

HOMESTAY APPLICATION FORM

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STUDENT'S DETAILS

Family Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____
Date of Birth: ___/___/___ (DD/MM/YY) Age: _____
Nationality: _____ Gender: Male Female
Course Start Date: ___/___/___ Do you smoke? Yes No
Arrival Date in Australia: ___/___/___ (Not your departure date) Time of Arrival: _____ am/pm
Do you need Airport Pick Up: Yes No Flight Number: _____

AGENT'S DETAILS

Agent Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

HOMESTAY PREFERENCES

Room Requested: Single (\$240/wk) Shared (\$220/wk) Total Length of Stay: _____ weeks
Homestay Start Date: ___/___/___ (DD/MM/YY) Homestay End Date: ___/___/___ (DD/MM/YY)
Host family requested: Smoker: No Yes Doesn't matter
Has Children: No Yes Doesn't matter
Has Pets: No Yes Doesn't matter
Do you have any allergies? _____

REMARKS (Special requests, special diet, medical conditions etc.)

BOOKING CONDITIONS (A non-refundable booking fee of \$175 is applicable):

- General Conditions:
- Your booking and fees must be sent with your arrival details at least 2 weeks prior to your arrival.
 - Homestay fees are based on a minimum of 4 weeks stay. The first 4 weeks of homestay fees are not refundable if you cancel homestay after arrival or leave the homestay before the end of the first 4 weeks.
 - If you require your homestay host's details before your visa is granted and your visa is subsequently refused, the first 2 weeks homestay fees are non refundable.
 - Any refund of homestay fees will be given at the discretion of AFTA College NSW.
 - To change or leave a Homestay after the first 4 weeks, the host must be given at least 2 weeks (14 days) notice or paid 2 weeks in lieu (instead) of notice.
 - Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner (every day) ; Lunch (Saturday-Sunday i.e. weekends only).
 - Once a booking is made, the Booking Fee of \$175 is NOT refundable under any circumstances.
 - Single Homestay refers to a single room, but there may be more than one student in the home. Shared Homestay refers to a shared room (2 in one room) and is available only to bookings of 2 or more students who already know each other.
 - Homestay fees are based on students being 18 years of age or older. Special conditions apply to students under the age of 18, including Guardianship requirements. Please enquire.
 - By signing this form, you give the college, its employees, agents, representatives and associates express permission to forward and keep your personal details to perform this service on your behalf.
 - All conditions are subject to change without notice and other conditions may apply depending on Homestay families and Australian Government regulations.

I declare that I have read and understood the above conditions. I accept the above conditions:

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___ (DD/MM/YY)

Office Use Only
Payment received: Homestay Airport pickup Date: ___/___/___ Initials: _____
Homestay & Airport pickup booked with: _____
Notes: _____

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GUIDELINES FOR HOMESTAY STUDENTS

Students who stay in Homestays are treated to a unique Australian cultural experience. Homestay is an entirely different concept to hotel or apartment accommodation. Students are welcomed into their host' home as a family member. Subsequently, they will be expected to treat their host family, as they would be their own family.

Homestay provides students with a comfortable, caring environment. It is expected that students will treat their host families with the same level of respect that they would show to their own families, and abide by the rules of the house that are in place to ensure their general safety. Students should be able to talk openly with their host family about any problems they may be experiencing. AFTA College NSW staff members are also available to help students with sensitive issues.

To live in harmony and peace in the new home, the student should understand the day-to-day activities of his/her new family. If everyone is aware of these and works as a team, minor misunderstandings or difficulties can be overcome quickly. It is important that you discuss the living arrangements and make sure you are agreeable with the terms. The following information may help you to avoid problems happening

- **Accommodation** in homestay gives you a wonderful opportunity to learn and practice your English. Your stay will be a most enjoyable experience if you follow the simple guidelines set out in this orientation kit.
- **Bathrooms** are shared in most homes; please leave the bathroom clean and tidy after use. Most Australian homes have "tank" hot water systems, so showers are usually no longer than 10 minutes.
- **Complaints** – talk to your family if you have a problem or a difficulty or ring AFTA College NSW
- **Damages** to the host family's property. Accidents and breakages happen – tell your host immediately and say you are very sorry. In some cases you will be required to pay for any damage you cause, even if it was an accident.
- **Every time** you arrive home say **HELLO** and when you leave home say **GOOD BYE**
- **Food** - breakfast and dinner will be provided 7 days. A light lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday only if you are at home.
- **Going out** with your family is a great way to learn about Sydney and to share in your family's life. Always pay for your transport and admission tickets.
- **Homestay is not a hotel.** Your homestay host is not a servant but a person who is offering you a bedroom and facilities in his/her home and wishes to find out more about you and your country.
- **Important Words** – Always follow a request with PLEASE. Always say THANK YOU when you are shown a kindness or your family does something nice for you.
- **Join** your host family in the kitchen and help prepare dinner or wash-up or watch TV with the family.
- **Keep** your bedroom tidy and clean please.....
- **Lock** the doors and windows turn-off lights/heaters, when you leave the house
- **Make sure** have your own soap, toothbrush, shampoo and deodorant
- **Never** have overnight visitors to your homestay host's home without first asking permission. Also ask your homestay when it is convenient for friends to visit
- **On arrival** at homestay your host would enjoy seeing photos of your family and if you are bringing gifts to the family bring inexpensive tokens or handicrafts from your country.
- **Phone calls** always must be paid for or make a reserve paid call to your family.
- **Quietly** shut doors and speak quietly if members of the family are asleep.
- **Respect** your host family and behave like a member of the family and be helpful, considerate and pleasant.
- **Students** must give homestay 14 days (two weeks) notice before leaving homestay.
- **Try** to learn as much about Australian life from your family and their friends. Take your dictionary to the dinner table to help you all communicate.
- **Washing**, each family has their own routine please talk to your host. Do not hang wet clothes to dry in your room.
- **Your room** will have a bed, desk chair, lamp, and cupboard for hanging and folding clothes. Bed linen and towel will be provided