

Epic Exchange

Enliven your sense of adventure!



Gap Year

Australia

Are you a fan of white sandy beaches, stunning weather, an outdoor barbecue with mates or anything sports related? If you said yes to one or more of the above (and who wouldn't?), a gap year in the land down under may be calling your name!



Program overview

Our Australian gap year program gives you a taste of the Aussie lifestyle that a normal tourist could only ever dream of. You'll work as an assistant at a leading Australian school, and be immersed in every aspect of typical Australian life. A huge range of school placements are on offer throughout the country, from the stunning tropical coastline of Northern Queensland, to the rugged and impenetrable forests of Tasmania.

During the school holiday periods, you're free to explore every corner of this wide brown land. From the parched landscapes of the red centre, where you can gaze awestruck at Uluru and learn about its importance to the Aboriginals, to the picture perfect coastal towns of Port Douglas and Cairns, where the combination of the rainforest, beach and Great Barrier Reef will make you feel as though you've stumbled right into a postcard. When you've had just about enough of all of the disturbingly beautiful nature, you can treat yourself to the cosmopolitan delights of Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide or Brisbane.

As many come to realize that there is huge value to be gained from a break between high school and university. It can offer new challenges, opportunities to travel and see the world, experiencing first hand new cultures and give one an added maturity that is both immediate and an enduring benefit.

Our Australian gap year programs include meals, accommodation, a weekly allowance, visa assistance, a comprehensive in-country orientation, as well as ongoing support from our committed team.



write your story!



The Job

It is important to have an understanding of what the job entails. There are many schools and there are many factors depending on age range, the strengths, the staffing and the needs of the school. The placement is determined by the strengths and interests of the participant.

The following are areas of responsibility in which participants are likely to be involved in:

- Sports coaching - Helping run a team
- Games supervision (general)
- Activities supervision - day and evening
- Outdoor education activities - Camps etc
- Swimming pool supervision - A life saving certificate will be required
- Assistance with classroom, meal, transport and general supervision
- Individual tutoring - Boarding House supervision
- Attending school functions - Assisting as necessary
- Assisting the ground staff - Males only
- Filing, photocopying and general office tasks
- Computer literacy tasks - Inside and outside the classroom
- Involvement in music & drama

Before you sign up, ask yourself these questions:

Are you mature, flexible, open-minded, committed and willing to make adjustments?

Are you able to develop a stable relationship with your host school and fellow workers, students and become part of a working team?

Can you be polite, conscientious, courteous and avoid cultural political and economic value comparisons that might lead to conflict with hosts?

Are you able to work long hours and willing to put in 150% effort each day?

Are you willing to try new experiences, and participate in activities?



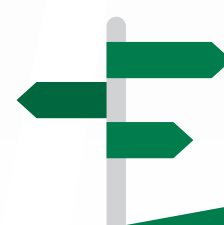


In order to qualify

- Be between the age of 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into Australia
- Be a British, Canadian, European, New Zealand, or South African passport holder
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions
- Have no criminal record - evidence through a police clearance certificate will be required
- Have completed a minimum of secondary schooling prior to arrival into Australia
- Be fit and health and willing to work hard and open to new ideas and cultures
- Must be available for a 12-month commitment, commencing January and concluding December

As the saying goes,

“ life is 5% what happens
to you, and 95% how you
react to it ”



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What's included in the program?

Your success here is mostly down to you, and is determined by your attitude.

The program is not a package holiday. Paying and turning up does not guarantee success here. You have to engage fully, get completely involved in everything, be energetic, hard working, willing to learn and try new things, and become good at finding ways to be useful. This will shape the way your experience develops.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program for securing a Gap Assistant position at a leading Australian School
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation - Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime!
- ▶ Post arrival orientation with respective host partner in Australia so you know what is expected of you
- ▶ Two night in-country orientation course upon arrival - Including accommodation, breakfast and welcome dinner
- ▶ The Duty of Care course in conjunction with the Australian Boarding School Association as required by the Australian Boarding Standard
- ▶ Surf safety and learn to surf lesson (weather dependent)
- ▶ Accommodation & food during your placement (during school terms)
- ▶ An Australian sim card, Lonely Planet Guide to Australia
- ▶ Access to a variety of discounted tours throughout Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia
- ▶ Two free international money transfers
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program

If you accepted on the program then it's because one or more things in your application form told us that you would be capable of succeeding in this environment. Thousands of young people from all walks of life have succeeded here.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing Australia firsthand is something you would like to do then get in touch with us and we will enliven the sense of adventure within you!

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in Australia will come to you easily. You will have to work hard for them and you will have to deal with many new and potentially challenging circumstances along the way, especially at the beginning.

It won't all be easy, and there may well be some things that you may not like. Be prepared for it to be tough; that is all part of the adventure, and this is what will make it feel all the more worthwhile long after you have returned home.

You don't have to be a superhero to succeed here. Thousands of young people have enjoyed and experienced good and great things in Australia, many probably just like you.

Remuneration

Applicants can expect to receive around \$150 - \$250 per week as an allowance during the school term, as well as free food and accommodation.

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Please put applicants name and surname as reference for any payment and then email proof of payment.

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