

Student Exchange

Teenagers dream about seeing the world and parents want the best for their children's education and career. A student exchange program is the best and safest way to go – by living with a caring family and going to school in a chosen country.



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STS has been working with exchange students for longer than many other organisations. With 50 years of experience and our own network in more than 20 countries, we have become a world leader in student exchange.

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STS guarantees a placement in the country of your choice. We offer a wide range of destinations throughout the world, including 13 European countries, North America and South America, South Africa and China.

STS Hosting Program

Hosting an exchange student is a unique opportunity for an Australian family to share their way of life with an enthusiastic young person from another part of the world. STS is looking for volunteer host families to welcome students arriving from Europe and Canada in January and July 2009.

For more information

Please contact us and order free brochures for your students.

School visits and career days

STS Staff are visiting schools across Australia to introduce our program to students aged 14 to 18. They are also attending career days organised by various schools in their state. Please contact us if you are interested in STS visiting your school.

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ET what's new

Electronic Macquarie Schools Dictionary

Franklin Electronic Publishers has launched an electronic Macquarie Schools Dictionary. This portable, interactive device combines a collection of powerful, built-in reference books from Australia's premier dictionary publisher, Macquarie Dictionary Publishers.

Weighing only 113g, the device combines seven reference books in the Macquarie Dictionary range. It also includes phonetic spell correction and a thesaurus with half a million synonyms to build word power and confidence. The eight built-in word games and spelling bees make learning fun.

It also translates major Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island languages by region, to and from English, with cultural context. Brief background notes sketch the history and culture behind the words, and a full

index gives instant access to all the details. Valued at \$99.95 RRP it is available in department stores, duty free, electrical, book and other leading retailers.

Visit www.franklin.com.au or call 1800 882 588.



Tools to teach biotechnology in WA's new Biotech Box

A Biotech Box filled with practical science tools, developed by Murdoch University, will give WA teachers practical science tools to excite their students about DNA, gene technology, stem cells and cloning.

Biotech Out of the Box allows teachers to implement hands-on activities and experimental learning in their classrooms.

Using the box, they can demonstrate biotech laboratory procedures using science equipment

they may not have had access to previously.

The kits will be rotated between science teachers at metropolitan and regional schools over the next two years – reaching about 150 state Government and 80 private schools.

Biotechnology is a key component of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Biological Sciences – Human Biological Science Courses of Study, to be introduced in WA high schools in 2009.

WA schools contact Carolyn Jones – Biological Sciences and Biotechnology at Murdoch University tel (08) 9360 2159.

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The Good Universities Guide 2009 Edition

Hobsons has released the 2009 edition of *The Good Universities Guide*. Now in its 17th edition, the guide is Australia's only definitive guide to university performance. No other publication compares and rates Australian university performance across a broad range of indicators including Student-Staff Ratios, Staff Qualifications, Access by Equity Groups, Graduate Starting Salaries and Getting a Job, among many others.

University performance is rated at institution, campus and field of study level, providing the depth of information essential to anyone deciding where and what to study.

The Good Universities Guide will be available through newsagents, bookshops and online at www.isubscribe.com.au/hobsons or by contacting Hobsons on **Freecall 1800 682 133**.



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STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY YOUTH PROGRAM

It is a very exciting time for the RSPCA! We are launching our new STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY Youth Program. This is due to go out to schools in October 2008.

Our program aims to compliment the current Primary School Program by teaching young people about animal cruelty and the importance of respecting all living things including people and the environment.

We will be offering schools three modules – each consisting of an Audio-Visual Presentation and a Resource Booklet.

Module 1 will focus on RSPCA Animal Cruelty, **Module 2** focuses on international animal welfare and **Module 3** looks at conservation issues.

Module 2 highlights in particular the important work of WSPA. WSPA is the World Society for the Protection of animals and they do amazing work on a global level.

The RSPCA is very happy to be able to support WSPA in spreading awareness about issues such as humane stray dog control in foreign countries, commercial exploitation of wildlife (including whaling and bear farming), farm animal welfare and disaster relief.

A major aim of the WSPA International Animal Welfare module is to encourage kids and teenagers to take action against animal cruelty in order to create a world where animal welfare matters and cruelty ends.

Students are also encouraged to hop online to sign the Animals Matter petition to help support the Universal Declaration of Animal Welfare at www.animalsmatter.org.au and also learn about being an advocate for animals.

Please stay tuned and be sure to make a booking for this exciting, interactive program so that students are given the exciting opportunity to learn about the importance of 'kindness' and 'global citizenship'.

We encourage students to think about animal cruelty in the context of Australia, but it is also great for students to think outside of our country as there are many places around the world that don't have any kind of animal welfare laws or regulations to protect animals.

For more information contact

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