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Alumni

Executive Summary

• 78 out of a total of 140 alumni families (56%) filled in the survey
• 37% of respondents stated interest in other cultures/languages as main reason for their participation in Experience Adelaide, followed by 29% stating their wish to give back to the University of Adelaide as the reason.
• 92% of respondents state that Experience Adelaide is a ‘win/win’ situation for them and the students. One respondent comments that the University is also a ‘winning partner’.
• Student’s lack of time (academic pressure) and lack of communication are top problems encountered by 14% of respondents. One respondent comments that he/she has actually not met his/her student(s) yet.
• 83% of respondents are very happy with the management of the program.
• 95% of respondents would recommend Experience Adelaide.
• Several respondents suggest a social get-together of all participants to exchange experiences.
• Marketing efforts need to be focussed on misconceptions (‘homestay program’ and ‘significant time commitment’) and on reaching more volunteering alumni/staff through publishing of testimonials & positive stories in the press (internal & external).

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1: What motivated you to participate in this program?

- Respondents could select several responses
- Majority of respondents stated interest in other cultures/languages as main reason for participation, followed by wish to give back to the UoA.

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2a: 99% agree that Experience Adelaide does not require much time commitment

- Strongly Agree, 34, 44%
- Agree, 43, 55%
- N/A, 1, 1%
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2b: 92% agree that the communication with the student(s), following the program launch, was easy

- Strongly Agree, 30, 38%
- Agree, 42, 54%
- Disagree, 2, 3%
- Strongly Disagree, 3, 4%
- N/A, 1, 1%

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2c: 91% agree that interacting with their student(s) enables them to deepen their understanding of people from another culture.

- Strongly Agree: 28, 36%
- Agree: 43, 55%
- Disagree: 3, 4%
- N/A: 4, 5%

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2d: 92% agree that Experience Adelaide is a ‘win/win’ situation for them

- **Strongly Agree**: 29, 37%
- **Agree**: 43, 55%
- **Disagree**: 1, 2%
- **Strongly Disagree**: 1, 1%
- **N/A**: 4, 5%

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2e: 72% agree that being matched with a student for only 1 semester is still valuable
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2f: 78% of the respondents were only matched with one student; of the remainder, 17% agree that being matched with two students is a good experience

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3 & 4: 86% did not encounter problems with their students; problems encountered by the 14% can be summarised as follows:

- Preoccupied by Studies: 7 problems
- Not Communicating: 4 problems
- Last-Minute Cancellations: 3 problems
- Lack of Interest in Connecting: 2 problems
- Lack of Interest in Aussie Culture: 1 problem
- Wanting Mentoring: 1 problem
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5: On a scale from 1 - 10 (10 = best), how satisfied are you with the management of the program?

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6: 95% of respondents stated that they would recommend the Experience Adelaide Program to other alumni
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7: Over 60% of respondents do not have children at home

Some respondents ticked several categories

- No Children, 25, 30%
- Adult Children, 24, 29%
- Teenage Children, 13, 16%
- Small Children, 11, 13%
- Single, 8, 10%
- Grandchildren, 2, 2%
- Single, 8, 10%

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