



# Australian Turkish Student Exchange



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*On 14 July, 24 Turkish Students arrive in Australia as part of the Gallipoli Student Exchange Program*

In exchange for 16 students who went to Turkey last April, 24 Turkish students will soon arrive in Australia [22 in Melbourne, 1 in Sydney and 1 in Brisbane]. The "Australia –Turkey Gallipoli Student Exchange Program" enabled 16 young Australian students to go to Turkey, live with Turkish families and attend Anzac Day ceremonies at Gallipoli, last April.

The students were from Brighton, Bairnsdale, Leongatha, Alexandra, Eaglehawk, Narromine and Brisbane.

The program is organised and implemented by high schools with support from local Rotary Clubs and local RSL branches.

Most likely to be a life changing experience, the program targets Year 10 students selected from high schools. In Turkey, students were home-hosted by school families to experience the local cultural environment. Students attended school whilst in Turkey.

On 25th of April 2010, students attended the Dawn Service and Lone Pine ceremonies at ANZAC Cove, the 95th Anniversary of that tragic campaign. They then departed for home, soon after.

It is planned that the project will become an ongoing annual event when fully established.

The Turkish students will stay 4 weeks in Australia to experience the Aussie way of life, attend school and improve their English.

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