

General Information and Rules for D9423 Inbound Students

To be read in Conjunction with the Guidelines for the D9455 Youth Exchange Program and the Rules as Stated on your Application Form

Rules

1. The duration of the Program is a full twelve (12) months. Students must complete a minimum of 50 weeks stay in the host district.
2. Each student must attend school during the year of his or her exchange. Credits for study cannot be assured and Rotary in no way can be held responsible. In some instances, students can transfer credits, but this will be the decision of your home school administration.
3. Each student is to have a \$A500 emergency fund provided by their parents. If used it must be restored to \$A500. A monthly allowance for the student is paid by the host club to cover spending money and incidentals.
4. If the student has relatives in Australia they will have no authority over him or her while under the supervision of the program.
5. The Travel Policy attached must be adhered to.
6. The student is **NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND!** This includes boats, tractors, motorbikes, aircraft or any motorised vehicle, or participate in dangerous activities such as gliding or hang gliding.
7. The student is **NOT PERMITTED TO USE DRUGS**, except for valid medical reasons as prescribed by a physician.
8. Legal age for drinking alcoholic beverages is 18. Legal drinking is both strongly discouraged and not allowed **except** in the presence of Host Family while at home. Under no circumstance may students purchase alcohol for themselves or others.
9. Smoking is for the most part socially unacceptable in Western Australia, is forbidden in schools (even for teachers) and almost all public facilities, and it is illegal to sell tobacco products to, or buy them for, anyone who is under 18 years of age. It is also not in keeping with the image we would wish our young Rotary Youth Exchange ambassadors to portray; as such our Exchange Students are not permitted to smoke/vape for the entirety of their Exchange.
10. Students must avoid romantic attachments.
11. Students must attend all Rotary sponsored events.
12. **Family visits are STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** and must conform to the Travel Policy attached (Point 7). Information should be sought **before** making plans. Students are not expected to receive visits from travelling friends whilst they are on a Rotary Youth Exchange.

Should queries arise on interpretation of the above points please contact your Placement Officer.

The student should clearly understand the conditions and rules of the program. They must be followed or he or she will be returned home.

General Information Student

1. All Passport, visa, and return transport costs including excess luggage and airport tax are to be paid by the student. **In the event of an early return due to termination of the Exchange, the costs associated with placing the students on the first available flight home must be borne by the student's natural parents/guardian.**

2. Any costs associated with 'out of the ordinary' subject studied at school and school excursions/camps are the responsibility of the natural parents/guardian.

Families

1. The student is to become an integral member of the host family, assuming duties and responsibilities normal to a student his or her age. Students are expected to become one of the family.

2. The student should expect to live with at least 3 host families.

Choose your friends slowly and wisely as you will have many social opportunities. Trust your hosts to aid you in developing a respectable circle of friends.

Host Club

1. Hosting of students is the responsibility of the Host Club. In case of difficulties the student should consult his or her host parents, followed by the Club Mentor, Placement Officer and finally the District Chair, in that order.

2. Your hosts are responsible for you socially, spiritually and physically. You are expected to respect their wishes and requests. Our society may be different to yours and some guidance and restrictions are to be expected and advisable.

District

1. A briefing weekend will be held shortly after arrival, to discuss all phases of the program and to aid in planning facets of the exchange. Attendance by students is **COMPULSORY**.

2. Some students, in conjunction with their Sponsor District, are responsible for the return flight booking which must satisfy both the sponsor and host districts as to the planned departure date. Airline ticket information will be copied on arrival and held by the Placement Officers.

Photographs

Please understand that your photograph and/or details may be used by your Rotary Club or the District for RYE and Rotary Promotional purposes (eg on our Facebook pages)

I agree to abide by the rules of this program.

Name of Student _____
(print clearly)

Signed by: Student _____ Date _____

Father/Guardian _____

Mother/Guardian _____

TRAVEL POLICY

(Note: ‘Travel’ refers to any trip which requires an overnight or longer stay)

*These Rotary International District 9423 Youth Exchange Program Policy Guidelines are additional to and take precedence over the general guidelines stated in the Youth Exchange Manual - Australia. The Guidelines will be applied to Inbound students. **Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the Student’s exchange being terminated.***

An essential requirement of Rotary is that the whereabouts of a student is known at all times by the Sponsor and Host Districts for the purpose of ensuring the student's safety and well being, and for direct contact in the case of emergencies.

1. Official tours organised by the Rotary District Youth Exchange Committee, Rotary Clubs and Hosting Schools have been arranged to provide the student with an opportunity of seeing the area in which they are hosted. The “Authority for Inbound Students to Travel on Rotary and School Sponsored Excursions and Tours” form must be completed prior to the student’s arrival to enable the student to participate in these activities.
2. Travel with current Host Parent/s is permitted within Australia with the **prior** knowledge of the student’s Placement Officer and the approval of the Host Club’s President. The requirement for Working with Children/Volunteer Declaration clearances must be adhered to.
3. Travel with other adult/s (not included in point 2 above) **within Western Australia** must be approved by the student’s Placement Officer. The requirement for Working with Children/Volunteer Declaration clearances must be adhered to.
4. Travel with other adult/s not included in point 2 above **outside of Western Australia but within Australia** may be considered with the prior written permission of the student’s natural parents/guardian, Host Club President and District Youth Exchange Chair. A ‘Travel Application Form’ must be completed well in advance of the proposed travel and forwarded to the student’s Placement Office to seek the necessary approvals. The requirement for Working with Children/Volunteer Declaration clearances must be adhered to.
5. Travel **outside of Australia** with responsible adult/s may be considered with the prior written permission of the student’s natural parents/guardian, Host Club President, District Youth Exchange Committee Chair, and District Governor. A “Travel Application” form must be completed well in advance of the proposed travel, and forwarded to the student’s Placement Officer to seek the necessary approvals. The requirement for Working with Children/Volunteer Declaration clearances must be adhered to.
6. Independent and unaccompanied student travel, while generally discouraged, may be approved by the District Youth Exchange Committee Chair under certain controlled conditions
7. Family visits are **strongly discouraged**. In any eventuality visits should be confined to the last quarter of the exchange and students must stay with their host family every night. Students are not permitted to travel with family and may not miss any school time. The student’s Host Club President and the student’s Club and Placement Officer **must be contacted BEFORE any arrangements are made**. The visits must not clash with Host Family or Host Club arrangements. Students are not expected to receive visits from travelling friends whilst they are on a Rotary Youth Exchange.
8. Any travel during school time, other than School Excursions or organised Rotary Youth Exchange Tours, is not permitted.
9. The student may not contact another Rotary Club directly to ask for hosting on a trip.
10. Students are expected to return home by a direct route or a route arranged by the Sponsor District Youth Exchange Committee and agreed by the Host District Youth Exchange Committee.

I agree to abide by the rules of this program.

Name of Student _____ (print clearly)

Signed by: Student _____ Date _____

Mother/Guardian _____ Father/Guardian _____