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## Making New Friends

- If you are in a foreign culture it can seem more difficult than usual to find people who you really get along with. Be kind to yourself remember that making friends takes time.
- If you make the most of social opportunities during your life in Australia, just as you would back home, it will be quicker and easier for you to fit in, make friends and feel at home. Common interests, sports, arts and music are key ways to meet new people from a range of backgrounds.
- However, you meet people, remember to be careful. When you meet someone new, be cautious until you get to know the person better and feel you can trust him or her.
- Be safe, and don't give any of your personal details like your full name, your phone number or your address. With people you don't know well; always arrange to meet them in a public place, like a café or a park, instead of inviting them to your home or going to theirs, until you feel you have built a relationship with them, know more about them and feel comfortable with them.