

MONGOLIAN SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

To depart Melbourne June 2019

INFORMATION



Duration: three weeks. Students will depart Melbourne at the end of Term 2, 2019 and be away over the two week term break and most of Week 1, Term 3, 2019.

Group size: A maximum of 12 students and three chaperones.

Age range: Students must be aged between 15 and 17 years old on July 1st 2019

Travel and accommodation within Mongolia is provided by our Mongolian partners, the National Camping Association of Mongolia and the Rotary Club of Ulaan Baatar; an English speaking club.

Program: Part 1. Students will participate in an environment Community project working alongside young Mongolians helping establish bee hotels to protect native bees. This will take place at a mining site at Erdenet 600 kms north of Ulaan Baatar. There will be an opportunity to meet nomadic Mongolians and observe the way they live depending on their animals for survival in a harsh environment. Travel to Erdenet and return is by train accompanied by an English speaking representative from the National Camping Association of Mongolia.

Part 2. On returning to Ulaan Baatar students will participate in an International camping program at Nairamdal International Children's Camp with the opportunity to meet young people from Russia, Inner Mongolia and local Mongolians. The focus of this camp is World Peace. English speaking camp counsellors work with our students.

Part 3. While being home hosted for 6 nights by Rotary Club of UlaanBaatar families students will experience the national celebration of Naadam. This always commences on July 11th and is a display of the history of Mongolia and celebrates three sports, horse riding, archery and wrestling. Students will have the opportunity to socialise with young Rotarians known as Rotoractors. Melbourne students are home hosted in pairs.

Cost: Up to \$4000

\$2500 needs to be paid in December 2018. This secures an airline (Air China) ticket and comprehensive travel insurance. Other costs will be overnight accommodation in hotels before and after the camping/home hosting program. Students enjoy souvenir shopping, especially for cashmere products and taking small gifts to give to the new friends they make.

Participants will require a **passport and Visa to enter Mongolia**. The cost of a passport and Visa are to be met by the participant's family.

Expectations for parents and exchange participants

- Set a project for purposes of reporting upon return to Melbourne
- Actively participate in fund raising. The Rotary Club of North Balwyn will organise some fundraising events to assist with the costs of the trip and some of these proceeds will also assist with the costs of the Mongolian group's visit in 2020.
- Prepare for trip by attending training days before departure. Sunday February 10th, Sunday April 14th and Sunday 16th June 2019.

Exchange participants are encouraged to **host Mongolian students in January 2020**.

Subsidy available from Rotary Club of North Balwyn for exchange program participants prior to travelling to Mongolia.

Applications are available on our website www.rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au

1. Applicant information
2. Letters of referral
3. Rules and Conditions of Exchange

Applications by November 17th to Mr Ian Adams

PO Box 3187 LPO Cotham, Kew, 3101 or
adams.ian@bigpond.com

Interviews for parent/s and applicant Sunday December 2nd 2018. Notified of time by email or phone. Interviews will be held at Balwyn North primary School, Buchanan Av, North Balwyn, 3104.

Successful applicants notified by December 10th 2018.

Successful applicants to complete Part 2 of application process.

1. Medical History and Examination
2. Guarantee Form
3. Declaration by applicant and parents.
4. Permission for Medical Care and Release of Medical Records and Liability.

Further information Estelle Kelly M: 0424 587 107 Email: ekelly2@optusnet.com.au