

FAMILY HOMESTAY GUIDELINES

1. New Zealanders are very friendly. Students will be welcomed into their homestay family. Accommodation includes 3 meals a day and access to laundry facilities.
2. Students will be invited to join in all the family outings and activities.
3. Students are expected to eat with the family members. In New Zealand often everyone eats at the same table and all at the same time.
4. Homestay family needs to know at all times where the student is going to be. If intending to stay away overnight, the student is expected to give an address and contact phone number. Students would be expected to get permission from the homestay parents or the International Student Co-ordinator to stay away overnight so that they can ensure the arrangement is suitable.
5. Students are not required to help with household chores, but are expected to help with setting the table, drying dishes, making their own bed etc. Students should keep their rooms tidy.
6. The homestay host will help if the student needs medical care. Students are responsible for their own medical costs. Medical Insurance must be taken out to cover illness / accidents.
7. Students are expected to pay for their own telephone calls and faxes. Calls in the Napier region are free; calls to other regions of New Zealand and overseas can be made on a phone card or by charging to a private account which will be recovered from the student. All calls from Homestay phone made to cell phone need to be given permission. Students should be considerate in using the telephone and ask permission for long distance calls.
8. If the student wishes to bring friends to the homestay she should first obtain the homestay parents' permission. If the student is to be late home from school the homestay parents should be informed. If the student wishes to go out in the evening / weekend she should ask permission from the homestay parents with details of the destination and time expected home. If permission is not granted, the student is to accept the decision.
9. In New Zealand most families go to bed early and noise is not acceptable after that time. Students can use headphones for radios and CD's to avoid disturbing the household.

10. Students will supply their own toiletries, e.g. shampoo, toothpaste and follow the normal New Zealand hygiene practices and routines. Linen and bedding is supplied and heating is provided. Students will need to check
11. That any electrical appliances they have brought with them conform to New Zealand standards.

Sacred Heart College Homestays

Homestay accommodation is provided in good quality housing. New Zealand homes are usually stand alone with a garden and lawns.

Accommodation is usually within a bus ride of the school. Some students may walk or bike to school or take a bus.

Homestay accommodation costs NZ\$175.00 (subject to change) per week. A full school year homestay is usually 46 weeks. If you decide to stay longer there will be additional costs.

Students will have their own bedroom similar to this one.

