



MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL

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Homestay Policy and Agreement

Student Name: _____

Advantages of Homestay Accommodation

The advantages of Homestay accommodation for international students are:

- Provision of an excellent standard of food and nutrition
- Provision of a safe and well supervised living environment
- An excellent environment for successful studies
- Assistance with many practical aspects associated with adjustment to a new culture
- Friendship and involvement in Australian family life
- Practical assistance with the development of improved English language skills

Macarthur's Commitment to Homestay

Where international students enrolled at Macarthur Anglican School require homestay accommodation the School agrees to:

- Provide and supervise appropriate care and support of students living in homestay
- Ensure homestay family members have completed appropriate child protection checks
- Ensure the accommodation is suitable for students to study
- Arrange homestay accommodation so that the student can have convenient transport access to the School
- Provide introductions to the homestay family for the student and ensure that the homestay family and the student understand the homestay conditions

International Student Living Arrangements

No international student may live independently, that being defined as any situation in which Macarthur has not approved appropriate living arrangements.

International students may reside with accompanying parents or with a nominated adult relative of the student if such arrangements are approved by the School and if applicable the student's guardian.

Parents and Students Commitment

The parents and student agree and understand that:

Welfare

- The homestay arrangements and the student welfare matters are the responsibility of the School and the School will at all times make every effort to ensure the homestay arrangements are suitable for the student
- The homestay fee includes all meals all laundry and internet access
- Macarthur staff will periodically visit the homestay and inspect the student's room to ensure that the accommodation standard is maintained. Students agree to these periodical inspections

Travel

- Homestay accommodation is provided close to the School and on major bus routes to Macarthur
- The accommodation provided may be more than one hour travel time from the city of Sydney if travelling by public transport
- Homestay parents are not required to transport students to and from the train station on weekends so that the student may travel to Sydney
- If students wish to go out than they must seek permission from the homestay family before they leave
- Students who travel to Sydney without the supervision of their homestay family, must submit a Travel Request Form to the International Registrar at least two days prior to travel for approval.



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- Students are not permitted to travel by car with any persons unless the driver of the vehicle has been approved by the homestay family. No student is permitted to travel in a car by a 'P' plate driver unless written permission is provided by the Director of International Programmes.
- Students must advise the homestay family where they are at all times and if they are not at home
- Homestay families are not required to provide airport pickup or drop off for students and their parents or provide accommodation for the parents of students living with them

Food

- Whilst families appreciate the adjustments that students make moving to a new culture, students should prepare themselves that the majority of food served in homestay will be nutritious Australian style food.
- The food offered in homestay accommodation will be food normally eaten by the family. Students should not expect to receive rice every day.
- Students should expect to receive sandwiches for lunches. Some students in Australia have hot lunches but this is unusual
- Students in homestay must eat their meals with the homestay family when at home and are expected to speak with the homestay family and talk with them each day. This is essential for good relationships in the home and to enable the student to develop their English speaking skills
- Students must give at least three hours notice where they will not be home for the evening meal

General

- Whilst the School encourages strong communication between students and parents, both should understand that due to the time difference in their home country that students may not be able to call every night due to study commitments and the rules of homestay
- Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones at School and parents are requested not to contact students during school hours. In emergencies, the School should be contacted on +61 4647-5333.
- Students must read the International Student Homestay Handbook
- If a student or parent has a concern regarding the homestay arrangements for the student, they are encouraged to speak to the International Registrar or Director of International Programmes
- Students and parents understand that any requests to move homestay must at all times be accompanied by a Request to Change Homestay Form. The School will discuss with the student about the reasons for changing homestay before making a decision. The student and parent/s understand that where a request to move is approved, a period of at least 2 weeks is required to locate a new homestay.

I have read, understand and agree to the conditions in this homestay policy and agreement

Homestay Name:

Homestay Address:

Commencement Date:

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____