

"Lilly-Anna contributes positively in group discussions and activities."

Lär känna Lilly-Anna

Lilly-Anna är född 2009 och kommer från Australien. Hon kommer i augusti 2026 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a gymträning, filmer och bakning.

Dear Host Families, My name is Lilly-Anna, I'm a 16-year-old from Australia, and I would like to start by thanking you for taking the time to read my letter. I am beyond excited to be given the opportunity to become an exchange student and hopefully spend a year living in Sweden with you! Becoming part of a family in a completely different country, learning about your day-to-day life, and sharing one another's cultures means a lot. I hope throughout this letter you get an idea of who I am. I come from a big family of 8 with 5 siblings, so family has always had a special place in my heart. Growing up in a large family has meant never having a silent house, and I love it. There's always someone to talk to, laughing, cooking, or running around, and yes, it's chaotic, but I wouldn't change it, it's taught me how to listen to others, share my space, and adapt to different personalities. This has made me value a connection and a family environment. Because of this, the idea of living with a host family feels natural and exciting. One thing that people are always surprised about is where I was born. I was born on a cattle station in the middle of Australia, just red dirt and land forever. It's quite a different place from where I live now. At about age 5, I moved to a more populated area and eventually returned to a small community in Australia, where I live now. Moving around throughout my childhood and experiencing different environments just within Australia has made me curious about the rest of the world. It's made me notice how different someone's life can be from the next and has sparked my interest in seeing more beyond my country. When I'm not in school, I have a range of hobbies. A few of them are going to the gym regularly. It's become a big part of my routine. Swimming is also something I enjoy, I have grown up with in Australia, with the heat and beautiful waters around me. When I get the chance, I love to go out to the islands around me. As well as those hobbies, I also have some quieter, more relaxing hobbies. Baking is definitely one way I love to relax, and my favourite subject in school is hospitality for this reason. I love learning new skills and recipes and trying new things. Food is a way people are brought together. One thing people who know me will tell you about is my brown-butter chocolate-chip cookies. They have become slightly famous within my friend group, and I promise that if I get the chance, I will bake them at some point. Crocheting is a hobby I have only picked up recently, and I have made a plushie and little items such as an AirPods case. I find making something so unique with my hands is amazing and something I really enjoy doing. I would love to share this hobby with my host family, hoping to teach anyone interested how to crochet small things to start. Something else important to me is my Indigenous Australian background. My great-grandmother is one of the elders in the Arrernte tribe. I would love to share some of this with my host family and be educated about your cultures. Being able to not only share my culture but also learn about Swedish cultures and traditions would make my exchange experience so special to me. A normal school day for me in Australia would start early at 6:00, getting ready for school and leaving the house around 7:30. Once school ends at 15:00, I will either go to the gym or to work, depending on the day. Once I'm home, I finish off homework, have dinner with my family and relax for a while before going to sleep. On the weekends, I enjoy spending time with my friends, watching movies, going for a swim, or just having a relaxing day at home. My day may look very different to a Swedish school child's, and that's why I'm so excited to be given the opportunity to go. I feel an exchange will help me grow as a person and become more confident in who I am. I've spent a fair bit of my life in smaller communities, and while I'm so grateful for the life I have been given, I'm so curious about what lies beyond. Living in a different country where I know no one would push me out of my comfort zone, and I believe that's a challenge that everyone must experience to grow. I would love to become independent, experience new perspectives and better understand both myself and the world around me. Sweden is a country that caught my eye because of what I have so far learnt about it and the landscapes I have seen online. I also love the Swedish language and how beautiful it sounds, and the opportunity to become fluent would be an honour. At the moment, I can only introduce myself, but I hope to improve before my arrival. Another thing about Sweden that is amazing is the snow, this is something completely new to me. Where I live during winter, it rarely gets below 13 degrees, and the idea of experiencing a true winter and all the 4 seasons is incredibly exciting. My exchange will hopefully help me discover more about myself and what I would love to do. In my family, many of my siblings have their life careers clear, while I'm still trying to find that passion. I've thought about careers such as nursing, but I'm not completely sure yet. I feel there is something out there that I'm yet to find, and I believe leaving my country to live somewhere else, a new country, new people and a different way of life will help me find my passion. But of course, more than anything, I am so excited about becoming a part of a different family, sharing our everyday life, whether it is cooking, talking, learning about each other, or simply spending time with each other. I'm a bubbly and curious person, and I would love to learn as much as I can about Swedish culture while sharing my own with you. Thank you again for taking the time to read my letter, for getting to know me, and for giving me the opportunity to introduce myself. I also appreciate the kindness and generosity it takes to open your home to an exchange student, and I hope that if I'm lucky enough to come to Sweden, I will bring curiosity, positivity, kindness and of course, a few batches of cookies into your home.

Warm regards, Lilly-Anna

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