This aims to prepare the student for the exchange. Parents of students are also required to be involved in the briefing program.

HOSTING AN INBOUND STUDENT

While it is not obligatory your parents will be encouraged to host or organize hosting for an Inbound Student for a period of three months (to be approved by the Host Rotary Club of the Inbound Student.

ARE THERE OTHER OBLIGATIONS?

Students are required to adhere to the rules of the program, as applied in the country of exchange. These relate to personal behaviour and the expectations of being an ambassador for themselves, their family, their country, and Rotary.

During the exchange year away, students are required to attend and complete a year of secondary level schooling even though Year 12 may have been completed before the exchange.

EDUCATION CONSIDERATIONS

For students needing to return to secondary education in Australia, there may be credits available for study undertaken whilst away, however, this needs to be checked with the school before departure. The question of breaking school before the HSC years, or of University entrance is a matter of personal choice. The real bonus for education, is the cultural experience that students gain from the exchange itself.

WHAT DOES AN EXCHANGE COST?

Actual costs will vary depending on the country of exchange and the student's personal spending habits.

Student and family provide:

- An administration fee.
- Return overseas airfare, as arranged by Rotary, to the country of exchange.
- Insurance under the Australian Rotary Youth Exchange policy.
- Internal travel in overseas country, including Rotary organised student tours.
- Day-to-day personal expenses, postage, phonecalls, clothing, footwear etc.
- A small emergency fund (redeemable at the end of the exchange, if unused).

Host Rotary Club provides:

- Board and lodging with host family.
- Schooling expenses
- Approx. AUD\$120, monthly allowance.