

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

2024 Mesa Youth Ambassadors Exchange

For the selected applicant you will need to agree to the following:

1. That as a selected applicant you will be an ambassador for Upper Hutt City, New Zealand. Your behaviour must reflect this at all times. This requires you to maintain a positive attitude at all times.
2. You will need to work together and be involved in all activities associated with your exchange. When on group activities you will need to stay engaged and not stray from the activity.
3. You will need to plan your school work, sporting and work commitments carefully. You are expected to attend school both before your departure, upon your return and while your host student is here in New Zealand.
4. You will need to maintain contact with your parents and host parents, keeping them informed of your whereabouts and activities whilst you are undertaking hosting or being hosted.
5. You will need to agree to respect your host family and observe their family rules.
6. You are not allowed use or be in the possession of cigarettes/alcohol/illegal drugs/firearms or obtain a tattoo or any piercings while participating in this exchange. 'Night Clubs' and 'Bars', are off limits to students throughout their stay, unless in a licensed establishment with host parents or parents.
7. You are not allowed to drive any vehicles or motorbikes while in your host country.
8. Upper Hutt City Council will consider any breaches the Code of Conduct signed by the successful student seriously and could result in an early return to New Zealand at your own expense.

For the host family you will need to agree to the following:

1. Provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for the student
2. Undergo a home assessment and police vetting process
3. Provide a separate room for the student coming from Mesa
4. Able to commit some time to the programme
5. Work with the other host family and Upper Hutt City Council to organise a programme and attend any meetings
6. Support your young person and the Mesa student to attend school for up to 10 days.