

Acknowledgement of Risk

Dear Parents,

Please will you read, sign and return this acknowledgement of risk form which outlines some of the risks involved in the Australian Exchange.

While your child is in Australia they will be considered by St. Aidan's to be receiving education elsewhere. Consequently, they will receive a present mark in the register as normal. The exchange family will be *in loco parentis*, in the same way that you will be in caring for the Australian student. The risks involved in the Australian Exchange will include but are not limited to:

- a return flight to Australia unaccompanied by any member of staff
- your child being hosted by a family considered suitable by the host school
- any leisure activities, such as water sports, undertaken by the host family out of school time
- possible illness in a warm climate
- any school activities or camps that your son/daughter may participate in
- bush fires

Although the travel agent will offer you insurance which most families have taken out in the past, you must satisfy yourself that the cover is suitable and comprehensive enough for your requirements.

If the exchange pairing does not work out, it may be necessary to separate the two students involved. Should this happen, it is unlikely that a new partner will be found. This may result in a return visit not being made and the flight deposit being lost. The school is unlikely to be able to help with this financial loss.

If an emergency occurs and you are required to travel to Australia, the school will be unable to offer you any financial assistance.

The intention of this letter is not to alarm you but to honestly and openly clarify the main risks involved. The Australian Exchange programme has been running for a number of years and in that time there have been no major incidents or serious problems. I have every confidence that this exchange will be just as successful and rewarding for participants as previous exchanges have been. If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Dodd
Australian Exchange Coordinator

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I understand and accept responsibility for the risks involved in the Australian Exchange.

Signed: (parent/guardian)

Name of Child: Form: