

Youth Exchange



About Youth Exchange

The first seeds for Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program were sown by the **Rotary Club of Copenhagen**, with a small-scale European program started in **1929**.

Exchanges between California and Latin American countries started in **1939**. • Activities spread to the Eastern United States in **1958**.

It was only in **1972**, Rotary International (RI) endorsed the program to clubs worldwide as a “worthwhile international activity”.



Rotary sends out approximately **8,000 students** each year.

How has it evolved

Boom days of **70's & 80's** sending and hosting up to 40 students a year.....most clubs were invol



But times have certainly changed with

- Easier **access to overseas** travel
- Students doing other travel – **gap year & school exchanges**
- **Social Media** – world is a smaller place



It is now **strictly** a secondary student exchange so the idea of using the exchange as a **gap year** after **Year 12** is no longer possible.

Some Clubs of the wrong belief they are too old and cannot find host families.



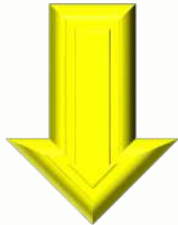
Types of Exchange

Long Term
(12 Months)

Short Term
(3-6 Months)

New
Generations
Service
Exchange
(Vocational)

~~RA 17
(Australia -
New Zealand)~~



FOCUS



Current Situation – Post Covid July 2022

Inbound



LAURENS
Germany

Arrived July 2022
Gawler Light



ANTONIA
Brazil

Arrived January 2023
Mildura Deakin

Outbound - January 21st

COOPER
Pt Lincoln



Germany

LEAH
Glenelg



France

LUCIA
Somerton Park



Italy

ELLIE
Alice Springs



Japan

Rotary Youth Program Authorities

- **Rotary International** - Only districts who obtain certification with RI may participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program.
- **NCCISSE** (National Coordinating Committee for International Secondary Student Exchange) mandated guidelines. The NCCISSE guidelines were first established in November 1989.
- **SA Education Standards Board** - Each State and Territory in Australia has a body and legislation for Secondary Exchange Organisations (SEO).
- Rotary D9510 certified every 5 years in SA. Exp 26/6/27
- **Rotary's Liability Insurer** AON has certain requirements

Rotary International

Statement of Conduct for Working With Youth RI 2006

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities.

To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come in to contact with and protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Volunteer Information and Declaration Form

3 Referees - one referee may be a Rotarian, and none may be family members

Screening Process

Each State and Territory in Australia has a body and legislation that oversees Child Protection and Working with Children's Checks (WWCC) **SA Dept Human Services**

- District YE Committee Members
 - Club Counsellors
 - Host Family members >18 :

1. A Working with Children's Check (WWCC) - GOVT

2. A Volunteer Information and Declaration Form -

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All YE Committee members must also complete:

Responding to Risk of Harm Abuse and Neglect Training -

GOVT

OUTBOUND STUDENTS

Who Can Apply ?

1. Should be in **Years 9, 10 or 11** in the year they make application.
2. Students must be **enrolled in secondary education.**
3. **No** student who has completed **Year 12** shall be eligible for this program. Need a Secondary School Student Visa
4. Must be **aged 15 and not have turned 18** at the time of departure.

For planning purposes, this should be taken as **1 January** in the year of departure. Actual departure is mid-January.

Personal Attributes

- ✓ Sound **academic** progress at school and preferably be in the top one third of their year group academically.
- ✓ Capability to **adapt** to a new environment and **learn another language** - a requirement in most/all cases.
- ✓ **Interest** in people and places.
- ✓ Good **general knowledge** of Australia, its history, political system, socio-economic policies, and its involvement in international affairs.
- ✓ Display high standards of **personal conduct** and attitudes which reflect and are widely accepted in the community.
- ✓ **Outgoing personality** and be interested in cultural and/or outdoor pursuits.

Rotary Ambassador

Family

Sponsor
Community

Rotary &
District 9510

Successful ambassadors understand what *diplomacy* means:

the profession, activity, or skill of managing international relations, typically by a country's representatives abroad:

A diplomat is a person who is

- tactful
- skillful in managing sensitive situations
- models and values empathetic understanding of many different perspectives **Stop-Listen-Evaluate**

Program Costs - Student

The Student Fee will be approx. \$8,500 to \$9,000 (subject to Airfare fluctuations) and includes:

- Administration expenses
- Initial Briefing & Training -September
- 2nd Briefing/Training _ December
- Return airfares, as arranged by Rotary, to the country of exchange
- Travel Advice
- Visa Fees
- Personal/Travel Insurance through AON = \$1,250
- Manuals including printed & electronic
- Debrief on Return
- Rotary Apparel – Blazer, Polo, Hoodie
- Business Cards



OUTBOUND STUDENT - Cost to Club

- Meals for Student and Family
- Banners
- Blazer (optional).
- Other



OUTBOUND TIMETABLE

For the 2024 Outbound intake, the timeline is

- **30th April** - Applications close.
- **May** - Find club to Interview and Sponsor applicant.
- **July** – District Selection process .
- **September** – Compulsory First Briefing and country allocation.
- **December** – Compulsory Final Briefing
- **January** – Depart.



Club Obligations - Prior to Departure

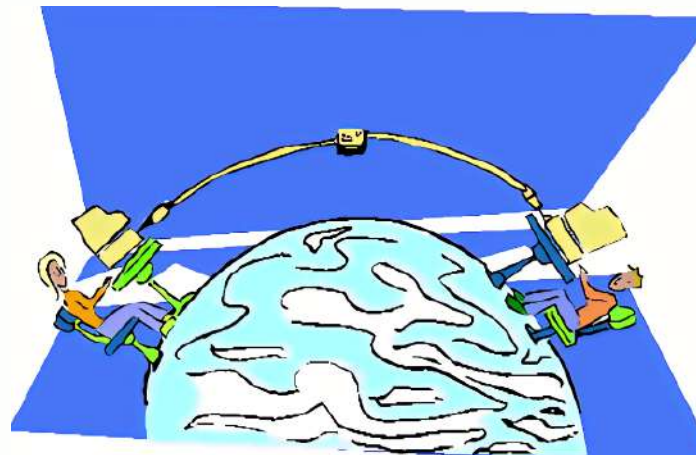
Conduct interview with students and their parents.

If successful –

1. Advise the District Youth Exchange Committee who are responsible for making the final selection during interview.
- 2. Appoint a Club Counsellor** for the Outbound student.
3. Host the student and his/her parents at **several Rotary meetings**.
4. Provide an opportunity for the outbound student to make a prepared **presentation** to the Club prior to their departure.
5. Ensure the student has a quantity of **Club banners** for presentation in the host country.
6. Provide a level of assistance to and accompany the student to **Briefings** and other weekends prior to departure.
7. Appropriately **farewell** the student upon their departure and greet them upon their return at the conclusion of the exchange.

Club Obligations - During Exchange

1. Communicate on a regular basis with the outbound student whilst on exchange.
2. Provide an opportunity for the student to address the Club upon their return.
3. Provide a level of assistance to and accompany the student to a compulsory Debrief session.



Reciprocity

Exchange is accepted instead of payment of tuition fees. Reciprocity within each state/territory is calculated across the entire program run by an SEO over a **two-year period**

That means the number of students we can send out must be matched by the number of Inbounds over that two-year period.

So, the success of the program does depend largely on **how many clubs are willing to host an inbound.**



Applications - RYEA Website



Rotary Youth
Exchange Australia

Exchange Program

Host Families

Resources

Apply Today

Find my District



Live and study abroad

- Nearly 50 Enquiries since 1st July – 9 Applications sent to students

Name	M/F	School	Year	Suburb
Bayley Dodman	F	Booleroo Centre District School	10	Willmington
Abby O'Brien	F	St Mary's college	8	Fulham
Sari Rann	F	Wilderness	11	North Adelaide
Jazmin Elliott	F	Sacred Heart Collage		Glenelg North
Robyn Denny	F	Brighton Secondary School	11	Glenelg North
Nicholas Fisk	M	Heathfield High School	11	Stirling
Annabelle Bethell	F	Caritas College (Pt Augusta)	9	Port Augusta West
Cassandra-Anne Kirk-Herd	F	Sunrise Christian School Whyalla	10	Whyalla

INBOUND STUDENTS

INBOUND REQUIREMENTS

Overseas students need a **Student 500 visa** issued through Aust Home Affairs Department.

Requirements:

- Evidence of **Overseas Student Health Cover** (OSHC) coverage based on the Australian Medicare system. Purchase online BUPA etc
- **AASES Form** be issued by the Education Standards Board. (Acceptance Advice of Secondary Exchange Student)

In order that an **AASES Form** to be issued I need to submit to them:

- Written **confirmation** that a **School** is prepared to accept the Inbound Student
- **Full Names, Addresses** and **WWCC SRN Number** of every adult in the **Hosting Families** for the whole year with dates of hosting.

BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS

Demonstrate procedures and processes to keep students safe –

Educating Students, Host Families, and Counsellors of our Abuse and Harassment Reporting Guidelines.

Home Briefings and Outbound Student Briefings

Providing appropriate Manuals.

Club Responsibilities

- Club member is appointed as **Counsellor** for the duration of the exchange, which can mean the same person is in that position for up to **21 months**. The Counsellor is the primary contact with the Rotary Club, Students and Host Family.
- **Arrange schooling** at an appropriate secondary school **free** of charge to the student. The Club may have to budget for such things as excursions, uniforms, and books.
- Arrange **travel** to and from school.
- Arrange/provide **accommodation** for the student in **Host Families** at no cost to the student.
- Arrange for monthly allowance of at least **AUD\$150** (recommended figure to be paid to the student at the first club meeting each month).

Cost to Club

- Monthly allowance of at least **AUD\$150** (recommended figure to be paid to the student at the first club meeting each month).
- Cost of hosting Student at meetings
- Basic schooling costs such as uniform, hire of school laptop, books, and travel to/from school



Cost to Student / Parents

- Excursions, Safaris
- Fees for extra subjects and activities
- Additional spending money

Schooling Requirements

"It is not a vacation. It is is a year of learning!"

Visa Requirement

Encourage them to:

- Attend regularly, do their schoolwork, participate in school activities.
- Initiate contacts --- join sports teams, clubs, activitiesthat enable them to interact meaningfully with others.
- Speak, speak, speak ... new language

Inbound Students Arriving July



Charlotte
D1520 France
Glenelg/Somerton
Park



Simon
D1890 Germany
Pt Augusta



Malin
D1890 Germany
Pt Lincoln



Naaja
D1480 Denmark
Mildura Deakin

Inbound Students Arriving July



Svea
D2400 Sweden

Alice Springs



Miyuki
D2790 Japan

Morialta



Elena
D2110 Italy

Unplaced



HOST FAMILIES



By far the biggest concern clubs have when they are asked to Host an Inbound Student

- These families **do not** have to be Rotarians.
- Parents of Outbound Students are encouraged at to host.
- Some Districts/clubs advise the outbound applicant needs to come up with **two** host families which could include own parents, friends, school family if they want to be considered.
- Some families in the school community maybe willing to host.

Just ask!

These families will be then be interviewed for suitability and must be approved by Rotary and **must** satisfy all legislative requirements of working with children legislation, personal referees and Rotary International policy

What type of families are typical hosts for exchange students?

The answer to this question is **all types**.

Families **do not** need to be affiliated with Rotary to host Rotary Exchange Students.

Example: can be **recruited** from the secondary school or sons or daughters of Rotarians.

Retired couples are good too because they can have more time to spend with their student than younger parents do, and they often enjoy having a young person around the house.

Families with high school age children are ideal because host brothers and sisters can quickly get the student involved in school and community activities.

Families with small children make great host families because young children get the experience of having a big brother or sister and the exchange students often enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of practicing their language skills with a younger child.

Rules and Regulations

- **5D Rules :**
 - **Drive** motor vehicles,
 - **Drink** alcohol outside Host Family
 - Take **Drugs**.
 - No serious **Dating** relationships.
 - **Decoration** -no Tatoos or Piercings



Breaches of these rules may result in the early termination of a student's exchange.

Any costs due to the student's early return home or any unusual costs incurred by or on behalf of the student are the responsibility of the student's parents.

The District 9510 RYE Team

- **District Chair:** David Jones
- **Outbound Coordinator 1 :** Shirley True (Treasurer)
Lulu & Leah
- **Outbound Coordinator 2 :** Peter Jarvis
Cooper & Ellie
- **Inbound Coordinator :** Mary-Anne Hannay / Barry Hurst
Laurens, Antonia
- **Support Committee**
Gary Klippel
Julie Hurst
Lyn Jones

Can you make it happen ?

“My youth exchange year was one of incredible change and growth for me. In addition to seeing so much of the rest of the world and making such wonderful friends, I changed in ways I never knew was possible. Thankyou Rotary for the best year of my life.”

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