

Toyo Japanese Student Home Hosting

27 Feb – 2 March 2026



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Home Hosting Background Information

The home hosting program is a part of Bathurst's ongoing sister city agreement with the city of Ohkuma, and by extension our friendship with the people of Japan. This upcoming group of students in visiting from the high school of Toyo in Tokyo. As a part of the curriculum of Toyo High School the students get to participate in an international school trip to experience other cultures and broaden their experiences. As they learn English in school and because of Bathurst's connections to Japan they have regularly visited Bathurst for many years. Please find some information below about the requirements needed to host.

Trip Itinerary

The students from Toyo High School will be visiting for 3 nights from Friday 27th Feb 2026 to Monday the 2nd of March 2026 with students visiting Bathurst High and Charles Sturt University on Monday the 2nd.

Working With Children

All adults who live in the household will require a working with children check and will need to provide the Visitor Information Centre with their Working with Children Identifier Number, for the homestay program volunteer working with children checks are accepted. If you already have a working with children number through work or previous volunteering, but are unable to find it you can retrieve it by following this [online form](#). You can read more about working with children checks here at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

Living Arrangements

Home hosts are required to provide students with their own bed in either a single or twin share configuration. We do ask that students do not share a bedroom with host family members as this provides them with their own space to feel at home in. If you host more than 1 student, they can share a room together with up to 2 students per room.

Meals

Host families are also expected to provide 3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch & Dinner) unless otherwise indicated for their students. For the upcoming stay in March students will require 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners over their stay. Plus, snacks or drinks that are within reason.

Student Information and Invoicing

Closer to the student stay you will receive an information package with your student's basic information. We will also provide an invoice which is to be signed and returned by the due date. Host families need to provide their bank account details on the invoice to receive payment direct into their account. All payments to host families should be finalised within 2 weeks of the visit taking place.

Free Time with Students

During your student's stay they will have plenty of free time to spend with you and your family, including one and a half free days. During this time, we encourage you to take your student out around the city and region so see local sites and culture.

Host Family Payments

For this upcoming stay we can offer \$ TBC per student housed. These payments are designated as reimbursement for the cost of hosting students rather than a financial incentive to host. This ensures that host families can participate in the program with only volunteer working with children checks. If you would like more information about how hosting payments are calculated, please contact the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre.

Before Students Arrive

Closer to the date of arrival all host families will receive information packs with their student profile and some hosting tips and tricks to help you make the most of the experience. This information will include the name, age, gender, and any allergies or medical conditions you should be aware of prior to their stay. In planning we ensure that students are not placed with families where pet allergies will be an issue, and if possible any students with minor health issues are placed with families who have first aid training.

How to Sign Up and updating your Family details.

If you would like sign up to participate in the Japanese home hosting program for this upcoming trip please contact rebecca.stapleton@bathurst.nsw.gov.au or call 02 6332 1444. Any of your family or living details can be updated at [Home Host Questionnaire - Bathurst Region Tourism](#)