

Welcome to Germany!

Travel to North Rhine-Westphalia as part of the Queensland–Germany Student Exchange Program



Some facts about Germany

Historically, Germany has been called “the nation of poets and thinkers” because of the major role its famous writers and philosophers have played in the development of Western thought and culture. Today Germany is a modern, cosmopolitan country with about 82 million inhabitants. Its society is shaped by a plurality of lifestyles, an ethno cultural diversity and a high standard of living. From the Alps in the South to the North Sea, from Berlin to Düsseldorf - Germany is one of the most visited countries in the world.

Some facts about North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW)

North Rhine-Westphalia - being Germany’s “economic heart” - is the most populous state in Germany, offering an exciting and varied cultural life – including the idyllic Christmas fairs and traditions before and during the turn of the year.

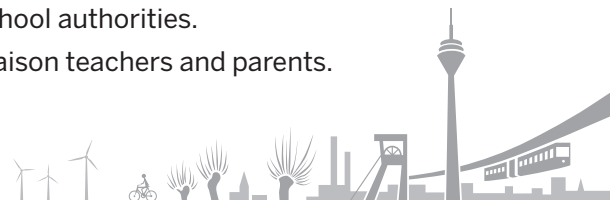
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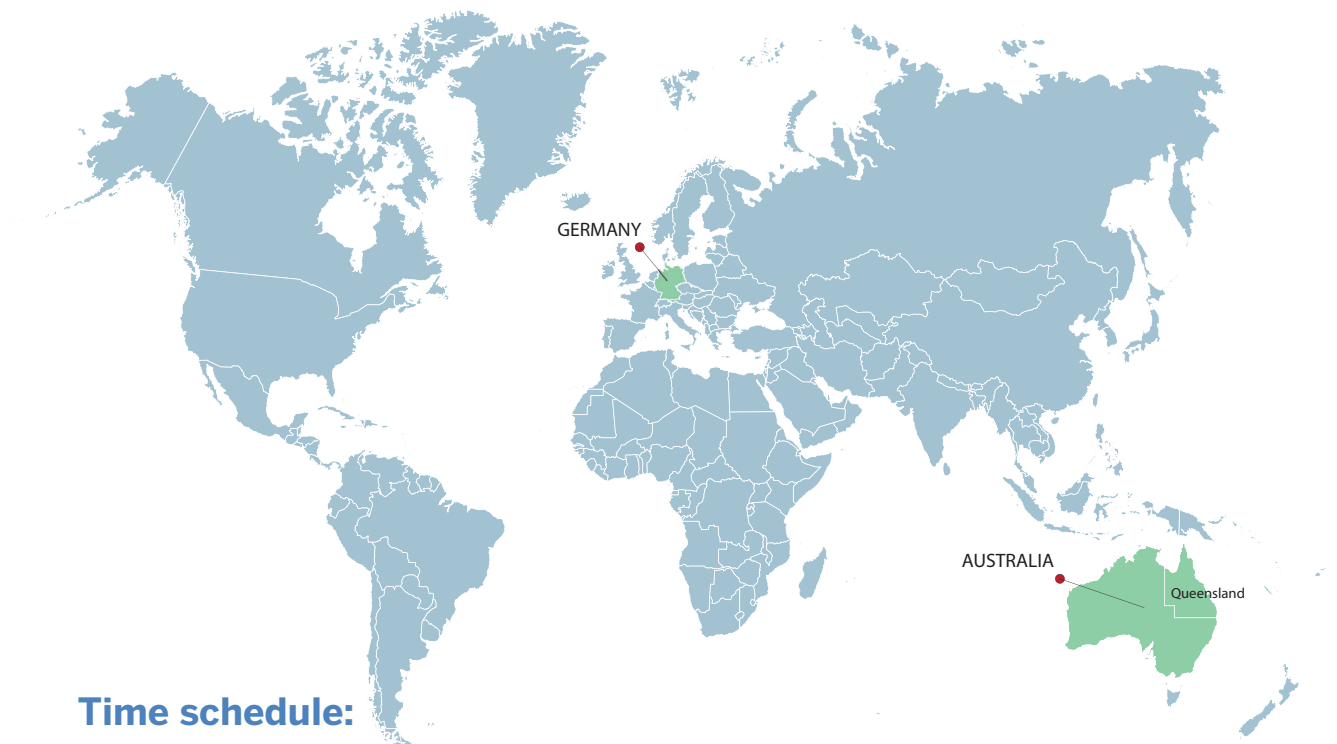
Apart from getting to know a German family, German life, German schools and the German language, students can

- celebrate German Christmas and traditions in winter time,
- experience ancient Roman roads (2.500 years old),
- visit famous UNESCO world heritage sites like the Cologne Cathedral, the Aachen Cathedral, the romantic Rhine valley,
- learn about the industrial culture of the Ruhrgebiet,
- watch famous sports events of national and international soccer teams,
- walk from Germany to Belgium and the Netherlands (border triangle),
- participate in a nonprofit exchange program, only true costs are charged.

We take care of your children!

- The successful cooperation by between North Rhine-Westphalia and Queensland has been offered since the year 2000. It stands for reliability, professional supervision and the excellent matching of German and Australian partners in this reciprocal exchange on behalf of the local school authorities.
- We take care of your children with a network of liaison teachers and parents.





Time schedule:



How do I apply?

Download the application form from the [International Opportunities webpage](#) or contact internationalservices@qed.qld.gov.au and we'll send one to you.

Complete and return your application to International Services by **Monday 11 February 2019**.

More information? Please contact us!



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