



What we require of Homestay Parents

We are committed to doing everything possible to ensure a positive homestay experience for each visiting student and for each homestay

To this end, we require, during the application process, that:

- As a part of the application process, each adult member of a homestay family submit a criminal record check for volunteer/employment with vulnerable sector,
- that every adult member of a homestay family attend an orientation program each year,
- all family members be present during the homestay manager's inspection of the home and be in agreement regarding the family commitment to host an international student.

Homestay settings must offer students:

- a clean, safe and well organized living environment,
- a private bedroom (with a window), which includes a comfortable bed, study table, dresser, closet and lamp,
- All host families must have a computer the student is able to use (it does not have to be solely for the students use – the family computer is fine) and Internet access (wi-fi very useful).

Homestay parents must offer students:

- three substantial meals a day and nutritious snacks,
- help with reasonable transportation requests, if required,
- Airport or ferry pick up upon arrival and drop off at departure,
- opportunities to participate in family activities,
- support for student interest in cultural, athletic and community activities,
- the guidance and support reasonable to expect of adults who are assuming responsibility for the care of a young person who is far from their own family.



- We understand there must be at least one parent in permanent residence at the home for the duration of the homestay students' stay.
- We will inform the Homestay Coordinator of any changes in the constitution of the homestay family (separation, return of other children, etc)
- We understand the student must obtain permission from the Program for any travel outside of Victoria without the homestay family.
- We understand that extra transportation may need to be provided depending on the student's activities.
- We understand any activities needing a Parent/Guardian signature must be signed by the Program Director or his designate. This DOES NOT include papers sent home by schools – these may be signed by the homestay parent.
- We understand an international student is not permitted to use drugs or alcohol.
- We understand an international student is not permitted to drive any motorized vehicle.
- We understand student placements are made on the “best match” possible. There is no guarantee a student will be placed in our home.
- We will contact our home insurance provider to let them know that we may be hosting an international student and will ensure we carry enough liability insurance to cover a guest in our home.
- We understand that one adult member of the household must attend a Homestay Orientation/Update session each year.
- I give permission for my telephone number, address and email to be included on lists sent to homestay families (this is so students can contact each other, and to help with car-pooling for homestays)

Date: _____

Homestay Parent(s)