St Catherine’s School
Waverley

2014
International Exchange Program
General Information and Application Form
**St Catherine’s Exchange program 2014**

As part of our commitment to bringing a ‘global dimension’ to the education we offer our girls, St Catherine’s is continuing its exchange program in 2014. Our cultural Exchange program assists girls to develop positive relationships with others, understand a broader range of perspectives, and develop the knowledge and skills needed to live as global citizens. We have established cultural exchange programs with schools in Argentina and England.

**Outline of the program**

We have formed agreements with the following international schools that have a similar approach to education and spirituality, yet are unique and different to St Catherine’s. The St Catherine’s girls who are accepted to participate in the program will be away for approximately five weeks and the host countries’ exchange girls will come here. The dates are determined and agreed by St Catherine’s and the participating schools.

The Exchange program is offered to Year 9 students only, as we believe they are mature enough to travel to another country, however there is minimal disruption to their school work at St Catherine’s.

The schools on St Catherine’s Exchange and their exchange dates are as follows:

**St Philips the Apostle College, Buenos Aires, Argentina**
- Friday 11 July 2014 to Saturday 16 August 2014: St Philips students travel to Sydney
- Saturday 23 August to Saturday 27 September 2014: St Catherine’s students travel to Argentina

**Royal High School, Bath, UK**
- Sunday 6 July 2014 to Saturday 9 August 2014: RHS students travel to Sydney
- Sunday 31 August to Saturday 4 October 2014: St Catherine’s students travel to Bath

**Hereford Cathedral School, Hereford, UK**
- Sunday 6 July 2014 to Saturday 9 August 2014: HCS students travel to Sydney
- Sunday 31 August to Saturday 4 October 2014: St Catherine’s students travel to Hereford
Exchange outcomes
The outcomes are many and positive for the students who participate. Some are listed as follows:

Educational
• acceptance of multi-faceted approach to learning
• enhanced interest in global issues
• broader general knowledge of international affairs, specific to the country of exchange
• develop skills and awareness that will enhance future potential
• compliment students study at St Catherine’s.

Personal
• increased self confidence
• increased self esteem
• maturity
• improved communication skills, including ability to communicate with people of different backgrounds
• appreciate cultural uniqueness is to be celebrated
• become independent
• valuable international experience

The intention, therefore, is not to travel and sightsee extensively but to live in another place, attend school and learn more about the country. The students will meet lots of new people, have opportunities to explore the areas in which the exchange school is located and there may well be a number of outings.

Accommodation
• Students will be ‘living’ with a host family.
• The host families are parents/carers of student(s) who attend the exchange school.
• You will be a part of the family life.

Expected student behaviour
• Students are expected to behave in a manner that is reflective of St Catherine’s virtues and values.
• Students must adhere and respect the exchange school and host family rules and values
• Students are expected to show respect to their host family by making their bed, keeping their room tidy, assist with household activities as requested etc
• Students are not allowed to smoke, drink or drive a motor vehicle while on the program.
• Girls should probably travel in pairs. This is to provide companionship, but also to assist with the general management of travel.

Parental role and commitment
• To cover all costs of the exchange such as travel cost and pocket money.
  St Catherine’s fees continue to be paid.
• To agree to act as the host family for the exchange sister. This involves meeting the exchange sister at the airport, providing a support system and accommodation.
• Encouraged to organise at least one sightseeing trip for the exchange sister.
  The host parents make a similar commitment at the other end.
• Any school outings or excursions with the host school may incur additional expense, very much as it would be if a girl attends St Catherine’s.
• Royal High School will source RHS uniforms for St Catherine’s students to wear to school during their stay in Bath. These will be surrendered at the end of the exchange. Similarly St Catherine’s will supply the RHS students with St Catherine’s uniforms to wear to school during their stay in Sydney. It will be the responsibility of the host family to bring their exchange student to the Uniform Shop before Term 3 commences on 15 July. The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 14 July 2013.
How to apply

Step 1: Parents and daughters should discuss the program in detail

Step 2: Complete the Exchange Student Application form (included in this booklet).

Step 3: Please write 250 words (minimum) answering the following questions:
   • Why do you want to participate in the exchange program?
   • What are the positive contributions you could make to your host school and family?
   • What do you hope you would gain personally from the experience?

Step 4: Send your Application form and written submission to Ms Sonya Blan by Friday 21 March 2014.

Step 5: Candidates will be invited to interview by Mrs Rennie and Ms Sarah Hatch.

Step 6: Written confirmation of outcome of application.

Note: This process is for St Catherine’s only. The nominated school may have a different process and further forms and requirements to complete.

Upon return from the Exchange program

• The students are required to prepare a report about the experience and present this report to Mrs Rennie.

The selection process

Students will display the following qualities:
• positive
• independent
• flexible
• self-assured
• willingness to contribute and participate in the school community.

Preference will be given to girls who have made positive contributions to a wide range of St Catherine’s activities.
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Exchange Student Application Form
Please return to Ms Blan by **Friday 21 March 2014**.

## Exchange Student Application Form 2014

**St Catherine’s School**

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Give names please and write how many in box

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**Medical condition, if any**

**Allergies**

**Hobbies**

**Sport**

**Pets**

**Do you play a musical instrument?**

**Subjects studied at school**
Food preferences

Are you a vegetarian or vegan?

Favourite books/films

General likes

General dislikes

Are you happy sharing a bedroom with your host sister?  Yes  No  No preference

Would you prefer your own room?  Yes  No  No preference

Nominated exchange program (please tick one, two or three options)

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Permission to participate in the St Catherine’s exchange program

Parent/guardian consent

I have read the information provided by St Catherine’s and discussed this with my daughter and support her application for the exchange program.

I am prepared to be a host parent to the exchange student.

Please note our fee policy states that “students may not attend tours or exchanges where fees are overdue and no alternative arrangement for payment exists.”

The policy can be found on the back of the Statement of Fees.

Signed___________________________________________________________ (parent/guardian)

Name ___________________________________________________________

Date____________________________________________________________
Please write 250 words (minimum) answering the following questions:

• Why do you want to do an exchange?
• What are the positive contributions you could make to your host school and family?
• What do you hope you would gain personally from the experience?
History and information

Laughter and a lifelong love of learning, collaboration and camaraderie, drive and determination, inspiration and involvement, aspiration and achievement - these qualities will emerge from the snapshots of life here at the Royal High School Bath. We are a leading independent Day and Boarding school of choice for girls aged 3-18.

From a group of giggling, three year old girls holding hands in the playground of the ‘outstanding’ Ofsted rated Nursery; to a revitalised Junior School where a passion for discovery and exploring new horizons is ignited; to the exceptionally high-achieving Senior School where lifelong friendships are forged and academic, sporting and personal triumphs are shared; and onto our dynamic Sixth Form College buzzing with confident, capable young women ready to take on the world, the RHS journey is a seamless one, with four life-enhancing experiences along the way.

This all-through, all-girls education is unique in Bath. It embraces all-round excellence and helps every single girl to be happy and to be who she wants to be. It is done with a rich and exciting curriculum, with every opportunity for girls to focus on their strengths but also to develop their skills and talents across the broadest academic, social and personal spectrum. The school develops the confidence, capabilities and character needed to underpin success at university, throughout careers and in achieving ambitions in every aspect of life. These qualities are evident in the women who remain an integral part of the school’s global community through the RHS Alumnae network.

Royal High School is the only school within The Girls’ Day School Trust to offer boarding in addition to day provision and the only one to offer the International Baccalaureate at Sixth Form.

Their doors are always open to welcome girls from across the UK and across the world, who come here to achieve their very best academically, socially and personally, have fun, make friends, live, develop a global perspective in education, enjoy life and learn how to fly...

- Histories date back to the middle of the 19th century
- Approximately 800 students
- Walking distance to centre of Bath
- Bath is a city of cultural significance
- Famous for its Abbey (The Abbey Church of St Peter and St Paul)

Royal High School, Bath, UK
royalhigh@bat.gdst.net
Hereford Cathedral School, Hereford

History and information

At Hereford Cathedral Senior School, we provide an exciting and dynamic environment in which young people can feel happy in themselves, secure in their learning, and confident that they are developing the life skills necessary for the challenges ahead.

Within the beautiful historic setting of the Cathedral Close you will find a unique energy and spirit, where expectations are high and pupils excel. Boys and girls from different walks of life make friends, support each other and share a common sense of purpose. We are about aims and aspirations, personal development, life learning and growth.

Small class sizes, specialist teaching staff and strong pastoral care ensure that each pupil is seen as an individual. Traditional values are at the heart of what we do and with an excellent reputation for academic, artistic, musical, sporting and extra-curricular success, Hereford Cathedral School is a very special place to be.

Please do come along, explore and discover Hereford Cathedral School. We look forward to seeing you.

• Among the oldest schools in the country
• Boasts Hereford Cathedral as its Chapel
• Co-educational school of more than 800 pupils

Hereford Cathedral School
www.herefordcs.com
St Philip the Apostle College, Buenos Aires

History and information

On March 3 1992, Kitty Poggi and Coca Phillips opened the doors of St Philip the Apostle College or Colegio San Felipe Apostol. They had a dream: to educate students by planting in their hearts and minds both knowledge and love. This dream has become a reality since then thanks to the effort and assistance of many people who believed in this project.

The School has grown significantly since 1992 and today it has more than 800 students from Kindy to High School.

St Philip the Apostle College is a catholic and bilingual school offering a comprehensive education to achieve the maximum performance of the intellectual, spiritual and physical abilites of students as a means of personal development and integration into society.

The school seeks to encourage the attitudes and values that give meaning to life and at the same time respect the freedom of ideas.

• Starts at 7:50 am
• 3 x 10 minutes break
• 40 minute break at midday
• 15 subjects covered each week
• Classes: 55 minutes in length

St Philip The Apostle College
www.colegiosanfelipe.edu.ar
Airline tickets and visas
Any student who intends applying for the exchange program should obtain a valid passport immediately as this procedure can take up to two months. Passports must be valid for a period of at least 3 months after the planned return date of the student. Carefully select airline and airfares. The cheapest fare may be via difficult routes and airports, or may mean being locked into inflexible travel dates. Please check with the exchange country embassy if your daughter may require a visa and commence the process if needed. As visa requirements change fairly regularly, it is the responsibility of the exchange student and her parents to ascertain exactly what is required and then to obtain the necessary visas.

Health and travel insurance
This is essential as health services are very expensive overseas. Credit card companies offer a limited package free of charge with the purchase of an airline ticket. Please ensure the insurance you purchase for your daughter has extensive cover included.

How much money should I take?
This must be established between daughter and parent. However tempting, the exchange should not be seen as a shopping expedition! We suggest girls take traveller’s cheques and a credit card. Some schools charge for more incidentals (eg books) than others and some require a deposit on arrival.

Gifts
It is recommended that you take something suitable for your host family and a couple of smaller presents for friends. A small set of gifts for the exchange school needs to be collected from Mrs Rennie’s office one week before departure from school.

Information on Australia
St Catherine’s girls are often asked to give talks about life in Australia and you should be well prepared. We, therefore, encourage you to read up on current affairs and take with you some information on Australia and photographs of your home, family, school and friends.

Expectations of student behaviour
Exchange students are expected to behave as model students. You must adhere to the rules of the host school and respect the family values of your host family. Make your bed, keep your room clean and tidy, be careful with the use of their telephone and computer and help with the activities in the home. It is forbidden to drive a motor car, or any other vehicle, on a public road. Smoking or drinking alcohol is also forbidden. Your conduct must be exemplary at all times and in all situations. If a student does not comply with the rules and expectations of her host school, the Headmistress reserves the right to cancel the exchange and the girl will be sent home at her parents’ expense.