**SA GERMAN EXCHANGE**

**2025-2026**

March 2025

Dear Colleague(s)

This e-mail contains information about the 2026-2027 S.A. German Student Exchange with The Federal Republic of Germany.

**Many of you will be familiar with this SAGTA supported Exchange Program which has been operating in South Australia for over thirty years**. The program is organised by a committee comprising German teachers who are keen to further the cause of German teaching and learning in this state.

Students who wish to participate in the Exchange will generally be studying German in Year 10 when they apply, and it is expected that they will continue these studies into senior school (at least completing Year 11 German). Please note that the School of Languages offers Year 11 and 12 German externally, so students of schools who may not (always) be able to offer German in senior school do still have the opportunity to take part in the Exchange and continue their studies of German.

We will also accept applicants who are currently studying Year 9 German. Therefore, if you have mature and motivated students in Year 9 who may benefit from experiencing the Exchange at a younger age, particularly if they may be considering taking Stage 1 German in Year 10, please feel free to encourage them to apply.

The Exchange takes place when the Australian student is in Year 11 (or for Year 9 applicants, when the Australian student is in Year 10).

* **German students** come to Australia first, from **early February to mid-April 2026.**
* **Australian students** visit Germany from the **end of November 2026 to mid-late January 2027.**

**Application Process**

Students need to attend an **Introductory Meeting on 6th April**, with **applications submitted in May 2025**. Their applications will be processed in Germany in August 2025 - a **Matching Meeting is held in September 2025.**

This Exchange has been so successful because of the support of German teachers in many schools over the years. **We would be most grateful if you could do the following as soon as possible:**

1. Discuss the Exchange with your students – show them the **German Exchange Promo** under Videos, here:

[German Exchange Promo](https://1drv.ms/v/c/dd8c45bf3d5d2b87/EYcrXT2_RYwggN20AwAAAAABQZpaMJU7Qm9ijYPi4U_zDA?e=OL9Hgp)

1. Provide them, digitally (and ideally in hard copy) with the document: **Preliminary Information and** **Introductory Meeting information.**

Students are provided with application documents after the Introductory Meeting and at that time, you will also be asked to complete a School Recommendation and School Declaration, signifying your and your school’s willingness to support your students and their partners in this Exchange. **We thank you warmly in advance for your efforts to promote the ongoing learning of German and this extraordinary opportunity for immersion!**

**on behalf of the Exchange Committee:**

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Yours sincerely

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