

HOSTING WITH STUDENTS OF THE WORLD



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Hosting an exchange student can be a rewarding experience for all involved. Many host families create lifelong bonds with their students and find they learn just as much from hosting as the student does themselves. Families often come away with new network of friends they have met through connecting with other host families.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes – two-parent households, single-parent households, families with any number of children, families without children. What they have in common is a willingness to provide an international student with the experience of living in an Australian home while they attend a local high school.



STUDENT ARRIVALS 2023

Students spend five days in Sydney for orientation before arriving in their host family homes.

ITALIAN STUDENTS

PROGRAMS	STUDENTS JOIN FAMILIES	STUDENTS LEAVE FAMILIES
8 Weeks	July 15th	September 9th
8 Weeks	July 22nd	September 16th
10 Weeks	July 15th	September 23rd
12 Weeks	July 15th	October 5th
12 Weeks	July 22nd	October 14th

FRENCH STUDENTS

PROGRAMS	STUDENTS JOIN FAMILIES	STUDENTS LEAVE FAMILIES
6 Weeks	July 15th	August 26th
8 Weeks	July 15th	September 9th
8 Weeks	July 22nd	September 9th
12 Weeks	July 22nd	October 7th

SPANISH STUDENTS

PROGRAMS	STUDENTS JOIN FAMILIES	STUDENTS LEAVE FAMILIES
10 Weeks	July 22nd	September 30th

GERMAN STUDENTS

PROGRAMS	STUDENTS JOIN FAMILIES	STUDENTS LEAVE FAMILIES
6 Weeks	July 15th	August 26th



STEPS TO HOSTING



INITIAL CONTACT AND APPLICATION

Contact Students of the World by emailing info@studentsoftheworld.org.au or calling 08 8379 5726. A team member will forward you a link to our online application form. After submitting your application, we will be in regular contact with you and continue to answer any questions that you have.

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We will guide you through obtaining a Working with Children Clearance (or your State's equivalent) for each adult over 18 years old living in the household.

HOME VISIT

We will arrange at a convenient time to meet with you and your family at your home. This is a great time to meet in person, often with your local coordinator, who can answer any further questions and talk more about hosting

STUDENT MATCHING

You'll be matched with a student and the student's application and details will be sent to you.

We recommend connecting with the student and sending a letter to introduce yourself. Use this letter as a way to introduce your family's expectations and way of life.

We will send a guide of some areas to think about when writing the letter in the following pages.

STUDENT ARRIVALS

As it gets closer to your student's arrival, we will send you the flight and arrival details of your student. You'll then meet your student at the airport and your time hosting begins!

"Six weeks can fly by fast, and it was a wonderful experience to host a student from Europe. One of the best things? It makes you all, as a family, be really present in each and every day, making the most of the little routines like lazy Sunday brunches on the patio and chilling at the beach, through to planning mini trips to enjoy the magic of our region."

Jane



"It is amazing how before our student arrived 6 weeks sounded like a long time. But once she arrived it flew by so quickly, we didn't want her to leave and she wanted to stay. We now have a new family member that we have enjoyed showing around our part of the country and our culture. We have learnt so much about her culture and who she is as well."

Angela

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do the students speak English?

Most students speak and understand English quite well. As a non-native speaker, they might need some occasional help and count on your patience at the beginning, especially while they get used to hearing an Australian accent and gain confidence in communicating with a new family.

Does the family get to choose the student they will host?

Yes, once we have details about your family profile, interests and hosting preferences we will send you a few student profiles that could be suitable. In their profile you will find their first name, any special requirements, hobbies and a letter they have written to their prospective host family. This information can help you select the student you think will best fit your family.

How old are the students?

The students are aged between 15 and 18 years old and will attend a local high school.

What support will the host family receive during the student's stay?

Students of the World provides host families and exchange students with full support for the whole hosting period. We contact both the host family and the student to make sure everyone is having a positive experience. We have a 24 hour emergency phone so we are always available to help if the need arises.

What does the host family provide?

As a host family, you will welcome the student into your home and provide care and support to the student, as well as meals. You will need to have a bed and bedroom available for the student. If necessary, the student can share a bedroom with a sibling of the same gender and similar age, provided both children are comfortable with this arrangement. You are also required to pick your student up from the airport upon arrival and take them to the airport when they leave.

Students are expected to help with simple chores, follow a curfew and abide by the household rules as you would expect of your own children. The student has their own money to cover personal expenses and outings.

Can I host more than one student?

Yes, definitely! We find some families enjoy the extra friendships that are formed when hosting more than one student and this is especially the case for families hosting who do not have children living at home. When hosting more than one student, they must be from different countries.

What about travel?

Some host families enjoy taking their exchange students on holidays with them. In these cases, permission is sought from the student's natural family, who covers the student's portion of the costs (e.g., if there is a flight). If you will be staying with any additional people over the age of 18, these people must have valid Working with Children Checks (or your state's equivalent). We ask that you keep Students of the World updated on any travel that you plan to do.





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