

International Students Homestay

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Rationale

1. To meet the requirements of the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016.
2. To provide a suitable living environment conducive to study and to a safe and supportive home life.
3. To involve a host family in the welfare of a student away from the student's family and home country.

Requirements

1. International students are enrolled at the College only if appropriate accommodation is available to them, either through the College's homestay programme or with an approved designated caregiver.
2. Students must either be in a homestay provided by the school and monitored by the Homestay Co-ordinator or in an approved homestay designated by the student's parents.
3. If parents have designated a homestay outside the school's homestay programme, the parents must sign the designated caregiver section of the application for enrolment form.
4. For students in the school homestay programme, homestay payments are made to Waiuku College in advance at the beginning of each term or year.
5. Students are not permitted to own or rent a flat/room/house/apartment or live on their own.
6. If there are problems in a particular homestay, the student should first discuss the situation with the International Homestay Co-ordinator.
7. Should the problems persist, the Homestay Co-ordinator shall arrange for a change of homestay.
8. Students must not make their own private homestay arrangements while in an approved homestay.
9. Students are required to exhibit appropriate behaviour.
10. All homestay families in the school's homestay programme shall meet with the Ministry of Education's mandatory Code of Practice 2016.
11. The homestay and the designated caregiver to provide meals, do laundry and ensure that the homestay environment meets the needs of the student.
12. The homestay will assist the student to successfully integrate into the New Zealand lifestyle.

13. Special care shall be taken with all students under the age of eighteen years in accordance with the Ministry of Education's mandatory requirements.
14. Where a student's behaviour or demands are such that homestay hosts cannot negotiate a satisfactory outcome, parents will be informed and the student may be either moved to a new homestay or, if school rules are breached, asked to leave the College.
15. Should Waiuku College believe a student has been, or is at risk of being ill-treated, harmed, abused or neglected, the Homestay Co-ordinator will move the student immediately. CYFS or the New Zealand Police will be notified of the concerns in accordance with the "Breaking the Cycle" CYFS reporting protocol.

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