

Become a Host Family

You do not need to be a Rotarian or have a sibling participating in the program to be considered as a suitable host family.



There is no typical family structure required. An acceptable family might have small children, older children or no children living at home. All that is expected is a that a caring and friendly family and home atmosphere is provided.

Exchange students are between the ages of 15 years and 18 years and will be attending a secondary school in the area of the host club. Host families voluntarily open their homes to these students for periods of approximately three to four months. This time provides an opportunity for everyone to develop a lifetime of friendships, to learn a different culture and to gain many other rewarding experiences.



Share their
hopes, dreams
and ambitions

Be a part of
their growth
and
development

Hostfamily

noun; A 'normal' family which opens its doors to experience a new culture and gives students a second home.



- ❖ By hosting an exchange student from another part of the world, you promote friendship, understanding, and cooperation. This allows us to better understand our differences and appreciate our similarities.
- ❖ You can bring the world to your family and community – and experience all the excitement that comes along with it. You'll try new foods, learn new words, see new places, and create lifelong relationships with people you otherwise might never have crossed paths with.
- ❖ When hosting an exchange student, everyday occurrences that you may take for granted suddenly take on a new life.
- ❖ By learning to relate to those who may have had an upbringing that varies greatly from your own, your ability to connect, communicate, and collaborate with others is greatly enhanced.
- ❖ One of the most valuable lessons learned when you host an exchange student is that we have far more in common than we realise.
- ❖ The greatest by-product of cultural exchange is the web of lifelong friends that spans the globe. Students regularly keep in touch with their host families' years after their program ends and it's not uncommon for host families to travel to their student's home country to visit, experience their culture firsthand, and meet their families. By welcoming a student into your home, you open the door to an exciting new world of relationships and experiences.
- ❖ We believe that the leaders of tomorrow are the children of today and that we can all play a part in raising them to be strong, curious, and kind individuals.

For more information contact 0417 246 546. To register your family's interest please fill out the [Host Family application form](#)

