



# ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

## THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 9, 10 OR 11 IN 2025



## WHAT IS ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Rotary Youth Exchange Australia provides the opportunity of a lifetime for Australian high school students to live & study abroad. Students spend approximately 12 months living in their host country where they attend school and stay with local host families. In your host country, you will experience different foods, study different subjects, enjoy a new culture and most likely learn a new language.

Rotary Youth Exchange is recognised as the best student exchange program by schools, parents, and students around the world for safety, cost and benefit.



## WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible to depart in 2026 students must:

- Be in year 9, 10 or 11 in 2025.
- Be born between 01/07/2008 and 31/12/2010.
- Be outgoing, self-confident, friendly, adaptable, adventurous, willing to learn a foreign language and have above-average school grades.



## SELECTION AND PREPARATION

The selection and preparation process for Rotary Youth Exchange is comprehensive to ensure all participants are suitable and adequately prepared.

Interested students should contact their local Rotary Club or submit an Expression of Interest on the Rotary Youth Exchange Australia Website:  
<https://ryea.org.au/apply-today/>

Rotary Clubs will interview prospective candidates and nominate suitable students to the District 9780 Rotary Youth Exchange committee.

All nominated students from across the district will attend a selection weekend and a formal interview. Students will find out after the interview whether or not they have been offered a place in the program.

Successful students will attend one preparation day and a preparation weekend before their departure.



Key dates for 2025 are:

- April 25th** - Applications due. Club interviews to follow
- May 31st - June 1st** - Selection weekend in Halls Gap
- June 21st or 22nd** - Formal Interview in Ballarat
- July 20th** - Briefing session in Horsham
- November 8th - 9th** - Briefing Session in Swan Hill
- Mid Jan 2026** - Departure from Melbourne





## THE SPONSOR CLUB PROVIDES:

- A mentor for the student. The mentor is responsible for assisting the student with the application process, attending selection and preparation events with the student and family, encouraging the student's involvement in the Rotary Club and checking in with the student throughout the exchange among many other things. Your mentor is you and your parents' 'go-to' for anything exchange-related.

## THE STUDENT/FAMILY PROVIDES:

- A global fee inclusive of flights, insurance, clothing, selection and preparation events etc.

This fee will be confirmed in early 2025. For reference, the fee was \$10,000 in 2024.

- An emergency fund (returned to the student if unused).
- Day-to-day and entertainment expenses, new clothes etc.
- Optional tours e.g. 'Eurotour' or Amazon trip.

## THE HOST CLUB/DISTRICT PROVIDES:

- A mentor for the student. Similar to the Sponsor Club mentor, this is the student's 'go-to' in their Host Country. The Host Club mentor also assists with school enrolment, ensuring the student's phone is set up, involving the student in the Rotary Club, required travel for the student etc.
- Room and board with approx 3-4 host families.
- A monthly allowance of approx AUD \$150.
- In some cases: Orientation camps, exchange student activities/trips, language lessons

# DO I GET TO CHOOSE WHERE I GO?

The range of countries available for exchange varies each year. Some of the countries that have recently been on offer for exchange include but are not limited to:

**Brazil Denmark France Belgium  
Germany Switzerland Italy Taiwan**

Students will be advised which destinations are on offer during the selection process. Students will rank the countries by preference and then the District Committee will allocate Host Countries to successful candidates.

Students should have an open mind and be prepared to accept an exchange in any available country.



# APPLICATIONS CLOSE 25TH APRIL 2025 FOR EXCHANGES DEPARTING IN JANUARY 2026

## APPLY NOW AT:

<https://ryea.org.au/apply-today/>



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