

### Introduction:

Talking with Aussies is a program for international students to meet with local members of the community for language and cultural exchange.

### The Program:

- Linked with a volunteer
- Meet one-to-one
- Typically one hour per week
- Meet during the day in a public location, ideally on the university campus

### The Purpose:

- English practice
- Cultural insight
- Let the volunteer know if you have a preferred focus

### The Volunteer:

- Giving their time and knowledge graciously
- The volunteers come from a range of backgrounds - students or staff of Adelaide or one of the other universities, someone employed outside the university, someone currently unemployed, a retired or semi-retired person. The age range of the volunteers varies from teenagers to people in their eighties.
- All the volunteers are competent speakers and writers of English.
- All the volunteers have joined the program because they are interested in meeting with someone from another culture, hearing about your life experience and talking to you about life in Australia.
- The volunteers are not paid for their part in the program - they do it because they enjoy it.

### Your Responsibilities:

- If you need to cancel an appointment, let them know in plenty of time
- Give us feedback; let us know how everything is going, good and bad.
- You may request a particular profile of volunteer (e.g. age group, gender, or professional background). These requests will be met; the disadvantage of special requests is that you may need to wait longer for us to find someone with the qualities you specify.
- Make sure you always feel safe (meet in a public place)

Let us know, when you think the program has served its purpose for you and you are ready to move on from it. We will then be able to allocate your volunteer to another student.

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## Student



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The feedback from students in the program is that it is a very positive experience and our aim is for that to continue. This means that if the program does not meet your expectations in any way, it is important that you let us know immediately and we will deal with the situation in an effective and discreet way. You will not be causing problems for anyone; the only problem would be if we did not know of any dissatisfaction.

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