



What people are saying

"Hosting Antoine was an incredibly rewarding experience. We loved getting to know him and everything to do with Belgium culture. Since his exchange, we have visited him and his family in Liege and built lifelong friendships. We were proud to show him Aotearoa and have many fond memories of our time with our family. We are grateful to Rotary for allowing us this opportunity."

Tim W

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FAQs Continued

Are there any Rotary commitments the student must attend?

The student must regularly attend Rotary Club meetings and weekends (3 per year) and Rotary District Conference at no cost to the host family. Rotarians are encouraged to take the students out for the day or on weekend trips.

Can I contact my student before they arrive?

Yes! Absolutely. We encourage you to get to know your student before they arrive.

I am keen to host, can I choose which students and when to host?

Yes! We try and match students to your current outbound student. It is encouraged for families to host for one 4month period before their student leaves so they can get first-hand experience of what your student will experience.

What happens if there is a family emergency?

Depending on the circumstances the student may leave your home temporarily or permanently. The Rotary Counsellor will assist both the student and the family.

What happens if the student breaks the household or Rotary rules?

If a student breaks a household rule usual discipline applies. Depending on the severity the Counsellor may be called and in extreme situations the student may be sent home.

Let's Chat!

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Hosting

One of our most famous programmes, Rotary Youth Exchange invites young people aged 16 - 18 year olds the opportunity to spend a year abroad learning new cultures and meeting new people. This is a true exchange where Kiwi students are sent overseas and in return we host other young people.

Every student is hosted by a host family for a period of four months. We encourage host families to commit to hosting 2 or 3 students over a 2year period. Hosting a family is a truly rewarding experience for both the student and members of the family. It is your chance to learn about a new culture, try new foods and show off our slice of paradise.

All our students have a good level of English and are usually from Europe, Asia or North and South America.

All families are supported by Rotary and each student is assigned a Counsellor to look after them whilst they are here. All adults (18+) in the household are police vetted to ensure the safety of the young person.

Students have strict rules to follow (including no alcohol/drugs or dating) and each student is expected to follow your household rules too.

FAQs

Does the family get paid?

There is no monetary exchange from hosting a student.

Do we need to arrange schooling?

Schooling is compulsory for your student and this is arranged by the hosting Rotary Club

Do I have to provide special meals?

Host families will be informed of any special dietaries before hosting.

Is there anything special we need to do for the student?

The student is be treated as a member of your family and included in all family activities. Students are expected to partake in family household chores and abide by house rules. It is appreciated if host families can show local hospitality (within reason) and share their way of life.