

# LIVING IN A HOMESTAY

## HOMESTAY FEES

Homestay Placement Fee	= \$220.00
Airport Pick-up fee	= \$95.00
Homestay Fees	= \$240.00 per week
Holiday Room-Holding Fee	= \$100.00 per week

## WHAT THE HOMESTAY FEES COVERS

1. A single room accommodation with meals as follows:  
*Weekdays (Monday to Friday):* Breakfast & Dinner or 2 meals per day (including at least one cooked meal);  
*Weekends (Sat.-Sunday, including holidays):* Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner or 3 meals a day (including at least one cooked meal);
2. Period during Summer Breaks is not considered holidays. Student & host will have to agree on conditions about paying for the lunch during weekdays if student will just stay home.
3. Internet access/connection is **not included** in the Homestay Fee. Host may ask student to pay extra amount for internet. It is recommended that student purchase their own internet connections (i.e., Wi-Fi, modem, etc.) through any local NZ providers.
4. Placement/booking fee of \$220 applies to all arrangements or placements made and confirmed.  
**Succeeding bookings after the first placement** will also be charged accordingly.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Four weeks in advance - cash, EFTPOS, cheque, or automatic payment **ONLY through the school's Finance Department** at Room 207 (Ask for Vivian or Gabriela). NO PAYMENT will be made DIRECTLY to the host family.

**MOVING OUT OF HOMESTAY:** **Two-Week Notice** for terminating homestay arrangement is required. Termination date is from the date the host family signs the move-out form.

## YOUR HOMESTAY ENVIRONMENT

- **Your Bedroom** - A student's homestay bedroom includes basic furniture such as a bed, study table, chair, wardrobe and/or cupboard. Students are entitled to an uninterrupted study time in their bedroom. Students are responsible for maintaining cleanliness of the room, which includes fixing your own bed and tidying up of your room all the time.
- **Other areas of your homestay house** - Students are responsible for cleaning up any mess in other areas of the house.

## CONDITIONS TO OBSERVE WHILE IN A HOMESTAY

1. **Smoking policy** - NO SMOKING inside the house.
2. **Drug and alcohol policy** - NO drugs and alcohol permitted at all times.
3. **Pets** - No pets allowed unless consented by host family.
4. **Phone Calls**
  - **Time limit** (*only for local calls. International calls not allowed*) - No more than 10 minutes per call.
  - **Free local calls.** Toll calls to be recorded in a book supplied by the host family. Tolls and GST to be paid according to each bill. Collect toll calls not to be accepted unless agreed between the student and the host.
5. **Visitors / Family members and friends of the student** - Allow visitors only in areas designated by the host family. Allow refreshment, i.e. tea or coffee, ONLY if permitted by host family. Restrict noise level. Restrict length of stay of visitors inside the house. No overnight visitor unless consented by host family.
6. **Parties** - No parties inside the house unless consented by host family.
7. **Household chores** - It is customary in New Zealand that people who stay in your home help with simple chores like setting the table, drying the dishes, making their beds, helping with laundry, etc.
8. **Laundry:** Host family will do washing for their student **once a week**, but the student may help in drying, folding and putting these to the clothes cabinet. If student prefers to do the washing, host may agree but has to teach him/her how to use the machine and how to dry the clothes. He/She can do ironing, if preferred or necessary. Host supplies a laundry basket.
9. **Meals** - The student may prepare his/her own breakfast as provided by host family. Lunch may be provided but will be an extra cost, not to be part of the weekly homestay fee. Arrangements may be done between host and student. For dinner time, the student MUST know the meal time and has to inform the host at least one hour beforehand if coming late or will not be eating dinner at home. The student MUST help with washing and drying dishes. Student should prepare own meals when host family is away.
10. **Transport** - The student is responsible for his/her own transport unless by arrangement with host family.
11. **Coming home late/ Going away for holidays** - The student MUST inform the host family in advance if coming late or going away for holiday. If away for a week or more, pay the holiday/room holding fee while on holiday.