



BEYOND QUEENSLEA DRIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Information for Christ Church boys travelling overseas



Christ Church
Grammar School
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

3 Beyond Queenslea Drive Exchange Program

- Objectives
- Period of exchange
- Hosting a returning exchange student

4 BQD Program host schools

5 The application process

- Exchange Co-ordinator
- Information session
- Submit 'Expression of Interest'
- Review of applications
- Shortlist of successful applicants
- Confirmation of host school allocations

6 Parent information

- Accommodation
- Behaviour
- Consent2Go
- Consent to travel
- Continuation of tuition fees
- COVID-19 requirements
- Device and calculator
- Documentation
- Forms
- Gifts
- Host family contact
- Hosting an exchange student
- International debit card
- Insurance
- Meals
- Medication
- Mobile phone
- Passport
- Travel arrangements
- Uniform
- Working with Children Check
- Workload

11 Parent action list

- Christ Church boy travelling to a host country
- Christ Church family welcoming an exchange student

12 Student information

- Inform your host family of all important information
- Contact your host family

- Remind your teachers
- Preparation meeting
- Label your luggage and possessions
- School items including device and calculator
- Prepare an international SIM card/ data access
- Prepare your uniform and clothing
- Pack your bags
- Get ready for your flight
- Co-curricular activities
- Document your experience
- Get to know your host family and their country
- Respect the cultural differences and house rules
- Stay in contact with your Christ Church teachers and peers
- Present at assembly
- Share your experience of the exchange program
- Keep in touch with your host family

16 Student responsibilities list

16 Christ Church responsibilities list

17 Forms

- Expression of interest
- Consent/acceptance
- Consent to travel
- Exchange student profile
- Host family questionnaire
- Insurance policy and product disclosure statement
- Insurance provider contact information

18 Testimonials

22 Welcoming an exchange student

- Hosting a student

23 Before he arrives

- Complete a host family questionnaire
- Contact his family
- Read the exchange student profile
- Prepare a living space

- Plan the weekends
- Airport pick up

24 During his stay — at home

- Communicate the household rules and routine
- Document the experience
- Get to know each other
- Incidental purchases
- Meals
- Monitor his health and wellbeing
- Religious practice
- Weekend trips and activities
- Drop off at airport

26 During his stay — at school

- Absence
- Boarding
- Devices and textbooks
- Homework
- Insurance
- School Rules
- Timetable
- Travel to/from school
- Weekly meetings

28 After his stay

- Provide feedback to Christ Church
- Share your experience of the program
- Stay in touch

29 Christ Church host family responsibilities

29 Christ Church responsibilities

30 BQD Contacts

- Mr Neil Saggars
Exchange Co-ordinator
- Mrs Jo Hudson
Executive Assistant to the
Exchange Co-ordinator
- School reception



Beyond Queenslea Drive Exchange Program

In the first three terms of Year 10, Christ Church Grammar School offers students the opportunity to be immersed in school environments in other parts of the world.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of our exchange program, known as Beyond Queenslea Drive (BQD), is to provide an international experience for our students. As well as gaining friends overseas, the boys grow personally and develop a deeper international awareness. The program is seen as an excellent addition to our special learning environment for boys at Christ Church.

PERIOD OF EXCHANGE

Exchange periods range from four to ten weeks. Please be aware that many exchanges include some or all of the April, July, or October school holidays. Shorter exchanges, of not less than one month, may be considered especially in cases where absence for a whole school term could disadvantage candidates.

HOSTING A RETURNING EXCHANGE STUDENT

A condition of engagement in this program is that participating Christ Church families will reciprocate and host exchange students from our BQD exchange program host schools at some point during the school year and at a time when their son is at school. This hosting period may vary between 4 to 10 weeks (the length of one of our school terms).

BQD Program host schools

Our host schools for the BQD exchange program are in many countries and include:



CANADA

- [Upper Canada College](#)



CHINA

- [Beijing Huijia Private School](#)
(language immersion positions)



FRANCE

- [Saint-Jean et La Croix*](#)
(language immersion positions;
co-education)



JAPAN

- [Hotoku Gakuen High School*](#)
(language immersion positions)



NEW ZEALAND

- [St Paul's Collegiate School, Hamilton](#)
- [Scots College, Wellington](#)
(Co-education)



SOUTH AFRICA

- [Kearsney College](#)
- [Bishop's Diocesan College](#)
- [Michaelhouse](#) (Boarding)
- [St John's College](#)



UNITED KINGDOM

- [Tonbridge School](#) (Boarding)
- [Brighton College](#) (Co-education)



UNITED STATES

- [St Christopher's School](#),
Richmond, VA
- [Montgomery Bell Academy](#),
Nashville, TN
- [St Mark's School](#), Southborough,
MA (Co-education)

* Website only available in host school's language.



The application process

EXCHANGE CO-ORDINATOR

Mr Neil Saggars, Exchange Co-ordinator, is the main point of contact for BQD. He will oversee the process, from the information session to post-exchange expectations. Mr Saggars acts as the liaison between Christ Church and its host schools and maintains regular communication with Christ Church students in the program, their parents, and exchange students and their families.

INFORMATION SESSION

Year 9 boys attend an information session at the end of Term 3 to gain a deeper understanding of the program. The session will include the opportunity to ask questions and to hear from previous BQD participants about their experience. Parents/guardians will receive an email prior to the event to prompt a conversation with their son about the program. Parents are encouraged to direct any queries regarding the program to the Exchange Co-ordinator.

SUBMIT 'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST'

Parents of interested boys will receive documents outlining the exchange program and an invitation to submit an expression of interest form. Boarders are welcome to apply. The form offers applicants the chance to indicate their host school preferences.

The School will endeavour to accommodate preferences when making allocations and exchange preferences will be negotiated with applicants. When preferences cannot be met, the School reserves the right to suggest alternatives.

Submission of an expression of interest is taken as an agreement with the terms of the exchange.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

All expressions of interest are subject to a review process, and input will be sought from Heads of House and tutors. Applicants will be selected on their good character and academic standing within the School. Students selected for an exchange should be independent and able to cope with the full experience.

SHORTLIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Based on feedback from Heads of House and tutors, a shortlist of exchange students for the year will be created. Successful applicants will receive an official letter of acceptance once the review process has concluded.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS

Most exchange allocations are confirmed by the end of November in the year prior. The reciprocal nature of the exchange program requires our partner schools to select candidates who would like to attend Christ Church as an exchange student.

This may take several months to finalise, as schools need to advertise, receive applications, and obtain a shortlist of candidates. Schools in the UK, USA, and Canada commence a new school year in September and usually take some time after their start of the year to confirm an exchange arrangement. Parents and applicants will be sent information about their allocated host school.

Parent information

ACCOMMODATION

Your son's host family will be responsible for providing housing for the duration of the exchange program. If your son is attending a boarding only school ([see list of host schools](#)), the boarding house of the host school will provide accommodation and meals for the duration of the exchange.

BEHAVIOUR

While on exchange, your son is expected to uphold the [School's values](#) as an ambassador of Christ Church Grammar School. He will also be required to abide by the rules of his host school. Principals at either school have the right to terminate the exchange and send the student home at his parents' expense for any major infringement of rules or breach of expectations. This information is outlined in your son's list of responsibilities and will be reiterated in the lead up to the exchange.

CONSENT2GO

You will need to ensure your son's Consent2Go profile is up to date. This will ensure we have correct information regarding:

- Parent information
- Additional emergency contacts
- Care details
- Medical information

CONSENT TO TRAVEL

Christ Church will provide you with a consent to travel form for you to sign on behalf of your son. You will also receive a principal's letter of introduction with confirmation that your son is travelling on an exchange program. Your son will need to take a copy of both the principal's letter of introduction and the consent to travel form.

CONTINUATION OF TUITION FEES

The cost to participating families is travel and incidentals, as tuition fees are considered reciprocal with our partner schools. For the period that your son is on exchange, you are required to continue paying his tuition fees to Christ Church. Neither Christ Church nor the host schools exchange tuition or residential fees.

COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

You will need to check the COVID-19 requirements, such as vaccinations, of the country your son is visiting and ensure these are met to avoid complications entering the country.

DEVICE AND CALCULATOR

Your son will need to take his school device, charger and calculator to use at his host school. All textbooks will be provided by the host school as a loan for the duration of the exchange program.

DOCUMENTATION

You will need to research the travel conditions applicable to the country your son is visiting, including visa requirements and forms.

For example, if your son is travelling to South Africa, you may be required to sign a parental consent affidavit. We strongly advise you make digital and/or hard copies of important documents to have on hand for any applications and to give to your son in case of emergency, including:

- ☐ Australian Immunisation Records (AIR)
- ☐ Birth certificate
- ☐ Exchange student profile
- ☐ Consent to travel form

- ☐ COVID-19 vaccination certificate
- ☐ Forms and visas (if required) specific to the travel conditions of the host country
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Principal's letter of introduction
- ☐ Second form of identification

FORMS

The five forms that need to be signed and returned to the School prior to leaving are:

1. [Expression of interest](#)
2. [Consent/acceptance form](#)
3. [Exchange student profile](#)
4. [Consent to travel](#)
5. [Host family questionnaire](#)

Christ Church will provide these forms to parents/guardians and their sons. We ask that you read through all forms thoroughly and return them in a timely manner.

GIFTS

While not a formal requirement, boys may wish to take a small gift for their host family as a token of appreciation. Items that are local to Western Australia are a thoughtful gesture and a good way to start a conversation about life in Perth.

Speak with your son about organising a gift for his host family.

HOST FAMILY CONTACT

Once your son's host family is confirmed, the Exchange Co-ordinator will provide you with their contact details. There is no formal process for this, however we encourage Christ Church families and their sons to contact the host family via email and/or video chat in the months or weeks leading up to the exchange to get to know one another.

It is also worthwhile getting in touch with the host family when making travel arrangements. Except for a few host schools, Christ Church boys will travel overseas first, followed by the visit of the host school student. As such, your son may find that introducing himself breaks the ice and may ease nerves.

HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

If your son's host school does not confirm an exchange student, you may be asked to host a student from a different school. If your son is a boarder, the Christ Church boarding school will host the exchange student, however, we encourage boarding families to take the exchange student out during breaks or weekends where possible.

INTERNATIONAL DEBIT CARD

Your son will require money for incidentals while on exchange. One option is to organise an international debit card. While his host family will provide meals and cover costs of most general living expenses, there will be times when he may want to buy items or gifts.

INSURANCE

Your son will be covered by the School's comprehensive medical and travel insurance for the duration of the exchange. We recommend you keep a copy of the [insurance provider contact information](#) in case of an emergency. Parents/guardians will receive a copy of this card along with the full policy document. There is an insurance premium for overseas travel which will be charged to your school account. As at 2023, the premium fee is \$200 including GST, however this is subject to change. We recommend that you read the [full insurance policy](#) and [product disclosure statement](#).

Please note that if your son is travelling outside the official exchange dates, you will need to purchase additional insurance to cover him during this time. For example, if he arrives early or stays in the country after the exchange, these dates will not be covered by the School's insurance policy.

MEALS

Your son's host family will be responsible for providing all meals for the duration of the exchange. Depending on the arrangement at the host school, school lunches may be provided by the host family or the school. Costs to purchase food at the host school cafeteria may not be covered by your son's host family. Any dietary requirements and allergies must be included in your son's exchange student profile so that his host family can prepare meals accordingly.

MEDICATION

Your son will need to take his own supply of medication. Ensure that he has enough prescription medication to last the duration of his exchange. He may also wish to bring a small medical kit, including over the counter medication, such as pain relief.

MOBILE PHONE

Your son will require international phone access while overseas to communicate with his host family. This can be arranged with an Australian mobile phone provider or he may wish to get an international SIM card while overseas. It is important that you organise this with your son before he departs. Your son can also ask his host student about the ease of acquiring a pre-paid SIM card in their home country.

PASSPORT

Your son's passport must have six months currency at the time of departure.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

You will be responsible for making all travel arrangements and associated costs for your son. You will need to liaise with the Exchange Co-ordinator regarding your son's travel dates and confirmation of bookings. Your son's host family may invite him to arrive earlier if the beginning of the exchange follows a school holiday. You will be responsible for coordinating earlier travel dates with the host family and confirming these with the Exchange Co-ordinator prior to booking.

Boys are generally sent in pairs. This provides a level of support while travelling and at the destination. Check with the airline if your son is considered an unaccompanied minor, as the age of minors varies between airline carriers. Please be aware that some airlines charge a fee for the unaccompanied minor service. Your son will be collected at the airport by his host family. They will also be responsible for seeing him off at the airport at the end of his stay.

Your son's host family will be responsible for his travel to/from school, including associated costs. If your son needs to take public transport, his host family will be responsible for covering the cost and supplying a public transport travel card if required.

UNIFORM

At most exchange schools your son will be required to wear his Christ Church uniform. Make sure his uniform and haircut meet our [presentation standards](#). He will need to pack enough uniform to last a full school week. He will also have an opportunity to play sport at his host school. He will need his sports uniform, including sport shoes, a mouthguard, and a raincoat.

Out of school hours and on weekends, casual clothes suited to the climate can be worn. Make sure your son checks the weather ahead of the trip so that he is adequately prepared.

Your son will need three washing bags for doing laundry. If they are staying at a boarding school, these are a requirement.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

To host an exchange student, you and any person/s living in the home over the age of 18 years, at the time of the hosting, must have a [Volunteer Working with Children Check \(WWC\)](#).

If you already have a valid Western Australian WWC check, volunteer or otherwise, there is no requirement for you to apply for a new one. You will need to provide a digital copy of your current card to the [Executive Assistant to the Exchange Co-ordinator](#), as proof.

If you or any other adults in your household do not have a valid Western Australian WWC, you must obtain one. It is important to note that as you are applying for a WWC for the purpose of being a volunteer, as opposed to a paid employee, you will need to fill out the volunteer section.

To obtain a WWC, please follow the below steps:

1. [Email the Executive Assistant to the Exchange Co-ordinator](#), who will post you a form.
2. Refer to [these instructions](#) regarding completion of the WWC form.
3. Make a scanned copy of the completed form/s and send to the [Executive Assistant to the Exchange Co-ordinator](#).
4. Lodge the form at an [authorised Australia Post outlet](#). You will pay a fee of \$11. The Post Office will staple your receipt to the application/s. Keep the receipt as proof of purchase if you wish to be reimbursed.
5. Provide the receipt to the School via [email](#) or hand it in to reception at the Main Administration building, attention: Executive Assistant to the Exchange Co-ordinator. The fee will be reimbursed into your school account as a credit for each person hosting.





WORKLOAD

While on exchange, your son is expected to fully immerse himself in the full academic program at his host school. His involvement in classes at his host school takes priority over keeping up with his subjects at Christ Church.

There may be some instances where immersion in the classroom is not feasible. For example, if a complex lesson is being delivered in another language and your son cannot comprehend or contribute at all, he may opt to do some Christ Church schoolwork for the remainder of the lesson (with the teacher's permission). However, the purpose of the exchange is to experience life in an international school and your son should always strive to be an engaged and active member in the classroom.

Your son will miss assessments and homework material while on exchange. He will receive an 'NA' for all missed assessments, meaning that there will be no impact to his academic standing as a result of the exchange program. We encourage boys to stay in contact with their teachers and peers during their trip. Teachers can email or load homework material to Nexus as requested for the boys to work on if they have an opportunity to do so.

On return from exchange, your son will likely have some catching up to do. He is not required to complete any missed assessments; however, he is expected to have a grasp on the topics covered while he was away. Some boys choose to take textbook/s with them overseas in addition to their laptop and calculator, however this is not a requirement.

Parent action list

CHRIST CHURCH BOY TRAVELLING TO A HOST COUNTRY

- ☐ Return the three forms to the School in a timely manner, including:
 - ☐ Expression of interest
 - ☐ Exchange student profile
 - ☐ Consent to travel
- ☐ Arrange and pay for travel to and from the host country for your son
- ☐ Organise an international debit card for incidental expenditure
- ☐ Update Consent2Go
- ☐ Arrange travel documents including visa

CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY WELCOMING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

- ☐ The reciprocal exchange of an international student from a host school for a period between 4 to 10 weeks
- ☐ Complete a host family questionnaire, which outlines details of your household and routine, and return to Christ Church
- ☐ Ensure all adults in the household have a valid Working with Children Check
- ☐ Ensure prompt collection and delivery of the exchange student to the airport at the beginning and end of his stay
- ☐ Provide daily requirements for the exchange student, including accommodation, meals, and transport to and from school
- ☐ Provide the exchange student with opportunities to visit places of interest and offering a positive experience in Perth and surrounds
- ☐ Notify Christ Church Grammar of any concerns or updates regarding the exchange student, such as illness



Student information

BEFORE YOU GO

☐ INFORM YOUR HOST FAMILY OF ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You will need to complete an exchange student profile which outlines any dietary requirements, allergies, or medical conditions that your host family should be aware of.

☐ CONTACT YOUR HOST FAMILY

There is no formal process for this, however you may wish to contact your host family before you go on exchange. Many students get to know more about their host family via email and Facetime in the months or weeks leading up to the exchange. You can tell them a bit about yourself and your family, what subjects and activities you like at school, and what you are looking forward to for the exchange program.

☐ REMIND YOUR TEACHERS

It is important that you remind your teachers, sport coaches and other co-curricular staff that you will be going on exchange so they are aware of your absence. You will miss homework and assignments set by your Christ Church teachers while on exchange. You may have an opportunity to complete some work but there will likely be some catching up to do when you return. You will receive an 'NA' for any missed assessments, meaning that you will return to school with the same grade average as when you left.

☐ PREPARATION MEETING

Two weeks before you depart, the Exchange Co-ordinator will meet with you to check in on your preparation for the exchange, including contact with your host family.

☐ LABEL YOUR LUGGAGE AND POSSESSIONS

Put a luggage tag and colourful ribbon or sticker on your suitcase and backpack so they are easy to identify. Ensure that all your possessions are clearly labelled to avoid getting lost or mixed up with other students at the host school.

☐ SCHOOL ITEMS INCLUDING DEVICE AND CALCULATOR

Pack your school device and charger in a protective bag and your school calculator. Your host school will loan you textbooks, which you will be responsible for looking after and returning to the host school. Pack a few notebooks and a pencil case. You are welcome to take your own textbooks for subjects you are learning at Christ Church however this is not a requirement.

☐ PREPARE AN INTERNATIONAL SIM CARD/ DATA ACCESS

You will require international phone access while overseas to communicate with your host family. This can be arranged with an Australian mobile phone provider or you may wish to get an international SIM card while overseas. It is important that you organise this before travelling. Ask your host student if it is easy to get a pre-paid SIM card in their home country to understand your options.

☐ PREPARE YOUR UNIFORM AND CLOTHING

During your exchange you are required to wear your Christ Church uniform. Make sure your uniform and haircut meet our [presentation standards](#). Pack enough uniform to last you a full school week. You will also have an opportunity to play sport at your host school. Pack your sports uniform, including sport shoes, a mouthguard, and a raincoat.

Out of school hours and on weekends, casual clothes suited to the climate can be worn. Make sure you check the weather ahead of your trip so that you are adequately prepared. Bring three washing bags for your laundry. If you are staying at a boarding school, these are a requirement.

☐ PACK YOUR BAGS

Check the baggage restrictions of the airline you're flying and make sure your suitcase and carry on are under the weight limit, as you may want to bring back gifts or souvenirs.

In addition to clothing and toiletries, you will need:

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Phone and phone charger
- ☐ Wallet with debit card
- ☐ A small amount of cash in local currency
- ☐ Digital and/or hard copies of important documents, including Principal's Letter of Introduction, Consent to Travel, and insurance policy contact information
- ☐ Power adaptors for the country you are visiting
- ☐ School device, charger and calculator
- ☐ Medicine kit with any prescription medication, suncream, basic first aid items including band aids, hand sanitiser, motion sickness tablets, and pain relief medicine such as Panadol and Nurofen

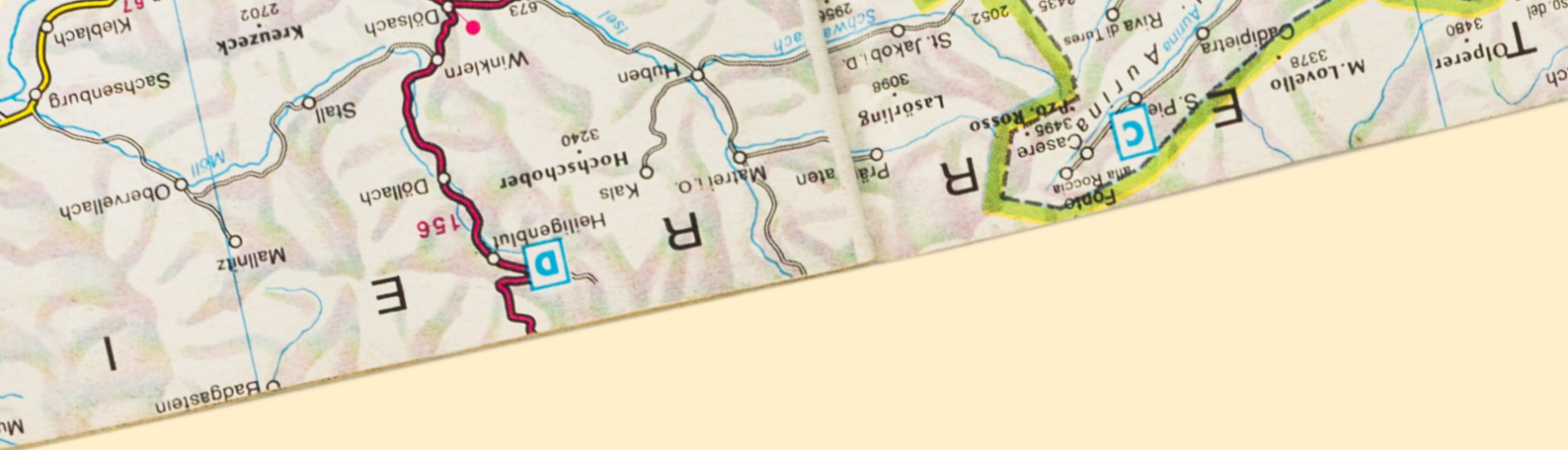
Remember you can purchase most things overseas if you forget or lose an item. The most important items you will need to keep safe during your exchange are your passport, wallet, phone, and prescription medication.

☐ GET READY FOR YOUR FLIGHT

Check-in online up to 24 hours before your flight. You may have a long flight ahead and time during layovers.

Pack travel essentials such as a book, jumper, phone charger, headphones, reusable water bottle, and some light toiletries including deodorant and a toothbrush. Depending on the duration of your flights and layover, you may also want to consider packing a change of clothes.





DURING YOUR EXCHANGE

Co-curricular activities

There will be sport and other co-curricular activities you will be part of at your host school. These activities provide you with a chance to share great experiences and establish new friendships. You are encouraged to follow your passions and interests, but also try new things to fully immerse yourself in the host school's co-curricular program.

Document your experience

We strongly encourage you to take photos, videos, and keep a journal or blog to document your trip. Not only will these serve as a way for you to cherish the memories of your experience, but will also be great to share with friends, family, and the school community. When you return, having photos and notes from your trip will also help with creating your PowerPoint presentation for assembly.

Get to know your host family and their country

You can ask lots of questions about life in your host country and let them know what kinds of things you would like to do and see during your time on exchange. They may also be keen to learn about your life in Australia and Christ Church, so you may like to have some photos to share with them.

Respect the cultural differences and house rules

Your living arrangement with a host family may be similar or different to the arrangements at your own home. It is important you respect the rules of the household, which may be unique to that family or culture.

Similarly, your routine, such as travel to and from school, mealtimes, and bedtime, will likely differ to that of your typical day at Christ Church. We encourage you to embrace these cultural differences to fully immerse yourself in the day-to-day life of the international student and family you are living with.

Stay in contact with your Christ Church teachers and peers

We encourage you to keep in touch with your teachers and classmates via email and Teams on your school laptop. If you get the opportunity to do some schoolwork, your teachers will be able to send you homework or study material.

WHEN YOU RETURN FROM EXCHANGE

Present at assembly

All boys who participate in the BQD exchange program present at assembly during the term in which they return to Christ Church.

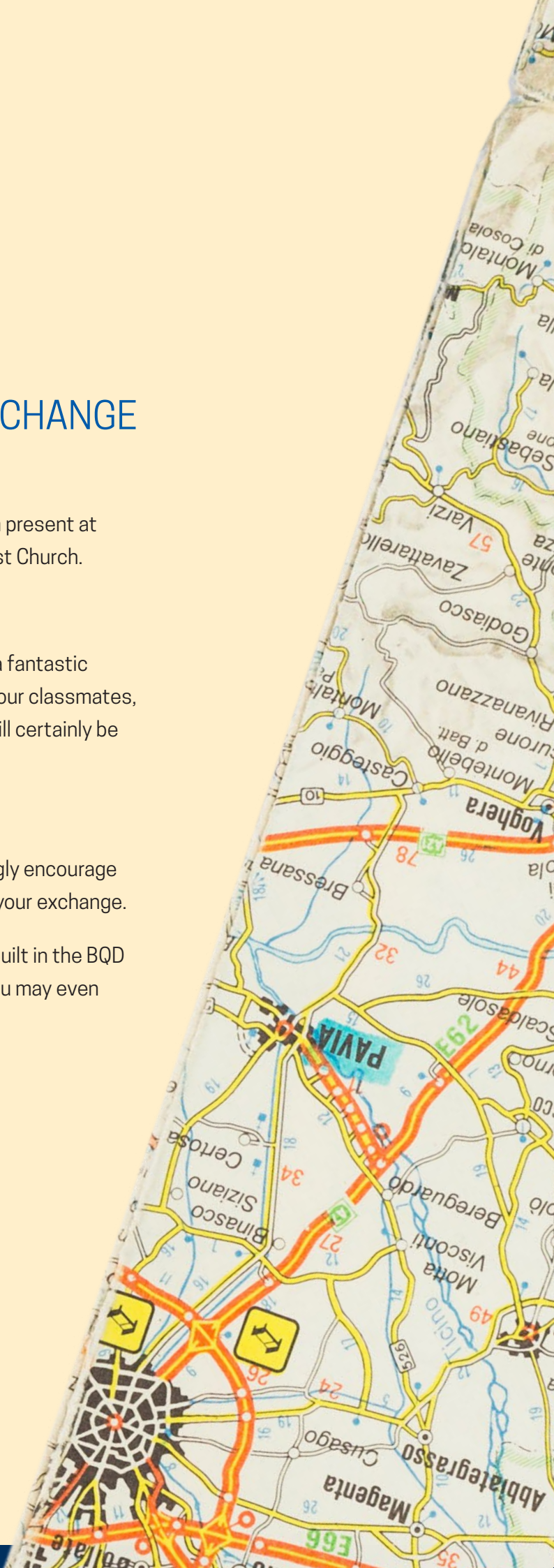
Share your experience of the exchange program

Participating in an international exchange program is a fantastic opportunity and one that you will remember forever. Your classmates, friends and family, and the wider school community will certainly be keen to hear about your experience.

Keep in touch with your host family

There is no formal process for this, however we strongly encourage you to stay in contact with your host family following your exchange.

Many students maintain the relationships they have built in the BQD program throughout their school years and beyond. You may even choose to visit your host family in the future.



Student responsibilities list

- Act as an ambassador of Christ Church Grammar School by upholding the [School's values](#) of:
 - **Respect** — for self, others and everything around us
 - **Integrity** — having strong ethics and a true moral compass
 - **Excellence** – a commitment to being the very best one can be in all arenas
 - **Care and Compassion** – kindness and respect for self and others
- Participate actively in class, in the school community, and, if boarding, in events and activities planned for boarders
- Attend school every day unless prior arrangements have been made with your host school or your host family
- Abide by the rules of the school you are visiting and maintain acceptable behaviour
- Maintain academic standing for the duration of the exchange by completing the required classwork, homework, and assignments set by the host school
- Keep in contact with your Christ Church teachers and peers. There may be work from your current classes that you need to complete while on exchange. You should ask for help from your Christ Church teachers when needed
- Notify your host family or Christ Church of any travel updates, such as a delayed flight

Christ Church responsibilities list

- Provide each successful Christ Church applicant and their parents/guardian with an official letter of acceptance, essential information about the host school, and a principal's letter of introduction to assist at immigration
- Make the best possible match for host and exchange students
- Maintain periodic contact with parents and the host school
- Notify parents of their son's safe arrival and departure
- Reimburse associated costs for Working with Children Check
- Welcome incoming exchange students to Perth and the School
- **Please note that Christ Church Grammar School will not be responsible for:**
 - Bookings of flights and accommodation
 - Costs associated with lost luggage, delayed or cancelled flights
 - Costs associated with damage to the student's school device
 - Costs associated with damage to the host school's property, including textbooks

Forms

 [Download all forms](#)

All required forms for completion can be downloaded and filled out digitally, or printed and emailed.

1. Expression of interest

Students who wish to be considered for the BQD exchange program must submit an expression of interest form, signed by their parents/guardian.

2. Consent/acceptance

Following the offer to participate in the BQD exchange program, parents must return a signed copy of this form to confirm their son's participation.

3. Consent to travel

This document outlines flight information and parent/guardian details. By signing the consent to travel form, the parent/guardian is authorising their son to travel as an unaccompanied minor and to be collected by his host family on arrival.

4. Exchange student profile

This serves to inform the student's host family of his medical and dietary information, emergency contacts, and personal interests. Christ Church will supply his host family with the exchange student profile in the months leading up to the exchange.

5. Host family questionnaire

Christ Church families welcoming an exchange student are required to complete a questionnaire regarding their household rules and routines.

6. Insurance policy and product disclosure statement

The [insurance policy](#) and [product disclosure statement](#) documents detail the level of cover provided.

7. Insurance provider contact information

This two-page document lists the phone number and email for Arch Insurance for 24/7 emergency medical or travel assistance.



Christ Church Grammar School
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
Place of birth: _____
Citizenship: _____
Home address: _____
Mobile number: _____
Email: _____
Please attach any family members' details.

Expression of Interest
Please return to Mr Neil Siggers, Exchange Coordinator

Name of student: _____ Tutor: _____
House: _____

Objective
The main objective of our exchange program, known as Beyond Queenslea Drive, is to provide our students with a unique cultural and educational experience. Christ Church Grammar School has established relationships with a number of partner schools around the world. These schools are highly reputable and offer a comparable educational experience to Christ Church. The School matches boys with the partner school most aligned with their interests and abilities, as far as possible. Boys are sent to travel in pairs, as this adds a level of support.

Partner Schools

Country	Schools
Canada	Upper Canada College
China	Beijing Huaila Private School (language immersion positions)
France	Saint-Jean & La Croix (language immersion positions; Co-education)
Japan	Hokokai Gakuen (language immersion positions)
New Zealand	St Paul's Collegiate School, Hamilton St Paul's Collegiate, Wellington (Co-education)
South Africa	Kearney's College, St John's
USA	St. Ignace, St. Ignace
United Kingdom	Tonbridge, Brighton

Preference list
Please number your preferred exchange country from 1-5 (1 being your first preference)

Country	Preference
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TO IMMIGRATION/CUSTOMS
Parent/Guardian consent

This document confirms the student's participation in the exchange program. The student is a full time student of Christ Church Grammar School.

Flight details:

Date of travel:	Airline carrier and flight number:	Arrival time:
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian details:

Name/s:	Address:	Contact number:
_____	_____	_____

We/I authorise our/their son/daughter to participate in the exchange program.

Testimonials

SOUTH AFRICA

"Upon my arrival in Cape Town I was greeted warmly by my exchange family with a braai, a traditional African barbeque. A few days later I commenced my first day at The Diocesan College, better known as Bishops.

"Like Christ Church, sport at Bishops was compulsory and there was always a great vibe and school spirit at the games.



"At the end of term, Bishops had an inter-house Eisteddfod competition which consisted of public speaking, debating and drama, as well as art, photography and a variety of musical performances. The Eisteddfod concluded with a performance similar to our House Shout.

"My days off were filled with a plethora of exciting activities such as zip lining, feeding elephants, going on a trip along the Garden Route with other international exchange students and hanging out with friends. Having Table Mountain as the backdrop to the school and where I lived was magic. Several trips were made to the top!

"My trip was fun and exciting but also educational. I urge those thinking about exchange to consider South Africa as an option, you won't regret it."

Callum Parramore



JAPAN

Chris Shen has shared some photos of his exchange experience in Japan.



UNITED STATES

"I have recently returned from attending Montgomery Bell Academy in the lively city of Nashville, Tennessee. Students at the school were overwhelmingly cordial and supportive, usually engaging in banter about Australia's stereotypes and slang. For my subjects, I chose Studio Art, Algebra and Chemistry, and also studied compulsory US History and English. Learning about the nation's intricate past in US History class was particularly interesting. Through the school's rigorous sports program, I had opportunities to participate in American Football, Riflery and Cross Country."



"While I was on exchange, I was lucky enough to experience Homecoming, a school event which centres around a Friday night football game against a major rival. The energy in the crowd during the game was surreal; it was like something out of a movie. The event also involved a group dinner and dance which were very enjoyable. I also experienced many activities outside of school, including attending an NFL and ice hockey game, wakeboarding on the lake, soaking up Nashville's downtown music scene, visiting the space centre, and much more."

"Overall, my exchange experience was phenomenal; I experienced the American schooling system, participated in local activities and made many lifelong friends."

James Marshall

SOUTH AFRICA

"During my stay, the school organised many activities for the exchange boys such as hot air ballooning, shark cage diving, zip lining, going to a South African boys' choir, helping disadvantaged schools and visiting a game reserve. The South African exchange was a real eye opener for me. I learnt what it was like to live away from my parents and what people are dealing with in third-world countries. It was the best two months of my life, and I would recommend it to anybody who gets the chance."

Lachlan Hill



FRANCE

"I love to travel. I love the feeling of the plane taking off. It's the first step to freedom. The feeling you get when you exit the aircraft into a different continent, a different time zone – it's exhilarating."

"On the 20th of January, I ventured to France along with five others (Chris, Tommy, Michael, and Sophie and Alicia (from St Hilda's)) for the trip of a lifetime. We were travelling to France for the Christ Church and Saint Jean et La Croix Year 10 exchange program. This is one of the many exchange programs Christ Church offers and we were the first to recommence this exchange program since COVID-19, which was very exciting."

"We travelled with Emirates on the unaccompanied minors program. On our voyage we were given priority access through securities, priority boarding, exclusive care from the inflight attendants, comfy lounges at the airports (with included play stations and TVs), and free beverages and snacks. When we arrived in France, we met our kind host families which marked the beginning of commenced our wonderful, 8-week experience."

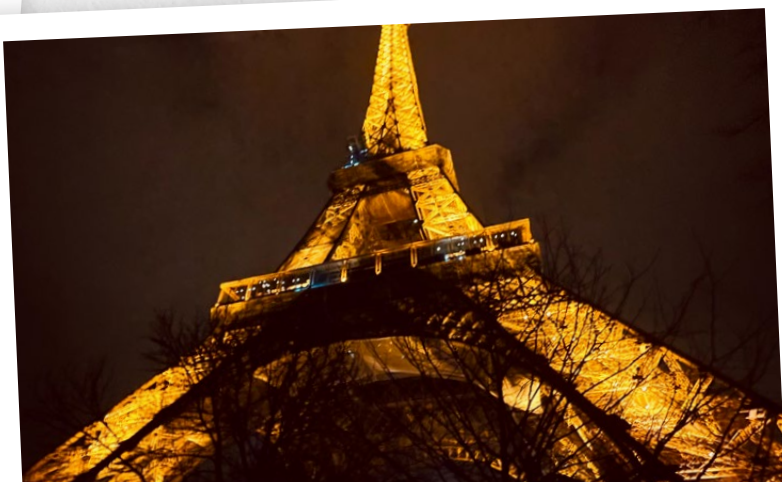
"Let me tell you, France is full of amazing history, old buildings, monuments, and museums. I learned about the history of the places we went to. The architecture was incredible! Seeing structures that were built hundreds of years ago out of concrete, and that were still in good form, was just awesome."



"Saint Jean et La Croix was very different to Christ Church. First of all, there was no uniform which was surprising. Secondly, we would start school at either 8.00am or 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm, 5.00pm, 6.00pm, or even 6.30pm. We were given 1 to 3 hours for lunchtime, which meant we could walk home, enjoy a delicious lunch and walk back to school with plenty of time to spare."

"School in France was fast paced, long, and sometimes tiring, but the things I learned along the way made the long days worthwhile. I met new people, made heaps of friends, completed tests (I even got 70% in a French maths exam which I was pretty happy with), did heaps of cool science experiments, tried new sports such as orienteering, had heaps of interesting conversations, laughed with classmates, and most importantly improved my French."

"Life with my host family was a completely different but fun experience compared to my life at home in Perth. Yael, my French host, has two smaller brothers, who were cute, funny, and extremely energetic. Not having any brothers myself, this was a new experience. At home, we usually ate dinner late at around 7.30pm to 8.00pm, which is common for French people."



"French cuisine is the best in the world. From frogs' legs to snails, to cheeses with mushrooms, baguettes, croissants, amazing deserts, to my favourite dish of cheese raclette, I tried it all, and everything was delicious. All the experiences I had with French classmates, younger children, and other adults were very fun. Playing games, partying, discos, dancing, football, sleeping in a dorm room with 15 French children one night, taking pottery classes, playing hide and seek and more was very interesting and so much fun.

"When one is in France, one must visit the most talked-about place in Europe: Paris. 'The city of love' was all I could have ever imagined and more. I did all the cliché Parisian things, like visiting the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur cathedrals, and the Palace of Versailles. We even navigated the underground Metro system. Experiencing the Eiffel Tower, day and night, was a dream come true.

"My favourite part was visiting the old castles and cathedrals, such as Mont Saint Michel. Places like this are a must when travelling to Europe. They hold a lot of history, and even for someone who is not particularly keen on history, I found them to be one of the most outstanding parts of the trip. I learned lots of little things, like if you looked at every painting in the Louvre for no more than three minutes, you'd be there for three months, day and night.

"The people of France and especially Paris have a pretty good grasp of English. Most often you can walk into the shops and say 'bonjour', and they will reply in English. This made the part of the trip where we were meant to speak wholly in French a lot harder. There are so many tourists around the city. The French love it if you attempt to speak their language, and if you say you are from Australia, they go crazy.

"My exchange to France was one of the best times in my life. During the eight weeks, I learned so much, my knowledge and speaking of the French language improved, and I am now confident in completing French for ATAR. Experiencing life as a French student made me realise just how much a language exchange can positively impact your life. You meet so many new people and become open to learning about different cultures and ways of living."

George Moore

"My exchange to France was one of the best times in my life. During the eight weeks, I learned so much, my knowledge and speaking of the French language improved, and I am now confident in completing French for ATAR."



Welcoming an exchange student

The reciprocal nature of the Beyond Queenslea Drive exchange program sees Christ Church families welcoming an exchange student to Perth and their home.

Exchange students from our partner schools come to Perth in the same year that Christ Church boys go on exchange. As BQD is exclusively for Year 10 boys, the students will be a similar age.

HOSTING A STUDENT

The international exchange student will be with you for four to ten weeks. When your son is offered a place in the BQD program, he will be informed of the duration of both his exchange and his hosting of the exchange student. This will be months prior to the arrival of the exchange student, so you will have time to plan.

Hosting the student will occur at a time when your son is at school, but please be aware that many exchanges include some or all of the April, July, or October school holidays.

Shorter exchanges of no less than one month may be considered, especially in cases where absence for a whole school term could disadvantage candidates.

Before he arrives

☐ COMPLETE A HOST FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE

The School will ask all Christ Church host families to complete and return to the School, a family questionnaire. The School will then provide to the exchange student and his family the completed questionnaire. We ask that you complete and return this to Christ Church in a timely manner.

☐ CONTACT HIS FAMILY

Once an exchange student's visit has been confirmed, his profile will be provided to the host family. Christ Church families and their sons are encouraged to contact the student and his family via email and/or Microsoft Teams in the months before the exchange. This will allow you to become familiar with each other.

☐ READ THE EXCHANGE STUDENT PROFILE

Your son may have already established a friendship with the exchange student before his arrival and can share information about the exchange student's personality and interests with you. Christ Church will provide information about his current school, which we encourage you to read.

Christ Church will supply an exchange student profile outlining the boy's interests, preferences, and medical information including dietary requirements and allergies. It is important to read this profile thoroughly before his arrival. We advise you keep a hard copy of the profile in case of emergency, as it outlines:

- Emergency contact details
- Allergies
- Dietary requirements

☐ **PREPARE A LIVING SPACE**

In preparation for his arrival, please organise a space in your home where the student will live. Consider factors such as privacy, comfort, and storage for belongings.

☐ PLAN THE WEEKENDS

Part of the responsibility as a host family is to offer the exchange student positive experiences in Perth. Encourage your son to plan weekend activities, including visits to places of interest, taking into consideration the exchange student's interests. If the exchange overlaps with a school holiday, you may wish to plan a longer break.

☐ AIRPORT PICK UP

Host families are responsible for the prompt collection of the exchange student from inside the arrivals terminal. On the days leading up to his arrival, check the flight information for any delays and plan your trip to the airport to ensure ample time.



**Christ Church
Grammar School**
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Beyond Queenslea Drive
Exchange Student Profile

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Home address: _____

Mobile number: _____

Please place
photo here

FAMILY DETAILS
*Please indicate with * any family members who do not live with you.*

Father's name	
Father's occupation	
Phone contact	
Email	

Mother's name	
Mother's occupation	
Phone contact	
Email	

Siblings in order of age	Name	Age

Current school subjects
List your subjects and electives.

During his stay — at home

□ COMMUNICATE THE HOUSEHOLD RULES AND ROUTINE

The exchange student is to be treated as a family member during his stay. As such, the same rules of the household apply to him as they do your son. These may vary to the rules of his own home, particularly if there is a significant difference in cultural norms. Communicate the rules, routine, and expectations of the household at the beginning of his stay, including:

- Mealtimes, including preparation and clearing
- Chores
- Laundry
- Bedtime
- Screen time and device use

□ DOCUMENT THE EXPERIENCE

We strongly encourage the boys and their families to take photos, videos, and keep a journal or blog to document the experience.

□ GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Encourage your son to ask the exchange student lots of questions about life in his country, and what he would like to do and see during his time in Perth.

□ INCIDENTAL PURCHASES

The expectation is that host families cover incidental purchases for the exchange student, such as tickets to weekend family activities and meals outside the home. You are also expected to cover the cost of any trips during his stay.

If the exchange student would like to buy a gift for his family and friends, or items for himself, he can use his own money.

□ MEALS

You will be responsible for providing all meals for the duration of the exchange, including school lunches. Be aware of any dietary requirements or allergies outlined in the student's profile. Depending on how frequently he will be purchasing lunch from the Refectory, and the duration of his exchange, there are two options:

1. Purchase lunch vouchers from reception at Main Administration for the student to use.
2. Organise a cash-free card. He will need to visit ICT to have his photo taken. Please note the card will take at least one week to issue. The cash-free card can be used at the Refectory and as a Smartrider for public transport.

□ MONITOR HIS HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Pay attention to the boy's overall wellbeing, as you are responsible for ensuring he receives the appropriate medical advice or counselling. The student will have access to the School's Health Centre when on campus. If he visits the Health Centre, the school nurses will notify you of his condition. He will also have access to six sessions with one of our on-site educational psychologists located in the Wynne Centre for Health and Wellbeing.

If he is injured at a Christ Church sport match on the weekend, he will receive medical attention from St John Ambulance. Injuries that occur during weekend co-curricular activities will be detailed on the student's official health record by a Christ Church staff member.

If you have any concerns about his health and wellbeing, you will need to notify Christ Church.

□ RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

The purpose of the exchange program is to offer boys from both schools an international experience to deepen their understanding of different cultures. As such, it is appropriate to share your personal values and beliefs if you wish to. The exchange student is not expected to join religious practices that you recognise, such as attending a church service.

It will be important to learn about his beliefs and accommodate any practices that are of significance to him. We encourage students and families participating in the program to embrace the cultural differences that come with an international exchange.

□ WEEKEND TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to visiting places of interest around Perth, we encourage you to involve the student in your typical weekend activities. This will provide him with an authentic experience of life in Australia. For example, if your family goes to the beach every Sunday morning, or the cinema once a month, invite him along.

You are expected to communicate with his parents regarding any unsupervised outings. Many Christ Church families arrange group outings with their boys and their exchange students.

Some places of interest, local events, and weekend activities you may wish to consider include:

- Adventure World
- AFL game at Optus stadium
- AQWA
- Art Gallery of Western Australia
- Aviation Heritage Museum
- Barbeque
- Bike ride
- Board game night
- Camping
- Caversham Wildlife Park
- Cinema or theatre show
- Cottesloe Beach
- Fishing
- Fremantle Markets
- Fremantle Prison
- Hiking
- Kings Park
- Lesmurdie Falls
- Miniature golf
- Perth Mint
- Perth Royal Show
- Perth Zoo
- Picnic
- Rottnest Island
- Sculpture by the Sea
- Swan Valley
- WA Maritime Museum
- WA Museum Boola Bardip

□ DROP OFF AT AIRPORT

At the end of his stay, host families are required to take the exchange student to the airport to board his flight. You will need to ensure he has checked in for boarding inside the departure terminal.



During his stay — at school

ABSENCE

You must notify Christ Church as soon as possible if the exchange student will be absent from school and the reason for his absence. Christ Church is responsible for communicating this information to his parents. If the student does not arrive at school, you will be contacted.

BOARDING

If your son is a boarder, the Christ Church boarding school will host the exchange student, however we encourage boarding families to take the student out during breaks or weekends where possible.

DEVICES AND TEXTBOOKS

Christ Church will provide the student with a school device and all textbooks for his time at Christ Church. He is responsible for returning these items to the School in the same condition before his departure. If the student damages these items, or any other school property, his family may be charged a fee. You are not required to provide any electronic devices for educational or personal use.

HOMEWORK

The exchange student is expected to complete homework and assessments set by Christ Church teachers. Christ Church will not record his academic progress however he is expected to fully immerse himself in the School's academic program.

The exchange student may ask Christ Church teachers for help if required. We encourage you to help with homework and assessments as needed, as you would with your own children. If the student plays a musical instrument, he may also need to practice outside of school hours.

INSURANCE

The exchange student will be covered by Christ Church Grammar School's comprehensive insurance for the duration of his exchange. Any costs that fall outside of this cover are the responsibility of his family.

The exchange student will need to purchase additional insurance if he is coming to Australia earlier than the exchange dates, or staying in the country after the exchange has ended.

SCHOOL RULES

As an ambassador of his school, the student is expected to uphold his school's values and expectations. He is also required to abide by Christ Church Grammar School rules during the exchange.

Principals at either school have the right to terminate the exchange and send the student home at his parents' expense for any major infringement of rules or breach of expectations. Both Christ Church and his school will communicate these behaviour expectations, however we encourage you and your son to remind him of the School rules as needed.

TIMETABLE

Christ Church will liaise directly with the exchange student and create his timetable on Nexus, as well as co-curricular activities and sport, before his arrival at the School. The exchange student can contact the Exchange Coordinator if he would like to change subjects or activities.

TRAVEL TO/FROM SCHOOL

You are responsible for the exchange student's transport to and from school, including associated costs.

Depending on how frequently he will take public transport or the school's bus service, there are three ways you can cover the cost of his travel:

1. Organise a [Smartrider card](#) at a Transperth InfoCentre. This will be supplied on the spot, so he will be able to use it immediately.
2. Organise a cash-free card. He will have to visit the IT Department and have his photo taken. Please note the card will take at least one week to issue. The cash-free card can be used at the Refectory and as a Smartrider for public transport.
3. Provide the student with enough cash to buy a Transperth ticket at a ticket machine station or from the bus driver.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

The Exchange Co-ordinator will meet with your son and the exchange student on a weekly basis. The purpose of these informal meetings is to check in on how the boys are finding the program and if they have any questions or concerns.



After his stay

PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO CHRIST CHURCH

When the exchange student has departed, the Exchange Co-ordinator will email host families requesting feedback. Your comments on the exchange experience will help us improve the program for future year groups.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE PROGRAM

Participating in an international exchange program is a fantastic opportunity and one that your family will remember forever. Your son's classmates, friends, and wider Christ Church community will certainly be keen to hear about your experience, particularly parents of Year 9 boys. We encourage families who have been involved to share their experience to fellow Christ Church parents and boys who are interested in the program.

STAY IN TOUCH

There is no formal process for this, however we encourage you and your son to stay in contact with the exchange student and his family once the program has concluded. Many students and their families maintain the relationships they have built in the BQD program throughout their sons' school years and even go back to visit!



Christ Church host family responsibilities

- The reciprocal exchange of an international student from a host school for a period of four to ten weeks
- Complete a host family questionnaire and return to Christ Church in a timely manner
- Ensure all adults in the household have a valid Working with Children Check
- Ensure prompt collection and delivery of the exchange student to the airport at the beginning and end of his stay
- Provide daily requirements for the exchange student, including accommodation, meals, and transport to and from school
- Provide the exchange student with opportunities to visit places of interest
- Cover incidental purchases for the exchange student
- Notify the School of any concerns or updates regarding the exchange student

Christ Church responsibilities

- Reimburse host families for Volunteer Working with Children Check costs
 - Welcome incoming exchange students to the School
 - Provide host families with the exchange student profile, partner school information, and student contact details
 - Provide exchange students with a school device, charger and textbooks
 - Liaise with the exchange students to create a Nexus account and class timetable
 - Notify exchange students' parents/emergency contact of important updates regarding the student's health and wellbeing and school attendance
 - Provide the student with the comprehensive 24/7 insurance cover that is provided to all Christ Church Grammar School students
 - Provide the exchange student with access to the School's Health Centre and counselling services at the Wynne Centre for Health and Wellbeing
 - Provide a cash-free card to the exchange student for use at the school Refectory, public transport, and Christ Church's dedicated bus services
 - Assist with the student's subjects/activities as requested
- Please note that Christ Church Grammar School will not:**
- Cover any costs associated with any damage to the exchange student's school device or textbooks
 - Cover any costs associated with the exchange student's travel to/from school

BQD Contacts

MR NEIL SAGGERS

Exchange Co-ordinator

+61 8 9442 1557

nsaggers@ccgs.wa.edu.au

MRS JO HUDSON

Executive Assistant to
the Exchange Co-ordinator

+61 8 9442 1504

jhudson@ccgs.wa.edu.au

SCHOOL RECEPTION

+61 8 9442 1555

receptionist@ccgs.wa.edu.au







Christ Church
Grammar School
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Building good men



Christ Church
Grammar School
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Building good men

Queenslea Drive, Claremont, WA 6010 | PO Box 399 Claremont, WA 6910 | (08) 9442 1555 | info@ccgs.wa.edu.au | ccgs.wa.edu.au

CRICOS00433G | 202507280908

Senior_2025_0037 BQD Student Exchange Information - CCGS Students FA

Follow us

