

Statement from Students of the World regarding COVID-19

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As an international student exchange organisation, we are closely monitoring the progress of the Coronavirus, now officially named COVID-19, and its potential impact on our exchange programs. At today's date, we continue to plan for all our programs, inbound and outbound, to go ahead as normal. Whilst student welfare is paramount, due to the uncertainty around the impact of COVID-19, we have adopted a "watch and wait" position, whilst staying abreast of the latest information available from international, national and local health authorities. We also continue to monitor travel restrictions closely.

Recent feedback from within Australia is that generally, people are not concerned about welcoming a student from Europe on exchange, particularly given they won't be arriving into Australia until mid-year. If you are interested in hosting a student, or in one of our outbound programs, we encourage you to apply as normal.

Hosting a student

To our wonderful host families, please complete our online application form (<https://studentsoftheworld.com.au/host-family-form/>) and provide all documentation for vetting purposes. This allows us to be ready for the arrival of our students in June/July. If at that time, authorities have not lifted a travel ban or the situation is worse, we will not be accepting the student into your home or local school.

Going on exchange

If you're considering an exchange, please complete the online Expression of Interest (<https://studentsoftheworld.com.au/contact/exchange-eoi/>) so we can then provide you with the relevant application form. This allows us to process your application and to begin to find you a host family overseas.

To lessen the risk of an exchange not going ahead, we will not take a payment from you until we are comfortable your exchange will proceed as planned.

For our excited outbound students who have already received an application form, please complete and return your required documents as normal. Please be assured that we continue to work to ensure your exchange goes ahead and that you have the best experience possible.

In the interim, if you require further information, or have any questions, please contact one of our team on (08) 8379 5726 or info@studentsoftheworld.com.au.



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