Hi everyone

As a volunteer Local Coordinator, I play a vital role in helping to deliver the Australian New Zealand Student Exchange Program. I also play a critical role in making sure families are carefully and properly selected and help to provide first level support to students and host families, these programs could not operate without you. We need to get these students placed so they can arrive on time.

I am hoping you can assist me. I need to find new families located in Central QLD and other states to be placed across Australia that might be interested in hosting an exchange student.

There are 73 students arriving in January to be placed across Australia who are eagerly awaiting news of their host families in Australia. These students will be travelling from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan & the USA. Staying either: 2 - 3 months duration or 5 - 10 months duration.

Would you be willing to help host at least one of these kids or please assist in joining me by helping to locate some great Aussie families who, although they might not know it yet, are just waiting to host a wonderful student from across the world.

I have made a commitment to finding host families for these students and would value highly your assistance. You can help by:

- Talking to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues about hosting a student.
- If they need profiles of students to talk about their interests, student profiles are available from me.
- Ask people if they have thought about hosting.
- Approaching a local church in your area and requesting if they could share this hosting opportunity with their community. A lot of students arriving do have a religion.
- Approaching any ethnic community groups in your area.
- Approaching any local martial arts centres, Japanese language tutors/teachers and any other local groups that share an interest in the Japanese culture in your area.
- Ask your local school/s to put a notice in their newsletter or on their website/noticeboard (cut and paste below advertisement)

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Ask your local library, shopping centre or community centre to put a notice on their noticeboard.

If you know of families that might be interested, please either submit their details via email on kmaso57@eq.edu.au. I will personally follow up and answer any questions. As you can imagine I treat these leads like gold dust and they will be acted upon immediately. Thanks in advance for your assistance in finding host families, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time. Kate Leon-Mason