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## Hosting a German Exchange Student in 2019 (Victoria)

### The Exchange

**Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE)** is a student exchange organisation founded in 1967, which has now sent more than 1500 students on exchange. SAGSE is a registered and approved Overseas Student Exchange Organisation under the auspices of the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

Having been in existence for over 50 years, SAGSE and the **German Australian Students' Society (GASS)** will once again be welcoming a group of German students to Victoria in 2019. During this time, the students will live with Victorian host families and will attend school with their host siblings. It is with great pleasure that we invite you to be part of our exchange programme.

### Hosting 2019

The German students arrive mid June and depart in late August/early September 2019. They will be between 16-18 years of age, so it is preferable that the host siblings be in Years 10-12 at school. It is not a requirement that the sibling of the host family has a basic knowledge of German. However it is important that the German student be invited to share in the daily activities of the home environment in the English language and be integrated into the lifestyle and culture of everyday Australian life.

### Benefits of Hosting

There are indeed so many reasons to host ! Valuable and lasting connections are formed as the German students enhance their knowledge of the English language and Australian culture, while contributing to the host families' understanding of current issues and everyday life in Germany and Europe. German students are matched to host families and siblings with similar interests and personalities. It is a frequent occurrence that life-long friendships are formed between hosts and exchange students.



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## Scholarship Application Entitlement

Should the host sibling wish to apply for a scholarship to Germany, he or she will be automatically short-listed in the scholarship selection process through submitting an application form and provided the eligibility criteria have been met. Scholarships are awarded to students at the completion of either their Year 11 or Year 12 studies.

This entitlement applies only for each time the sibling has hosted a German student. Therefore, if the sibling hosts once, he or she is entitled to be automatically short-listed only one time. Please note that host siblings who are younger than Year 11 may carry over their interview advantages until they reach the eligible study year.

## Support for Host Families

In compliance with the VRQA Guidelines, SAGSE and GASS provide regular contact support for host families and German students alike. A number of functions are arranged to allow hostfamilies to get to know each other and the students taking part in the exchange program.

## The Experience of a Host

“ When I first heard about the opportunity to host I jumped right at it - not only as I wanted the advantage it would give me in the chance to be awarded a prestigious SAGSE Scholarship, but because I wanted the opportunity to give someone the chance to experience the country that I love to live in. When Lena arrived at my house all I could think about was what to show her first. She was lucky I didn't just start throwing Vegemite, Tim Tams and Lamingtons at her until she felt welcome!

“ Lena was the life of the party wherever she went, being an active class member at school, and I received the invaluable help of a German-speaker to further my language. Hosting a student provides the whole family with an insight into the rich German culture. After travelling to Germany with the SAGSE scholarship I have been back to work in and explore Germany further. The people still have a presence in my heart, which is something I don't think will ever change. It's amazing to think it all started with those three incredible months with Lena! “

**Haylee Murphy**, former host and subsequent scholarship awardee



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## How to Apply

Electronic application forms are available on our website: [www.sagse.org.au](http://www.sagse.org.au).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the  
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**Interviews and host family selections will be completed by March 2019.**