EXPECTATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

While you are on your international exchange, you will be representing your country, your family, your school and yourself. You are involved in the exchange program because your school believes that you will be an excellent ambassador. You will use your many skills to develop your relationship with your host student and her family. It is hoped that during your time at Sacré Cœur that you will develop personal qualities, group skills and cultural awareness.

Below is a general list of expectations.

LIVING WITH THE HOST FAMILY
1. Exchange students are expected to accept the discipline of the host parents. They should be flexible and adaptable, making every effort to fit in with the daily life of the family and doing whatever is asked of them.
2. Exchange students should not expect special food, but should eat the family’s normal meals. Any special dietary requirements need to be arranged with the host family before the commencement of the exchange.
3. Exchange students should take sufficient pocket money to pay for their transport to school, occasional meals with friends in cafes and restaurants, visits to cinemas, galleries etc
4. Exchange students need to be mature and resourceful and be prepared to use public transport on their own during the day.
5. Exchange students should not expect to use their host family’s telephone to call home unless they have arranged for reverse charges.
6. When the host sister has homework to do, has a sporting commitment or goes to her part-time job, the exchange student must have some activities to do by herself or she must be prepared to join in with other family activities.
7. If after making every effort to adapt to the host family, the exchange student is genuinely unhappy, every effort will be made to find another host family. If this is not possible, the exchange may have to be cut short.
8. If there is a request for a change of family, the host school may reserve the right to make a decision as to whether the exchange is to proceed at all.
9. If an exchange student wishes to travel privately while she is away, such travel should take place either before commencement of or after the completion of the exchange.
10. Exchange students are not permitted to smoke, take non-prescribed drugs, drink alcohol or drive cars.

WHILE AT SCHOOL
1. Exchange students are expected to accept the discipline of the host school.
2. Exchange students are expected to wear their school uniform while on exchange and to observe the host school’s rules about hair, makeup and jewelry. Exchange students are expected to dress neatly at all times and to take clothes suitable for excursions as well as more formal occasions. If you do not normally wear a school uniform, your host student will organize a uniform to borrow. You will need to bring a pair of black/navy blue tights and a pair of black flat shoes.
3. Exchange students are expected to be at school on time, to attend classes regularly, to observe the standards of conduct, and to contribute positively to all activities.
4. Full participation in all aspects of school life, including extra curricular activities is encouraged.
5. Development of friendships with a wide variety of students is encouraged.
INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES
FOR PARENTS OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. The School is the legal guardian of the visiting student.
2. It is imperative that your daughter completes all the medical forms. In the case of a medical emergency, every effort will be made to contact you prior to the administration of treatment.
3. Parents of exchange students are responsible for the travel arrangements, the airfare, travel and health insurance as well as any government requirements such as passports and visas. It is the responsibility of the parents to check and comply with these requirements.
4. It is a State of Victoria Legislation Requirement that each person over the age of eighteen who resides in the house that the International student will live in is required to have a valid ‘Working with Children Check’. The ‘Working with Children Check’ involves a police investigation of the applicant’s criminal record to ensure that they have not been charged with a criminal offence which would be contrary to the safety of a child visiting the household. The Sacre Coeur host family will not be permitted to host your daughter in their house until ‘Working with Children Checks’ have been forwarded to the school.
5. As the exchange is reciprocal, no school fees are payable to the host school. Families will continue to pay fees to their own school.
6. Host families will be at Melbourne airport to greet and welcome your daughter and they will also farewell her on her return trip.
7. Please ensure that you complete the Sacré Coeur medical, authorisation and indemnity forms and complete them electronically (with scanned parent’s signature) and send them to Mark Oski at moski@sac.vic.edu.au.