



Trinity College Homestay Programme Information for International Students and their Families

International Students

Trinity College will provide your child with the unique opportunity to live as a family member in Australia. This is a unique chance to gain lifelong friendships in another part of the world. Through observation and participation in daily family life, understanding of Australian culture develops. Living in Australia is undoubtedly the best way for students to learn the English language.

Families offer homestay for many reasons, they include:

- Contributing to the growth of young people
- Learning about other countries and cultures
- Providing new experiences for their own children
- Developing international contacts and experience
- Learning and practicing another language

Students choose homestay for several reasons, they include:

- Complete immersion in Australian culture and customs
- Opportunity to practice English with a supportive and interested family
- Living in a safe, secure and caring environment

Visa Conditions

If you have not turned 18 you must maintain adequate arrangements for your accommodation, support and general welfare for the duration of your stay in Australia.

To maintain adequate arrangements for welfare you must stay in Australia with:

- your parent or legal custodian; or
- a relative who has been nominated by your parents; or
- custodians who is aged over 21 and is of good character; or
- accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements that have been approved by your education provider.

Note: You **must** not change those arrangements without the written approval of Trinity College.

If your welfare arrangements are approved by Trinity College, you must not travel to Australia until your welfare arrangements are due to commence.

If you are living with a student guardian approved by Department of Immigration (Student Guardian visa,

subclass 500) the following rules apply if the guardian is planning to depart Australia without the student:

Student guardian visa holders cannot leave Australia without their nominating student, unless they provide the department with evidence that:

- there are compassionate or compelling circumstances for leaving the country
- alternative arrangements for the student's accommodation, general welfare and support have been made until their return, and those arrangements have been approved by the student's education provider.

Responsibilities

Trinity College

Unless the student is residing with a parent or legal guardian, approved by the Dept of Immigration, the Head of the College is appointed as the legal guardian for overseas students under 18 years for the duration of the visit. The College will monitor the educational and social wellbeing of the student. The College will select a suitable a homestay family and maintain open communication with them. The International Student Coordinator will meet the student at the airport on arrival.

Student

The student will:

- Immerse themselves in the educational and cultural life of the school and the social life of the family
- Respect the needs of both the homestay family and the College
- Be considerate when using host family utilities – ie telephone, internet, showers of less than 10 minutes, turning off lights/heaters
- Keep their bedroom tidy

Homestay Family

The homestay family will:

- Accept the student as another family member
- Care for the physical, social, emotional and educational needs of the student
- Be responsible for the day to day parenting duties
- Negotiate reasonable exceptions of behaviour inside and outside the home

The homestay family will provide:

- A separate and private fully furnished bedroom
- Use of living areas



- Use of household items including towels, sheets, blankets
- Laundry services or facilities
- Safe, tidy and hygienic environment
- Three meals a day
- Organise transport to and from school

Fee Schedule

Overseas Students (full time):

Bond *AUD\$800*

Covers the host family for any damage to property and is fully refundable at the end of the homestay if there are no claims by the family.

Accommodation Fee *AUD\$273 per week*

(does not include cost of travel to and from school if required)

Fee includes:

- Matching host family and student
- Inspecting homestay accommodation
- Host family security clearance
- Introduction to host family
- Host family remuneration
- Regular contact with homestay coordinator, host family and student
- After hours support

Accommodation Fee does not include:

- Phone/internet costs
- Personal items
- Over-use of utilities

Fees are not payable if the student returns home or goes away with the school. Pre-paid amounts will be credited to the account.



Student Details

Do you have any medical problems (including allergies, optical, dental)? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Is there any food that you cannot eat for health or religious reasons? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Are there any other children in your family? (Please list below) Yes No

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

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Many Australian families have pets (eg cats, dogs, birds). Would this be a problem for you? Yes No

If yes, what kind of animals do you not like:

Do you smoke? Yes No What is your religion (optional)? _____

What activities (sport, hobbies, interests) do you enjoy when you are not studying?

Are there any activities you especially want to undertake when you are studying in Australia?

What other information about you should a homestay family know?



Homestay Agreement

In applying for homestay with the Trinity College programme, I/we confirm that I/we have read and understand the rules and responsibilities and that I/we agree to be fully bound by them. If I break any of these rules, Trinity College may send me back to my native country. I agree to reimburse the host family for any damage I may cause. I authorise Trinity College staff or host family to take whatever action necessary to obtain medical or other treatment in the event of an emergency or accident or illness without incurring any liability or expense. This may include but not be limited to my placement in a hospital, use of doctor services and transportation to my home country at my own expense.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Student Signature	Date		
_____	_____	_____	_____
Parent Signature	Date	Parent Signature	Date

Rules of Conduct for Homestay Students

1. Students are not allowed to travel outside the local area alone or with other teenagers. Overnight travel is allowed only with an approved group such as school.
2. Students are not to hitch-hike.
3. Students are not to take jobs outside their host homes. They are expected to participate fully in household chores.
4. Students are not allowed to smoke, drink alcohol or take non-prescriptive drugs.
5. The use of any illegal drugs or any association with anyone involved with illegal drugs in any way will cause the student to be expelled from the College.
6. A student is to gain their host family's approval before taking part in activities; ie. the family must know where the student is, with whom, and when she/he will return home – at all times.
7. Students are not to borrow money from the homestay family or any other persons, nor allow them to pay any amounts owing by the student on their behalf.
8. Students may not make international telephone calls at the expense of the homestay family.
9. The representatives of the College will make decisions regarding emergency medical treatment, in consultation with the relevant medical authority while on homestay. The parents of the student will be informed immediately of the need for any such treatment.