

Welcome to Germany – welcome to Europe!

Visit **North Rhine-Westphalia** as part of the New Zealand–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)

The Ministry of School and Education North Rhine-Westphalia is responsible for more than 5000 schools with a special focus on international issues. The Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf, a regional authority, coordinates international programs for schools, students and teachers on behalf of the Ministry.

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

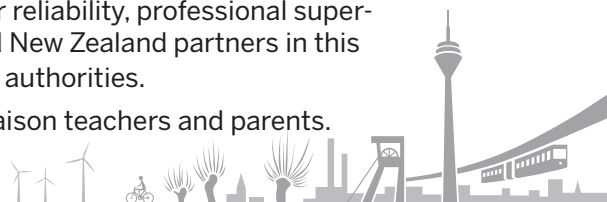
Chances and Benefits of our Program

Apart from getting to know a German school, a German family, German life, 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 with school attendance, only true costs are charged.

We take care of your children!

- The successful cooperation between North Rhine-Westphalia and New Zealand has been offered for more than 30 years. It stands for reliability, professional supervision and the excellent matching of German and New Zealand 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?

Contact your German teacher or Mrs. Glaser-Brown, mglaserbrown@tcg.school.nz
Complete and return your application to Mrs. Glaser-Brown by the end of February.

More information? Please contact us!



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