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**GLOBAL
EXCHANGE**

Global Exchange Program

The Year 10 Global Exchange Program at Whitsunday Anglican School is seen as an important addition to our academic program. Participation in exchange broadens the horizons of our students as well as helping them to grow as individuals, develop new global awareness and make new friends.

Students can participate in either a cultural or language exchange to one of our international exchange partners.

Exchanges are for 4-8 weeks in length.

Global Exchange Program

Whitsunday Anglican School has a number of international partner schools in Canada, France, United Kingdom, Japan, New Zealand, USA, Spain and South Africa.

Becoming an exchange student means living in the host state/country and attending a host school as a member of that community. Having to integrate into someone else's family necessitates students confront challenges outside familiar support networks, thereby increasing self-awareness and leading to greater resilience, enhanced self-confidence and strong self-esteem. A tremendous sense of accomplishment upon completion may also encourage students to develop more independent opinions and strive to attain fresh goals.

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Although each exchange is negotiated on an individual basis, there are some general guidelines.

- Student will generally be sent in pairs. This provides support while travelling and at the destination.
- The exchange is reciprocal, so in agreeing to take part in the program, a family is agreeing to host a student in return.
- Most exchanges will be for around 4-8 weeks.
- As this is a valued school-based activity, you will not be disadvantaged academically by taking part in any exchange.
- Students will not need to complete any Whitsunday Anglican School studies whilst on exchange. Students are expected to participate fully at their host school. Students will not be assessed.
- Families organise and book their own flights and travel insurance.
- Students studying Senior Japanese or French may also participate in a student exchange to Japan or France in Year 11.

What can you expect to gain from an exchange?

- An enriching experience of another culture
- An experience in independence
- A new and different friendship group
- The chance to develop new life-long friendships
- Development of your global awareness
- A new sense of self-confidence
- In the case of language exchanges, improved language skills

Student Responsibilities

- By submitting an application, you are undertaking to participate fully in the exchange program
- You must view the exchange as a shared experience, you and your host partner will be mutually responsible for each other
- You and your family undertake to help in hosting a student in return and to ensure that he/she also has a valuable experience in Australia
- You should be prepared to live with a host family; even if your exchange is a boarding exchange, you may visit families during weekends or other school breaks
- You must comply with all school rules, codes of conduct and uniform rules in the host school and use common sense in dealing sensitively with cultural issues in the host school/country
- You must take part in the regular school program at the host school and you are encouraged to be involved in co-curricular activities as much as possible

Costs of Exchange

The amount of money you will need to cover living expenses while you are on exchange will depend on:

- your destination
- the value of the Australian dollar at the time of your exchange
- your own spending habits

What is covered in your exchange?

- Tuition fees (you do not owe tuition fees to your host school)
- Accommodation
- Textbooks
- Food

Costs of Exchange

Costs may vary depending on your destination; however, you may need to budget for:

- airfares
- passport application (your passport must be valid for at least six months longer than the duration of your exchange)
- student visa (if required)
- travel/health insurance
- additional travel (buses to/from school)
- entertainment
- incidental expenses
- travel shirt

NOTE: You remain liable for tuition fees at Whitsunday Anglican School as you remain enrolled while on exchange.

Hosting an Exchange Student

Each Whitsunday Anglican student selected for exchange, and their family, will in turn host a student from their exchange school. Students coming to Whitsunday Anglican on exchange may live in the boarding house during week nights and spend most weekends with their host families, or they may be entirely homestay. Places in Whitsunday Anglican boarding house are subject to availability and are only guaranteed where the Whitsunday Anglican host is a boarder.

Host families should provide opportunities for exchange students to experience the Australian lifestyle and see something of the city and surrounding areas. It is also the Whitsunday Anglican family's role to greet and farewell exchange students at the airport.

NAME OF SCHOOL	TYPE OF EXCHANGE	WAS STUDENT ON EXCHANGE	WAS HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT
Waikato DSG, New Zealand http://www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz/	Cultural	Term 2	Term 3
The Perse School, United Kingdom http://www.perse.co.uk	Cultural	Term 3	Term 3
Somerset College, South Africa http://somensetcollege.org	Cultural	Term 3	Term 4
Trafalgar Castle School, Canada http://www.trafalgarcastle.ca	Cultural	Term 2	Term 3
Oak House School, Spain http://www.oakhouseschool.com	Cultural	Term 1/2	Term 3
Trinity Valley School, USA http://www.trinityvalleyschool.org	Cultural	Term 2	Term 3
St Mary's DSG, South Africa http://www.stmarysdsg.co.za	Cultural	Term 2	Term 3

NAME OF SCHOOL	TYPE OF EXCHANGE	WAS STUDENT ON EXCHANGE	WAS HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT
Seirinkan High School, Japan http://www.seirinkan.ed.jp/	Language	December/January	Term 3
Centre International de Valbonne, France http://www.civfrance.com	Language	December/January	Term 3

Applications for exchanges in 2017 are now open to Year 9 students. You can find the application forms on the School's website.

Applications are due on Monday 31 October and must be submitted to Mr Hodge.

Application Process

1. Global Exchange opportunities released via Daily Correspondence, Assembly, Facebook and the School Website
2. Family discussion regarding Global Exchange opportunities
3. Parents and students attend the Information Evening (Application Forms handed out)
4. Complete the Application (including signed parent/guardian consents) and submit to Mr Hodge by the due date
5. Clearance from Accounts Department
6. Students undertake an interview with Mr Hodge and Mrs Wright
7. Students/Parents made aware (via letter/email) of their place on an exchange
8. Student Profile needs to be completed as an acknowledgment of acceptance of the exchange place

Except for language exchanges, students do not select where they would like to attend on their exchange. Applicants will be asked for their preferred location during the interview. Exchange places also depend on the availability at our exchange partners school.

**Please return a hard copy of this application form to Mr Hodge by
Monday 31st October 2016**

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