



COME ON... MEET THE WORLD

A year of study overseas as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student gives you:

- an opportunity to develop your personal self confidence and maturity
- an opportunity to develop a lifetime of international friends
- an opportunity to develop a real understanding of many different cultures
- an opportunity to develop new language skills
- an opportunity to develop a base for future education and career goals
- an opportunity to develop in many ways

**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE
... an opportunity of a lifetime
... to follow a dream**

BRIEF FACTS-of the Youth Exchange Program of Rotary Districts in Australia

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a world wide organisation, founded in 1905 to serve the local community and to promote peace and friendship throughout the world. On a global scale it is involved in medical and developmental programs for developing nations as well as instituting services for local groups and needs.

The Youth Exchange Program is one such service, providing individuals with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves. Rotary is the only organisation with a seat on the United Nations.

WHAT IS THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

Rotary Youth Exchange Programs are organised by individual Rotary Clubs and Districts throughout the world. Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to experience the cultures and accomplishments of people in other countries. The ambassadorial nature of the exchange promotes world understanding and peace.

The Rotary program is recognised as the best exchange program by schools, parents and the students themselves, because of its sound infrastructure and the world wide support network.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM?

1. To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study at first hand some of the problems and accomplishments of people in lands other than their own.
2. To enable students to advance their education by studying for a year in an environment entirely different from their own and undertaking study courses and subjects not normally available to them in secondary schools of their own country
3. To broaden their outlook by learning to live with and meet people of different cultures creeds and colours from their own, and having to cope with day to day problems in an environment completely different from the one they have experienced at home
4. To act as Ambassadors for their own country and by addressing Rotary Clubs, Community organisations and Youth Groups in their host country and by imparting as much knowledge as they can of their own country and its problems to the people they meet during their year abroad.
5. To study and observe all facets of life and culture in the country where they are hosted, so that on their return to their home country they can pass on the knowledge they have gained, by addressing Rotary Clubs, Youth Groups and Community organisations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. The preferred age of applicants is between 15 years 6 months and 17 years 8 months of age at the time of departure, though the maximum age is 18 years 3 months. Departure is always in January of the year following selection.
2. Applicants must have above average academic ability and must have an outgoing and pleasant personality to fit them for the role as an Ambassador for Australia. They must have the ability to accept discipline and be capable of adjusting to new and strange conditions.
3. Applicants must be of good character and reputation.
4. Sons and daughters of Rotarians are eligible for Youth Exchange, but receive no special preference in selections.

COUNTRY SELECTION?

The Rotary Exchange Program maintains exchanges between districts in various parts of the world. Students will be asked for their order of preference for those countries. The interviewing panel will be seeking to match the student with the requirements of a particular country. Students will be offered an exchange in a country after the District Selection Interviews.

OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS:

1. Students must obey the laws of the host country and the rules of the Rotary sponsoring and host Districts at all times. They must also accept discipline of the host school and host parents. Students are expected to adapt to the home environment of the host families - the host families are under no obligation to adapt themselves to the student.
2. The student is an Ambassador for Australia and must at all times behave in a manner which will reflect credit on his or her family, community and country.
3. Students must return to Australia at the completion of the year. Students will not be allowed to stay after the termination of their exchange period.
4. Students **must liaise** with their sponsoring Rotary Club while they are on exchange. The Rotary Club should become an integral part of the exchange.

OBLIGATIONS OF PARENTS:

1. The parents are required to pay an up-front fee to Rotary in the year preceding the exchange. This fee covers the cost of airfares, visas, insurance cover, compulsory week-end briefing camps in July and December, uniform, contact cards and administration. This fee can be paid in two installments in July and September.
2. Parents will provide for day to day personal living expenses such as clothing, telephone, postage and travel on organised tours etc. for the student whilst overseas. Parents will also provide and maintain an emergency fund of A\$500.00 which can be drawn on with the consent of the student's counsellor or host parents. The students will receive a monthly allowance of approximately A\$100.00 per month from the host Rotary Club.
3. Parents will be required to attend the two "Briefing Camps" with the student to prepare for the exchange.
4. Parents should demonstrate support for the student, the program and its objectives. Parents will be asked to host an Inbound Student and their willingness to do so may have a bearing on the student's acceptability within the program.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM TIMETABLE ... for outbound students

1. Applications must be lodged in writing on the "Initial Application Form" with the Rotary Club or Clubs in the town or suburb near where the student RESIDES. (see Addresses of Local Rotary Clubs)
2. Applications should be lodged with the Rotary Clubs by the end of February, however all interested persons should liaise with their Rotary Club in this regard.
3. Local Rotary Club Committees will interview students and their parents and will recommend suitable students for further consideration by the District Selection Committee. These interviews must be completed by the Club by mid-March.
4. Following the Club interview, the recommended student will be required to complete three copies of the more detailed "Rotary International Youth Exchange Program - Australia - APPLICATION". This Application requires school, medical and dental certification and upon completion should be signed and witnessed by Club Officers who will forward them to the District Committee. These forms are required before the District Selection Panel Interviews as they contain important information for the panel.
- 5 District application forms should be lodged prior to 31st March with District 9640 YEP, secretary@yep.rotary9640.org
6. The selection of students to be sent overseas is subject to the District Committee being able to secure host agreements from Rotary Clubs overseas. No student is to be regarded as a Rotary Club's Youth Exchange Student until officially accepted as such by a host Rotary Club in another country. Briefings for outbound students and parents will be held in JULY and NOVEMBER.
7. Students selected by the District Youth Exchange Committee will depart from Australia in the following January for twelve months.

Addresses of all Rotary Clubs in District 9640

ALLORA	P O BOX 67	ALLORA 4362
ALSTONVILLE	P O BOX 50	ALSTONVILLE 2477
ASHMORE	P O BOX 450	ASHMORE CITY 4214
BALLINA	P O BOX 150	BALLINA 2478
BALLINA-ON-RICHMOND	P O BOX 891	BALLINA 2478
BEAUDESERT	P O BOX 81	BEAUDESERT4285
BOONAH	P O BOX 81	BOONAH 4310
BROADBEACH	P O BOX 5220	Q SUPER CTRE, MERMAID WATERS
BROADWATER-SOUTHPORT	P O BOX 1196	SOUTHPORT 4215
BURLEIGH HEADS	P O BOX 296	BURLEIGH HEADS 4220
BYRON BAY	P O BOX 339	BYRON BAY 2481
CASINO	P O BOX 320	CASINO 2470
COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS	P O BOX 107	TWEED HEADS 2485
COOMERA VALLEY	P O BOX 72	OXENFORD 4210
COOMERA RIVER MIDDAY	P O BOX 1905	OXENFORD 4210
FASSIFERN VALLEY	P O BOX 96	KALBAR 4309
GLEN INNES	P O BOX 136	GLEN INNES 2370
GOLD COAST CENTRAL	P O BOX 5678	GCMC 9726
GOONDIWINDI	P O BOX 200	GOONDIWINDI 4390
GOONELLABAH	P O BOX 7048	GOONELLABAH 2480
GRAFTON	P O BOX 146	GRAFTON 2460
GRAFTON MID-DAY	P O BOX 1102	GRAFTON 2460
HOPE ISLAND	P O BOX 546	SANCTUARY COVE 4212
ILUKA-WOOMBAH	P O BOX 19	ILUKA 2466
JIMBOOMBA	P O BOX 215	JIMBOOMBA 4280
KINGSCLIFF	P O BOX 1027	KINGSCLIFF 2487
KIRRA-CURRUMBIN	P O BOX 4269	ELANORA 4221
KYOGLE	P O BOX 198	KYOGLE 2474
LISMORE	P O BOX 59	LISMORE 2480
LISMORE CENTRAL	P O BOX 840	LISMORE 2480
LISMORE WEST	P O BOX 323	LISMORE 2480
MACLEAN	P O BOX 75	MACLEAN 2463
MERMAID BEACH	P O BOX 5477	MERMAID WATERS 4218
MT WARNING AM	P O BOX 5098	SOUTH MURWILLUMBAH 2484
MUDGEERABA	P O BOX 194	MUDGEERABA 4213
MULLUMBIMBY	P O BOX 180	MULLUMBIMBY 2482
MURWILLUMBAH	P O BOX 685	MURWILLUMBAH 2484
MURWILLUMBAH CENTRAL	P O BOX 33	MURWILLUMBAH 2484
NERANG	P O BOX 91	NERANG 4211
PALM BEACH	P O BOX 150	PALM BEACH 4221
PARKWOOD	P O BOX 99	LABRADOR 4215
ROBINA	P O BOX 102	ASHMORE CITY 4214
RUNAWAY BAY	P O BOX 8	RUNAWAY BAY 4216
SOUTHPORT	P O BOX 84	SOUTHPORT 4215
SOUTHPORT NORTH	P O BOX 895	SOUTHPORT 4215
STANTHORPE	P O BOX 139	STANTHORPE 4380
SUMMERLAND SUNRISE	P O BOX 7220	LISMORE HEIGHTS 2480
SURFERS PARADISE	P O BOX 5267	GOLD COAST MC 9726
SURFERS SUNRISE	P O BOX 1289	SURFERS PARADISE 4217
TENTERFIELD	P O BOX 41	TENTERFIELD 2372
TWEED HEADS SOUTH	P O BOX 6087	STH TWEED HEADS 2486
TWEED COAST	P O BOX 132	CABARITA BEACH 2488
WARWICK	P O BOX 364	WARWICK 4370
WARWICK SUNRISE	P O BOX 918	WARWICK 4370
YAMBA	P O BOX 158	YAMBA 2464

For any additional information email yep@yep.rotary9640.org