

Open your home to a German exchange student!



What's the commitment?

The hosting duration is 10 weeks with one week absence for *Wintercamp*.

The exchange students arrive mid June and leave in the second half of August.

In compliance with VRQA guidelines, SAGSE and GASS provide regular support and guidance for host families, schools and students.

Most common issues are due to culture shock and miscommunication, so an independent mediator is often all that is required.



Who are we?



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Benefits of Hosting

Hosting is a unique and rewarding experience for the whole family:

- It's an opportunity to be a tourist in your own country and show off Australia
- By welcoming a student into your home, you gain a new family member and a friend for life!
- Watch as your student's English and gain a new perspective on language.
- If you are interested in learning about the German language and culture in your own home, this is perfect for you.
- Invitations to a number of functions are arranged to allow the host families to get to know each other and the other students taking part.
- Host students who apply for a SAGSE scholarship to go on exchange to Germany are guaranteed an interview.

Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE) has been giving students an insight into foreign culture and fostering relationships between German and Australian students for over 50 years.

German-Australian Students' Society (GASS) members are previous exchange program students. They organise fun events throughout the exchange, such as Wintercamp, Trivia Night and the Melbourne Weekend for the exchange students and their host partners!



Interested? Questions?
Contact our Host Family Co-
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A typical host family

People who love to discover another culture, learn about different traditions and enjoy seeing Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Host siblings should be in year 10-12.

Host families are matched with a suitable exchange student based on shared interests and living preferences.

How are exchange students selected?

Exchange students undergo a rigorous selection process run by our German partner organisation (GDANSA) - students must submit an application, be shortlisted, pass an interview and host a student before they come to Australia.

Wintercamp

Wintercamp is a 4 day camp during the June/July school holidays for the exchange students and their Australian host siblings.

It offers a fun opportunity to bond with your exchange student as well as connect with the cohort of exchange students and host siblings.

The camps are held in exciting locations, such as Anglesea or Warrnambool.

There are lots of fun activities planned such as surfing, walks, and sightseeing in the local area.

