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## HOMESTAY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NSW Department of Education (the Department) assists in the accommodation and welfare arrangements for students as requested by parents, who do not have a relative residing in NSW who meets the Department of Home Affairs requirements.

As requested by you, the Department will issue the Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) form to the Department of Home Affairs for your child's visa. As such, your child must live in the homestay accommodation and with the homestay carer arranged through the Department.

Homestay accommodation arranged through independent homestay providers who have agreements with the Department to provide such service. Your child will be placed in accommodation that meets the following required standards:

1. The home must be clean and have appropriate furnishings suitable for students up to and including the age of 18 years
2. The homestay hosts must reside at the homestay premises
3. Each student is to have as a minimum their own room, bed, desk or if a shared room no more than two persons per room (same gender) each of whom must have a separate bed and desk
4. Students are not to share rooms with host family members and sharing arrangements will only be provided if the parents of the student(s) request this option
5. Rooms assigned to students are solely for the student's use and not for the use of other family members that requires regular access such as storage
6. There are to be no more than two overseas students residing in the home
7. Students are to be given a key to the home so that the student can gain access to the home at any time
8. There must be adequate lighting for study purposes
9. There must be heating in winter, and some means of cooling in summer
10. There must be access to bathroom, with reasonable time allowed for a shower (10 minutes)
11. There must be access to kitchen and laundry facilities and use of shared living areas of the home

12. The homestay host is to provide three meals a day including a self-served breakfast; food being made available for students to make themselves a light lunch (a sandwich and piece of fruit); and a cooked meal for dinner to be eaten with the rest of the family. Students may also have access to an after school snack. In providing meals, the homestay host must be aware of and take account of cultural differences and dietary needs

13. House rules are to be discussed and explained to the student by the host parents, (including, but not limited to, friends visiting, use of mobile phone and incoming calls, cleaning of own room or other household tasks, meal times and rules for behaviour, such as going out with friends and times for arriving home, manners and courtesy)

14. Use of telephone and/or computer facilities is to be at the student's own expense. However, charges to the student should only cover the actual cost of phone or internet usage. Use of homestay internet may be restricted, including restrictions on downloads. Internet access is not permitted between 11pm and 6am. Personal items within the homestay to be at the student's risk

15. Students may change homestay if there is a medical reason or the placement in a particular homestay is not compatible. In such cases, a written request from the parents of the student is required. Changes to a homestay placement may incur an additional fee

16. Overseas requests for a homestay placement require compulsory airport pickup to be organised by the homestay provider arranging a homestay placement. There is a fee payable to the homestay provider service for this service. Friends and relatives are not permitted to pick up the student from the airport and transport them to the homestay.

Where accommodation is arranged through one of the Department's independent homestay providers, a weekly fee applies. Please refer to the [fee schedule](#). All homestay payments must be paid monthly and in advance. The Department takes no responsibility for variations or increases from time to time.

Students will be placed at a homestay within reasonable travelling time to their school.

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Recognising the importance of child protection, homestay providers and hosts ensure that all adult individuals residing at any homestay premises will have passed a Working With Children Check.

Homestays are visited and inspected by homestay providers annually as a minimum to ensure that standards are being met.

Homestay hosts take on the carer role for students under 18 years of age. Homestay hosts take on a parental role in communication between the student, schools, the Department and parents. They provide care and support for students and assist students to settle into life and study in school.

In the event that the Department suspends, terminates or cancels the enrolment of the student, it is a

requirement that the student must remain in accommodation approved by the Department until one of the following occurs:

- the student is accepted by another CRICOS registered education provider and that registered provider takes over responsibility for approving the student's accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements
- the student leaves Australia
- the student changes to a different type of visa
- the Department reports to the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment that it can no longer approve of the welfare arrangements for the student.

I, ..... , parent of the student .....  
(name of parent) (name of student)

agree to the above conditions for my child's accommodation and welfare.

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Signature

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Date