

Who are we?



SAGSE
Scholarships for
Australian-German
Student Exchange

Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE) has been giving students an insight into foreign culture and fostering relationships between German and Australian students for over 50 years.

German-Australian Students' Society (GASS) members are Australian University students who attended the exchange program. They are responsible for organising fun events throughout the exchange, such as Wintercamp, Trivia Night and the Melbourne Weekend for the exchange students and their host partners!



Benefits of Hosting

You don't have to be learning German to host! If you are interested in learning about the German language and culture in your own home, this is perfect for you.

It's an opportunity to show off Australia and get a new family member and a friend for life!

It will improve student's fluency and understanding of the German language.

A number of functions are arranged to allow the host families to get to know each other and the other students taking part.

Host students who apply for a SAGSE scholarship to go to Germany are guaranteed an interview and a fixed percentage of scholarships are awarded to former host students.

What's the commitment?

The hosting duration is 8 weeks with one week absence for *Wintercamp*.

The exchange students arrive mid June and leave in the second half of August.

In compliance with VRQA guidelines, SAGSE and GASS provide regular support for host families, schools and students.

Most common issues are due to culture shock and miscommunication, so an independent mediator is often all that is required.



Open your home to a German exchange student!

Contact our Host Family Co-Ordinator Jody on 0438717070



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A typical host family

People who love to discover another culture, learn about different traditions and enjoy seeing Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Host siblings should be in year 10-12.

Host families are matched with a suitable exchange student based on shared interests and fitting in with your family.

How are exchange students selected?

Exchange students undergo a rigorous selection process run by our German partner organisation (GDANSA) - students must submit an application, be shortlisted, pass an interview and host a student before they come to Australia.

Wintercamp

Wintercamp is a 5 day camp during the June/July school holidays for the exchange students and their Australian host siblings.

It offers a fun opportunity to bond with your exchange student as well as connect with the cohort of exchange students and host siblings.

The camps are held in exciting locations, such as Anglesea or Warrnambool.

There are lots of fun activities planned such as surfing, walks, and sightseeing in the local area.

