



DISTRICT 9680 RULES OF ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



HOST PARENTS

The student shall make every effort to adapt to the host parent's way of life and household.

The obligation is always on the student to adapt and not the host parent.

The student should remember that the host family owes them nothing.

The student however owes the host family an enormous debt of debt of gratitude for the considerable personal and financial sacrifices they are making in hosting the student.

SCHOOL

The student will attend a secondary high school on a regular basis.

The student shall participate in school, external activities, projects and homework.

No concessions will be allowed for the student to attend any form of tertiary educational establishment.

The decision on whether the student writes the official examinations or an internal examination rests with the particular school authority.

When you are enrolled in the school, discuss with the Principal what subjects you should take and where possible take the opportunity to study subjects not previously available to you, particularly if you have completed High School.

It is recommended that all trips and tours are undertaken in the school holidays but time not in excess of 20 days over the year may be taken off school only if both the Principal and the host parents give their permission for this.

The student shall comply with the rules of the School in all respects and with particular reference to dress, make-up, jewellery and hair regulations.

All school rules and traditions must be obeyed.

DRIVING

The student may not drive any type of motorised vehicle.

This includes cars, motorcycles, scooters and farming vehicles.

The student may not ride pillion or be a passenger in any way on a motorcycle or scooter.

The student may not travel as a passenger in a vehicle with an unlicensed or learner driver at the wheel.

It should also be noted that some clubs require that the student not be a passenger in a vehicle being driven by a probationary licensed driver. (That is , a driver who has not yet attained a full license.)

ROMANTIC INVOLVMENT

While the student is not expected to avoid contact with the opposite sex. serious and long romantic attachments are forbidden in the programme and if the student feels a situation is getting out of hand the matter should immediately be brought to the attention of the counsellor who will assist the student.

DRUGS

Possession of or taking drugs is a criminal offence in Australia and is expressly forbidden in the programme. Breaking of this rule is the quickest way to an immediate return ticket home and/or jail.

SMOKING

Smoking of cigarettes is strongly discouraged.

The student must respect the wishes of the host parents and school authorities in this respect. Smoking by the student at Rotary functions is forbidden.

Smoking whilst wearing your school uniform or Rotary blazer is forbidden.

Smoking in public situations is also forbidden.

ALCOHOL

The rules of the programme do not forbid the consumption of wine or beer provided the student is above the legal drinking age, but here again the wishes of the host parents must be respected. Spirits such as brandy, whisky, vodka and gin etc are forbidden.

AIR FLIGHTS

The student may not travel on any plane other than a scheduled flight of a recognised airline.

If the student wishes to travel in a light aircraft, permission in writing must be obtained from the student's natural parents.

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BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOING

This District absolutely forbids any form of body piercing/tattooing whilst participating in Rotary Youth Exchange. The only way that body piercing will be permitted is if the District Chairman has in writing approval of your natural parents and is signed by **BOTH** parents one week before the piercing/tattooing takes place. It is also a condition that the approval be accompanied by, in writing, the name and address of the person performing the piercing/tattooing.

DRESS

The student shall wear a suitable style of clothing to all Rotary functions. Jeans and tee-shirts are not acceptable at most Rotary functions.

TRAVEL

Hitch-hiking is expressly forbidden.

If a student wishes to make a trip during school terms the following procedure must be adopted.

- a) The Principal or relevant teacher must be notified in writing.
- b) The permission of the host parent must be obtained.
- c) The permission of the Youth Officer or Counsellor of the Rotary Club must be obtained.
- d) The Host District Chairman /Counsellor shall be supplied with all contact telephone numbers and addresses, to cover the event of an emergency. If the student wishes to make a trip during school holidays the same procedure applies except that the Principal's permission is not necessary.

In addition, all trips outside Rotary District boundaries must have the permission of a District Youth Exchange Counsellor/District Youth Exchange Chairman.

Generally separate trips arranged by students are forbidden and certain official tours organised by the District Committee and Rotary Clubs have been arranged to provide the students with an opportunity of seeing the country. The student may not phone another Rotary Club directly to ask for hosting on a trip.

The student should not stay Australia for longer than 365 days, but early departure is also strongly discouraged as it is felt that the student owes it to his or her host parents to spend a full year with them.

Visits by natural parents during your year are not recommended. This has proven to be disruptive to both students and the host parents.

This District does not officially offer accommodation or transport in the event of natural parents visiting.

ROTARY MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

The student shall try and attend as many meetings of their Rotary Club as possible. The wishes of the club related to the time and number of meetings will be communicated to the student by their particular Rotary Club.

Whenever Rotary functions coincide with the students' personal arrangements, the student must give preference to the Rotary function.

INSURANCE

The student must have complied with our local insurance requirements and those of Rotary International.

COSTS

The Rotary Club is responsible for pocket money as recommended by the District Committee, and District Conference expenses for the student.

The student is responsible for providing \$A500 emergency fund.

LAWS

The student must obey the laws of the host country.

TALKS

The student must agree to talk to Rotary Clubs, Interact and Rotaract when requested.

LANGUAGE

You must learn to speak the language of the country you go to.

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ORIENTATIONS - DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The student shall attend all inbound orientations, outbound orientations and the District conference when requested by the District Committee. The only excuse that will be accepted is illness.
Students must stay for a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 52 weeks.
They must attend their hosting club changeover.
This is an exchange of 365 days and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

EMPLOYMENT

The student will refrain from seeking or obtaining any form of employment while under this programme.

TELEPHONE CALLS

The student may not use the host parent's telephone without permission for either local or overseas calls. The student is responsible for the cost of all telephone calls.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

The host parent is under no obligation to transport the student at the student's request and use should be made of public transport where possible.

LAST PERIOD

In the past many students who have excelled for 11 months ruin their whole image by bad behaviour in the final month. Remember you are representing your family and you will be remembered by your performance over a full 365 days.

EARLY RETURN HOME

The student will be sent home if, in the opinion of the District Youth Exchange Chairman in the host country, continuation of the exchange period will be detrimental to the programme, the District, the host club or the student. Any costs incurred as a result of the early return of the student will be reimbursed by the student's natural parents.

I.....agree to abide by the rules of the District 9680 Youth Exchange Programme. I understand that if I break any of the rules I may be returned home immediately.

Date:

Student's signature:

Mother's signature:

Father's signature:

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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL District 9680. N.S.W Australia
UNDERTAKING By Inbound Student**

I, the undersigned, being a Rotary Exchange Student selected to attend school overseas for a period of approximately one year under the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme, hereby undertake and agree as follows:

1. That throughout the year while I am in Australia I will attend a High School (not a University, or any other institution of Tertiary education).
2. That I shall not be absent from the school for longer than (8) days in each school term except by reason of accident or illness, or on recognised school holidays, or when such absence is approved both by Rotary and. by the Principal of the school.
3. That I will participate fully in the school's academic programme and as fully as possible in extramural activities at the school. I undertake to achieve academically to the best of my ability.
4. That the above undertakings are made although I may have completed my High School education at home before leaving for Australia, and remain binding on me even if I graduate from High School while I am in Australia, in which event I shall remain obliged to participate fully in the High School in which I am placed for the remainder of my year of exchange.
5. I acknowledge that driving of any motorised vehicle is expressly forbidden in the Rotary International rules of the Youth Exchange Programme, even within a school curriculum.
6. I understand that this is a 12 month exchange and will not return home earlier than 50 weeks and stay no longer than 52 weeks. When I return I will return directly home and not have any stop overs.
7. That I understand that this is a binding legal document. I understand that in the event of my not fulfilling the undertakings given above fully and unreservedly, either the Rotary District which is hosting me in Australia or my sponsor Rotary District, or both of them, will be entitled to terminate my exchange without notice to me. I understand that in this event, I will be required to return home at my expense immediately.

Signed Date: Signed at:

Student's signature:

Witness signature:

Mother/Father/Guardian signature:.....