



Parent Application Form

This form is to be completed by the **Parents** of student applying for the SLSCC Student Exchange Program

Please read this application carefully in conjunction with the Student Exchange Program Agreements and Information Sheet and don't hesitate to ask for assistance if you do not understand a particular question or have difficulty in providing an answer. It is important that you are open and honest with your answers. This is the primary source of information used to assess your child's application to be selected for the exchange and for subsequent pairing if selected. Please note:

- If selected, your application will assist in determining your child's Lakewood exchange partner and a copy will be supplied to that partner at the Pairings Function to be held during April.
- It is imperative that you notify us if your circumstances change after the completion of this application.
- Any preference you express may not be able to be accommodated by the Pairings Committee.

Your participation in the Exchange Program may be reviewed or cancelled at any time, if information comes to hand contradicting the details you provide during the application and selection process.

Before filling in this form please use the following checklist to ensure you satisfy the essential criteria to be eligible for selection. It is **essential** that applicants provide ALL of the following:

- D Satisfactory completion of the NSW WWCC (Working with Children Check) for all residential members of the family 18 years and older.
- D Positive referees reports (these will be confirmed with the referees).
- D A suitable home (the exchange student must have their own bed, the house must be hygienic and have adequate space for privacy and school work.
- D A stable family unit (including the presence of an effective parent or carer, having the ability to make effective decisions on parenting **and caring**).
- D An ability to afford the financial costs involved with the exchange.
- D The time commitment needed for the duration of the exchange program.

Affirmation

If my I our family is selected to be involved in this program, I / we fully agree to participate in the program as described in this application, agreements and information sheets. I I we further affirm that all responses given by myself I ourselves and those given by the student applicant are true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge. I I we have read and understood all documentation provided and agree to abide by the rules, policies, procedures and guidelines contained therein.

Parent Name:..... Parent Signature: Date:

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Parents I Carers Questionnaire

Please complete all fields. If a field is not applicable please insert N/A, or if an answer is not known please insert N/K.

(as they appear on passport, licence or photo ID)

Personal Details 1:

Relationship to student applicant:

Family Name:	First Name:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Country of Birth:	Nationality:
Home Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	Skype:
Facebook:	
Address 1:	Suburb:
Employer:	Job Title:
Occupation:	Work Phone:

Personal Details 2:

Relationship to student applicant:

Family Name:	First Name:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Country of Birth:	Nationality:
Home Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	Skype:
Facebook:	
Address 1:	Suburb:
Employer:	Job Title:
Occupation:	Work Phone:

Personal Details 3:

Relationship to student applicant:

Family Name:	First Name:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Country of Birth:	Nationality:
Home Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	Skype:
Facebook:	
Address 1:	Suburb:
Employer:	Job Title:
Occupation:	Work Phone:

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Suburb:

Job Title:

Work Phone:

Legal Details:

1. Has any member of your household been convicted of a drink driving offence or any other crime in the last 5 years?

If yes, please include details:

2. Has any member of your household had an AVO or Court Order issued within the last 5 years?

If yes, please include details:

3. Has any member of your household been involved in Court Orders I Proceedings involving family members within the last 5 years?

If yes, please include details:

4. Are all members of the household 18 years and older prepared to undertake the NSW Working with Children Check?

If no, please include details:

Health Details:

1. Is anyone living in the home under treatment or counselling for any mental illness or participating in a chemical dependency program (drug and/or alcohol) now or in the past?

If yes, please include details:

2. Does your child (applicant) suffer from any medical conditions, allergies, physical or behavioural disabilities etc that the host family should be aware of?

If yes, please include details:

3. Does any member of your family have an ongoing health issue, which may require a process of adjustments for the hosted student?

If yes, please include details:

4. Does anyone in the family follow any dietary restrictions?

Would you expect the student to follow any dietary restrictions?

If yes, please include details:

5. Would you feel comfortable hosting a student who follows a particular dietary restriction (ie. vegan, vegetarian etc)?

If no, please include details:

Home Details:

1. Do you understand that while the Lakewood student is in your home, you must provide food and lodging, pay all schooling costs and have the student become an integral part of the family?

If no, please explain:

2. During the students six month stay in your home, will one or both parents I carers be available in the home under most circumstances?

If no, please explain:

3. Please describe your home. There will be a home visit during the selection process. Please indicate number of bedrooms, bathrooms etc.

Please insert a recent photo of your house taken from the street frontage below. Please limit the size of the photo to 1Mb file size. Or put them as an attachment in your application docs when you submit.

4. Please describe the sleeping arrangements if your exchange student is a boy or a girl?

5. Do you have any pets?

If yes, please list them all, describe them and whether they spend most of the time in the home.

6. Does any member of your family smoke in the home?

7. Would your Lakewood Student be able to accompany the family on trips?

8. Naturally your religion must be respected by a visiting student but your beliefs should not be imposed on that student. Therefore is Religion is factor that should be considered in placing a student in your home and also in placing your child in a Lakewood family home?

If yes, please explain:

Time Commitments

For each parent / carer, please briefly advise below your normal weekly work commitments, making reference (if applicable), to any regular overtime, shift work, "on call" hours, additional casual work etc.

For example:

- Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm. No overtime or weekend work
- Home duties 7 days
- Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm plus Thursday night and Saturday morning
- Night shift 10pm – 6am, 6 days on, 6 days off

Please list any existing "time" commitments you have in addition to your work hours. Your time commitments may include your regular participation in sporting, recreational clubs, further education, church related activities, regular family commitments, hobbies etc.

Essay Question

Please discuss the following topics, and in particular how they relate to your son / daughter. Please attach separately.

1. Role of mother and father in the family;
2. Personality, temperament, interests and taste of your son / daughter;
3. Principles and disciplines by which you have brought up your child / children;
4. Describe the pace of your lives together and the overall atmosphere of your home (ie. noise levels, neatness requirements and normal routines);
5. Reaction to prolonged separation from the family and length of time away;
6. Factors which you believe should be considered in placing your child in a completely new environment;
7. How do you feel about the possibility of your child being hosted in a single parent family;
8. Why do you feel your child should participate in the program and some expectations you hope will be realised by both your child and the rest of the family;
9. Your views on hosting an exchange student for six months;
10. How you and your child expect to fund this exchange program;
11. If you are a split family how do you intend to share responsibilities (financial, attendance at functions and meetings, accommodation, fundraising effort etc);
12. Describe your expectation regarding the responsibilities and behaviour of the student while in your home (ie. homework, household chores, curfew (school nights and weekend) access to refrigerator and food, drinking of alcoholic beverages, driving, smoking, and computer /email / internet usage).