

## CHILE VOLUNTEER PROJECT

On your way home from New Zealand, you can choose to do a short volunteer project in Chile. These projects are based in public schools in Santiago and Curacavi. You will be assisting with conversational English classes and/or helping out with sports and PE classes.

### DETAILS AND OPTIONS:

- Projects run for between one and four weeks, to be completed at the end of your Academic Plus Volunteer™ programme. These projects are optional.
- Learn Spanish: While volunteering in Chile, you can choose to take one on one Spanish lessons. While some Spanish would be an advantage, beginners are welcome. Some of our New Zealand high schools teach Spanish as a subject choice, so you can start learning before you go.
- Homestay in Chile: While in Chile you will be homestayd with a Spanish speaking family. Homestays will be hand-picked by our trusted Chilean partners. curacavi homestay photo
- Our Chilean Partners: We have two trusted partners in Chile: Liceo De Curacavi Presidente Balmaceda, a public school in Chile, and Experiment (EIL) Chile, a well-known not for profit organisation based in Santiago.

### Academic Plus Volunteer™ Internationalisation Scholarship

Academic Plus Volunteer™, Liceo De Curacavi Presidente Balmaceda (the school) and the Mayor of Curacavi have set up the Academic Plus Volunteer™ Internationalisation Scholarship. The scholarship aims help the school and its students become more globally connected, by helping students who could not otherwise afford to travel to do so. For A+V students who choose to volunteer at Liceo De Curacavi Presidente Balmaceda, Academic Plus Volunteer™ will donate the fees paid for the Chile Project (less homestay, Spanish lessons and coordination costs) to the scholarship fund.



*From left to right: Martin Haimerl, first A+V student; Andrea Vasquez, A+V Chile Coordinator; Suzette Eastmond, A+V Director; Juan Pablo Barros, Mayor of Curacavi; Fernando Rojas Escalona, Principal of Liceo De Curacavi Presidente Balmaceda.*

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## WHO CAN APPLY?

Academic Plus Volunteer™ is open to applicants aged 16-19 who want to make a difference. It is well suited to students in their final years of schooling and those who have finished high school in their home country. While the programme does require you to attend high school while in New Zealand, our schools offer a range of interesting subjects that allow you to try out new things, such as outdoor education, performing arts, tourism, food technology and more.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you are interested in becoming an Academic Plus Volunteer™ student, the first step is to visit our website for more information. If you have any questions, or would like to apply, contact us, or talk to your agent.

[www.aplusv.co.nz](http://www.aplusv.co.nz)

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## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- An academic course at one of our participating high schools, including exciting subjects and extra-curricular activities.
- Up to 5 hours per week, or 50 hours per term of volunteering on your chosen sporting, social or environmental project.
- Live with a homestay from within the school community. City, beach, farm and semi-rural homestay options available.
- Optional travel within New Zealand and Australia on international student tours.
- An optional volunteer project teaching conversational English and/or helping with sports at a public school in Chile, for up to 4 weeks on your way home. Spanish lessons optional.
- Programmes can be of any length.

## WHY VOLUNTEER?

New Zealand has a strong culture of volunteering, from long standing associations such as Surf Life Saving and Riding for the Disabled to local, grass-roots projects such as beach clean-ups and waterway restoration. New Zealand has unique wildlife, such as kiwi and other endangered birds which are vulnerable to introduced predators, so the creation and maintenance of wildlife sanctuaries is important. Sports are often at the centre of New Zealand communities and most teams are coached and umpired by volunteers.

As an Academic Plus Volunteer™ student, you will be able to become a part of this culture and will be welcomed into the local community. Volunteering will enhance your New Zealand experience by allowing you to meet a wider variety of people, have new and exciting experiences and make lifelong friends, all the while making a difference to the community and environment you will come to love.

## OUR PROJECTS

While in New Zealand, you will take part in volunteer projects that are taking place within your school's local community. You will do an average of 5 hours volunteering per week, or 50 hours per school term (approx. 10 weeks). Depending on which projects you take part in, you might do your volunteering once or twice a week, during or after school, or you might take part in full day events during weekends or holidays. As most of the projects are small-scale, you may take part in a number of different projects during your programme. There are many different options available, and when you apply we can find a project that suits your interests.

## Example projects:

**Help out at a local Riding for the Disabled:** Riding for the Disabled is a well-known organisation that provides therapeutic horse riding for people with disabilities. [www.rda.org.nz](http://www.rda.org.nz)

**Kiwi Conservation Projects:** Assist with breeding and conservation programmes for our endangered and iconic Kiwi bird, such as the Rowi Kiwi in Okarito forest. [www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/kiwi/rowi](http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/kiwi/rowi)

**Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust:** A community-led sanctuary project in Taranaki. Help to maintain a predator free sanctuary for Kiwi and other native species. [www.rotokare.org.nz/Volunteer](http://www.rotokare.org.nz/Volunteer)

**Ashley Gorge Reserve:** Join a joint project between the Waimakariri District Council, the Department of Conservation and a local volunteer group to create a new Educational Conservation area in regenerating forest at Ashley Gorge.

**Sports Coaching:** Become a volunteer Coach, Manager or Umpire for a junior term in your chosen sport.

**Community Gardens:** Get stuck in at a community garden, helping to grow fruit and vegetables for local families in need and educating young children about how to grow their own food.

**Earthquake Relief:** Work with the International Red Cross and Christchurch City Mission to support those still suffering the long term financial and psychological effects of the 2011 Earthquake.

**Surf Life Saving:** Many of our beaches are patrolled by Surf Life Saving clubs which are run by volunteers. They ensure people can safely enjoy the water and also organise projects such as beach clean-ups and education programmes. [www.surflifesaving.org.nz](http://www.surflifesaving.org.nz)

**Project Twin Streams:** A large scale environmental restoration project to improve water quality in streams in the Waitakere Ranges in West Auckland. The project involves planting streambanks with native trees and shrubs. [www.projecttwinstreams.com](http://www.projecttwinstreams.com)

