OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME BY HOSTING AN OVERSEAS STUDENT

In January 2016 we will be receiving exchange students from Germany and Japan. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested in hosting a student.

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.

Hazuki is a 16 year old Japanese student who is looking forward to learning the cultural differences between Australia and Japan as well as becoming fluent in English. Describing herself as compassionate, flexible and a little shy, she enjoys cooking and baking. Whilst in Australia she is hoping to participate in swimming and kendo.

Described by her parents as humble, hardworking and helpful, 16 year old Japanese student Mai enjoys spending time with her family, visiting local temples and studying. Mai is looking forward to learning about the Australian culture and developing her English better and even hopes to hold a koala bear if possible.

16 year old German student Daria is passionate about horses and has been horse riding for many years. Additionally, she likes to read books, catch up with friends and swim. Her parents say that Daria is social, reliable and has a strong sense of justice. Daria is looking forward to coming to Australia to learn a new culture, make new friends and enjoy new experiences.

For 16 year old Japanese student Miki, making new friends, finding out more about himself and experiencing the Australian culture first hand is what his goals are whilst here. After hosting an Australian student at his home last year, Miki would like to understand the culture even more. His parents describe him curious, positive and someone who gets along with everyone easily.

16 year old Japanese student Shun, is looking forward to developing his English whilst in Australia. Whilst here, he hopes to walk around an Australian city and see the ocean. Shun thoroughly enjoys playing baseball and making origami in his free time. Shun is very close to his family who say that they are very proud of the person he is.

You can view more profiles 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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If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, 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 your family. No obligation.

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