



MAYA, from Australia - female

BORN: 18/6/2007

FIRST LANGUAGE: English

DURATION: Semester – 6/9/2023 to 14/1/2024

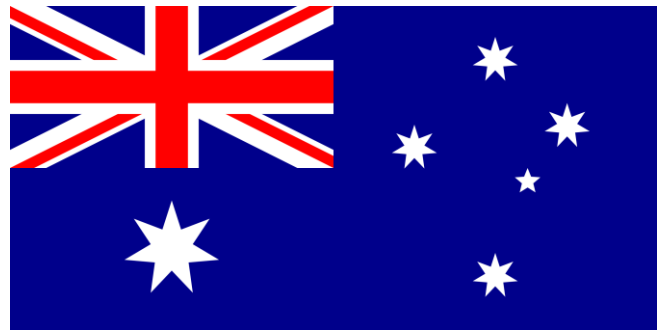
SMOKE: no smoker, ok to go in a smoking family if the family smokes outside only

FOOD REQUIREMENTS: no

ALLERGIES: no

OK LIVING WITH PETS: yes

MEDICATIONS: daily iron tablet for low iron level



Dear Host Family,

My name is Maya. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to live with your family and learn about Italian life. I am in grade 10, so my typical day begins with catching the bus at 7:45 to school, followed by 5 lessons and two lunch breaks before catching the bus home at 3:15. My favourite subjects are cooking and biology and I am also currently learning Italian, so I hope to become fluent when I go to Italy. In my spare time, I go for runs either before or after school, and I also work 6 hours a week at a local pizza shop. On weekends, I usually go to the beach with my dog or to the mall with my friends, and during the school holidays, my family and I go camping with family friends. I enjoy travelling to different countries and places, so far, I have visited New Zealand, Thailand, and Vietnam, but my favourite place I have ever visited was skiing in New Zealand.

I live with my Mum, Dad and 12yr old brother. My family loves to bond together. We often have family gatherings, movie nights, and dinners. We also like to go on trips together, whether it's a day trip to the beach or a week-long vacation. We always make sure to take time to talk and catch up with each other. We also like to do activities together, like going to the beach, playing sports, or going to the movies. We always make sure to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

I believe I am a good person because I strive to be kind and compassionate to everyone I meet. I am always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need and I am passionate about making the world a better place. I am also a good listener and I am always open to hearing different perspectives. I am passionate about learning and growing, and I am always looking for ways to better myself and the world around me. I hope to contribute to your family by help with chores such as cleaning up and organising stuff as well as helping with cooking because I have a strong interest in food especially Italian food and drinks.

I chose Italy for a variety of reasons, but there are a few that stand out. One being that the oldest buildings in Australia are only a few hundred years old, whereas in Italy, the architecture is so rich in history and intricate work that is thousands of years old. The culture of how important family is to people, as well as the Italian lifestyle of slowing down and enjoying life, which can be difficult to find in other places. The incredibly delicious food, including pizza, pasta, and gelato, to name a few of my favourites, as well as the passion for not only eating but also cooking it. Now for my absolute favourite aspect of Italy: the gorgeous and wildly diverse terrain, the sea and beaches that surround it, and the internal mountains that cut through it, splitting it into regions. The top of the country is divided into breathtaking valleys by the Alps and long, thin glacial lakes. I'm hoping Italy will open up new opportunities for me, such as the ability to go skiing again, which is one of my favourite activities.

Please indicate your personality traits

- active
- curious
- friendly
- humorous
- independent
- intellectual

- mature
- motivated
- optimistic
- organised
- outgoing
- patient

- quiet
- realistic
- relaxed
- reliable
- reserved
- respectful

- responsible
- shy
- sincere
- spontaneous
- studious
- talkative

What is your religion? *

None

How would you feel living with a same sex couple? *

I do not mind

Do you attend services (optional)

School chapel services only

If your answer is "I do not mind", please select your answer.

I have no preference

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About you

What qualities do you think you have that will make you a successful exchange student? *

My open mind and willingness to give new things a go even if they are out of my comfort level.

What qualities do you value most in others? *

compassion for others, kindness and being trustworthy

What is unique and different about you? *

I am willing to try new things out and trust the process even if I have doubts along the way

What are your favourite and least favourite subjects at school? *

my favourites are cooking, geography and biology and my least favourites are maths and physics

Many students have dreams, aspirations and passionate pursuits. Please describe yours. *

I have dreams of traveling the world and learning about other cultures and ways of life.

About your family

Describe your relationship with your parents *

A respecting and trusting relationship with good communication and unconditional love.

Describe your relationship with your siblings *

An overall caring relationship that is only growing stronger over time.

Describe activities your family pursues together *

Bike riding, traveling, training and watching sporting events that one of us are racing in.

What are the rules you must respect in your family? *

respecting each other, trust and thinking of others

What household chores do you perform at home? *

Cleaning the kitchen, occasionally cooking and organising things like the pantry.

You and your host country

Why have you chosen this host country? *

I love Italian food, the Italian language and most of all there diverse landscapes and architecture.

Why have you chosen an immersion program, living with a host family and attending school daily? *

Because it will give me an opportunity to live and experience Italy in a way a tourist could never.

Give at least two reasons why you want to study abroad (other than second language skills) *

To gain one of a kind live long experiences and relationships that will positively impact me in life

What do you expect from your school? *

To treat me fairly and to be supportive while I get used to the new system and push myself.

What do you expect from your school mates? *

To be welcoming and friendly even though I will only be there for a shorter amount of time.

What do you expect from your host family? *

To be their for me through the highs and the lows and help me create some of my best memory's.

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