**SA GERMAN EXCHANGE**

**2026-2027**

**PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND INTRODUCTORY MEETING INFO**

**Who are the organisers?**

* In Germany, the *Bayerischer Jugendring* (the Bavarian Youth Council), a state government department responsible for youth affairs.
* In South Australia, a committee of German teachers from both state and private schools, supported by the S.A. German Teachers’ Association – all are volunteers. The SA German Exchange is a not-for-profit incorporated body registered with the Education Standards Board of South Australia.

**Who can take part?**

* South Australian students of German who will be in Year 11 in 2026 (or, in some cases, Year 10), who are sensible and mature, and who are keen to study German in senior school at least until the end of Year 11.

**Where will they go?**

* To various cities and towns in Bavaria, in the Federal Republic of Germany.

**What will they do there?**

* Become part of a German family.
* Attend school regularly.

**How will SA students be supervised in Germany?**

* They will be looked after by their host family and host school. However, they will also be able to contact the German organisers and, should the need arise, the accompanying South Australian teachers.

**When is the exchange?**

* **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.**

**What will it cost?**

* Administration fee: $350 (only refundable if you are not matched).
* Travel insurance (organised as part of the group through our travel agent), cost of passport.
* Return airfare (based on a group booking).
* Spending money: $700-$1000 (a rough guide).
* Optional Berlin Tour – approximately $1600.

**What will be expected of my family if I apply?**

* The exchange is reciprocal. Your family will host a German student for 8-10 weeks

**(from February to April 2026).**

* Your German partner will become a member of your family for this time and will be treated as you can be expected to be treated in Germany, namely as a member of the family.

**How do I apply?**

* First apply for a Working with Children Check for any members of your household(s) who will be over the age of 18 during the hosting period (Term 1, 2026). Working with Children Checks are cost-free to you, as you are deemed a volunteer – the process is a simple online process. Please follow the instructions below.
* Attend the information meeting referred to below. Following the meeting, you will be sent the application documents and further information about the application process.

***Volunteers***

*From 1 July 2019, it will be mandatory for all Volunteers**who provide education services, coaching and tuition services for children or volunteer on a Camp or Excursion to hold a WWCC. DCSI clearances will remain valid until expiry.*

*There is no cost for a Volunteer WWCC. After 1 July 2019, individuals who need a Working with Children Check will do their own application online from start to finish. Checks will be valid for 5 years.*

*More information can be found here* [*https://screening.sa.gov.au/types-of-check/new-working-with-children-checks/volunteering-with-children*](https://screening.sa.gov.au/types-of-check/new-working-with-children-checks/volunteering-with-children)

***Please click on the link below to apply.***

[*WWCC application HERE*](https://www.dcsiscreening.sa.gov.au/SCRequestApplicationIndividual)

*(When completing the application form, in the section that says ”****Application Type****” click in drop-down list on* ***Volunteer****). From here you will need to follow the prompts.*

**Any other questions?**

Feel free to contact us at SAGermanExchange@outlook.com if you have any questions:

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**There will be an Introductory Meeting for parents and students (teachers also welcome) at:**

**The Concordia College Chapel**

45 Cheltenham Street

Highgate SA 5063

**3:30 – 4:30 pm on** **SUNDAY 6th April,** **2025**

Meeting will last approx. one hour.

Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting.

Parking is available in the carpark off Balmoral Street.

**If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact us at SAGermanExchange@outlook.com, as it is after this meeting that you are provided with the Application Forms.**