## TASMANIAN FAMILIES NEEDED...

## Opportunity for students to experience another culture, make new friends and improve their language studies at home.

We are keen to hear from suitable Tasmanian families who might be interested to host a student as soon as possible. In July 2017, we will be receiving exchange students from Canada, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France and Italy. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Below is a sample of students who will be arriving.

Canada: Caprice is a very active 16 year old student from Canada who enjoys many sports such as ice hockey and indoor/outdoor volleyball and speaks fluent French. She enjoys going to concerts with her Mum and sporting events with her Dad. Caprice has taken many years of horse riding lessons and volunteers at a local ranch where she cares for the horses and does chores around the ranch. She hopes to own her own ranch one day. At school she is concentrating on maths and science as this is what she will need for her science program at University. While in Australia, Caprice hopes to try surfing, study new animals and sight see and meet new friends. She describes herself adaptable, funny, independent, reliable, helpful and adventurous.

**Denmark:** Camille is a 16 year old student from Denmark. She is passionate about horses and horse riding. She has a horse and a pony. She also enjoys archery. Camille says that she is looking forward to living in Australia and will bring laughter, Danish traditions, jokes, food and history into your home and she hopes to learn about your history, traditions and become a part of your family. She describes herself as a family person and loves to play board games and bake.

France: French student Oceane will be 16 when she arrives in Australia. She enjoys manual activities, spending time with family and friends. Her 2 favourite passions are listening to music and dancing. Oceane has tried different types of dancing including modern jazz, reggae and break dancing, but now it's hip-hop. She can speak French and Spanish and has been learning English for 5 years. Oceane describes herself as a joyful person who is always positive and smiling with a funny mood. 3 of her family members have been on exchange before which is why she wants to embark on a similar experience for herself. Oceane is looking forward to meeting new people and speaking another language.

**Finland:** Ronja is a 16 year old student from Finland who is coming to Australia for 5 months. She is passionate about horse riding and photography and whilst here, she hopes to try surfing and scuba diving. Ronja describes herself as happy, ready to meet new people and try new things. Ronja enjoys listening to music and can play the guitar and piano. She is looking forward to getting to know her host family.

You can view more <u>profiles</u> of students arriving soon from our website. Please note that this is just a handful of the students who will be arriving. If families would like a selection of student profiles sent to them to review and decide which student may fit into their family best, please contact us or reply to this email.

The Stuart family were thrilled to have Danish student Simon stay with them for 8 months. As commented by host mum Victoria, "it has been a fantastic experience. Simon has been an awesome role model to our two young children, he has been like an older brother to them." Victoria continues, "the experience has benefited us too, as it has allowed us to have greater free time and flexibility as a family. I was very impressed with Simon, as within the first couple of days he was here, he asked what should his chores be?"

"Just give it a go, the benefits will surprise you. I highly recommend it", mentions Australian Host Dad Andrew, from the Stuart family. "Not only do your children benefit, but the benefits exist for the parents too." Host Dad, Andrew continues, "We are so lucky to have Simon come stay with us. He is a fantastic student, easy going and not very demanding. He has fitted into the Australian way of life so easy. He even obtained his Bronze Medallion. We are so proud of Simon."



The Stuart family talk about their hosting experience further and discuss the ups and downs of hosting, why they hosted and the benefits of being a volunteer host parent. Please check out their video here. You can also watch a selection of videos of the Cain family from our host family testimonials page on our website.

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Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter or mention it on your website. You can copy and paste the below text:

## EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE. MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In January 2017 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 3-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia.

This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia

Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, they can respond to this email, call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to their family. No obligation.

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