

# + Southbound Exchange Program

31 July until 9 September 2023

*Get involved in this exciting Indonesian cultural/language activity*

Sign up now as a host school or family for the 2023 Indonesian Exchange



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*An organisation dedicated to brokering exchanges between Australian and Indonesian students.*

## Quotes from Students:

### Reflections from past the Exchange programs

“As an exchange student I was able to proudly present my country to Australia and to also learn more about Australia. Australia is a big country whose people are nice and kind. Ruth is amazing and we have become sisters in this very short time.”  
Nadhira, Bandung

“Apart from being able to have conversations at school in a language most people don’t understand, the best thing about hosting an exchange student was being able to show off what our amazing country has to offer. Everyday things we take for granted amazed our Indonesian visitor. Nadhira was a joy to have around.” Ruth, host student 2010.

“I discovered many differences between schooling in Australia and Indonesia, I love the way students interact in class. They put up their hands when they don’t understand. In Indonesia we just listen to whatever the teacher has to say because we are too shy to ask questions. The students were so friendly and always happy to help me with my English. I loved staying with Erin and her family.”  
Marinda, Jogjakarta

“Hosting an exchange student really helped open up my eyes to another culture and practise my Indonesian and also do many things I would not otherwise do... We took Rinda to the snow because she had never seen snow before, we went fishing, visited the Healesville Sanctuary and went to see the Australian Ballet. Rinda cooked some traditional dishes for us.” Erin, Host sister, 2010.

# About the Exchange Program

## What is the Program?

The Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria is conducting its the southbound Indonesian Student Exchange from 31 July until 9 September 2023.

The program offers Australian schools, families and students a unique opportunity to participate in a six week cultural/language activity.

## Schools

Secondary Schools in Victoria offering Indonesian are eligible to host students. Students of the same gender and similar age will be matched so that the exchangee and their Australian “sibling” can actively participate together in all aspects of school life. Exchange students will usually attend classes with their host sibling.

Schools will provide a teacher contact for the exchange as an initial point of contact to handle issues and matters that from time to time might arise.

## Families

Host families will have a child of the same gender and similar age studying at a similar level as the exchangees . Families will involve their new family member in all their day to day normal activities. They will probably want to show their student around their town or city so they can take back with them a clear impression of our Australian lifestyle.

## Who Are We?

The program is operated by IndoAustay an Australian Company wholly owned by the Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria. IndoAustay is a not-for-profit organisation completely staffed by volunteers with no paid officers. Our program is run for the benefit of all participants; students, schools, families and those in the community who are touched by our activities. We are driven by the main goal of the AIA to foster the relations between the peoples of Australia and Indonesia.

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