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WANT TO HOST A **JAPANESE** STUDENT?

20 - 28 March, 2024



Who?

15 students from Dokkyo Saitama High School in Japan will be visiting to experience Australian culture and life in Australian school.

When?

The students will arrive Wednesday 20 March, and depart Thursday 28 March.

Can I apply?

We are inviting all families to apply to host a student. You will need a FREE Volunteers Working With Children Check, and read and sign the Child Protection Code of Conduct.

Want more information?

For more information contact our Head of Languages, Marjory Creta-Ireland
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Wednesday 14 February 2024

Dear Penola Catholic College Family,

The College has established an exchange program with Dokkyo Saitama High School in Japan.

We are excited to announce that we are now expecting 4 male and 11 female Japanese students to come and visit us at Penola Catholic College, along with 2 of their teachers, and experience Australian culture and life in an Australian school. This will occur from Wednesday 20 to Thursday 28 March, 2024.

We are inviting all families to apply to host a student. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster a relationship with Japanese people and make the study of the language at school more meaningful.

The visiting Japanese students will participate in your normal family activities and attend school. If you are able to host a visitor, please complete the attached application form and return it via email: mcretaireland@penola.vic.edu.au.

Applications should be submitted by Monday 26 February please.

But what exactly will you be expected to do and what will I get?

What do I need?

Every person living in the home who is over 18 years of age needs a Working With Children Check. A volunteer Working With Children Check is free. As the parent, you will also need to read and sign to the Child Protection Code of Conduct.

Student profiles

Your child will need to complete a student profile. This will enable us to match incoming students to families as best we can. It will also be forwarded to the student you will be hosting. Once you have been matched to a student, you will receive their profile, so you know a little about them before they arrive.

Attending School

You are expected to bring the exchange student to school every day for an 8:40am start, and to collect the student from school every afternoon (usually 3:02pm).

The exchange student is expected to wear their Japanese school uniform to school and while on excursion.

You may need to be available to collect the exchange student from school a little later when they partake in excursions, as per the schedule.

You will need to bring the exchange student to the Broadmeadows Campus on Thursday 28 March at 6:15am, so we can bus the group out to the airport in time for their return flight. The bus will leave at 6:30am.

Food

As you would do with your own child, you will be required to provide breakfast and dinner for the exchange student. You will also be required to pack a lunch for the day for them. To assist with the cost of additional food the College will provide each host family with a \$200 Coles voucher.



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When the student arrives

Your child will meet the exchange student on Wednesday 20th at the start of period 2. They will then attend class together.

A barbecue lunch will be provided on Wednesday 20th for both your child and the exchange student.

Your child

Your child will attend the excursions organized, along with the exchange student.

On the weekend

The exchange students are here to experience life in Australia. If you have regular weekend activities, such as footy training for instance, you should bring them along. You may also wish to show them your favourite spots in Melbourne. It would be preferable you checked the schedule, so we do not double up on the activities. The full schedule will be provided to host families.

What if communication is an issue?

There is an array of free online tools, such as Google Translate, which can easily be used if there is a need for translation. Students are usually well versed in these Apps.

What if there is an issue on the weekend?

The exchange students are coming with 2 of their teachers. Contact information will be provided along with student profiles.

I hope this addresses some of your questions. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Marjory Creta-Ireland
Head of Languages - Broadmeadows Campus

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HOST INFORMATION SHEET

INFORMATION SHARED WITH THE EXCHANGE STUDENT:

HOST STUDENT'S NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ YEAR LEVEL: _____

STUDENT E-MAIL: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS:

(RELATION – parents optional) (NAME) (AGE)

_____	_____	_____
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PETS _____

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONALITY?

HOBBIES/INTERESTS/SPORTS/MUSIC:

Please briefly describe why you would like to host a Japanese student.

INFORMATION **NOT SHARED** WITH THE EXCHANGE STUDENT:

HOME ADDRESS:

_____ (POSTAL CODE) _____

TELEPHONE: (HOME) _____ (BUSINESS) _____

PARENT MOBILE PHONE _____ STUDENT MOBILE PHONE _____

PARENT E-MAIL: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____