

Homestay

Would you like to know more about
hosting an international student?



Macleod College

A State Prep – Year 12 School

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Homestay – International Students

We start 2021 with 30 International Students enrolled with us in mainstream educational programs and once travel restrictions ease we will again welcome International Students into both our Intensive English Language Centre and mainstream classes. While many of our students are here and living with a family member there are many who are placed in homestay arrangements organised by the school.

With Macleod College being a school of choice for many overseas families looking to provide their children with the study abroad experience, the majority of our homestay students will arrive in year 9 or 10 and stay with us until they complete their VCE / VCAL studies.

When looking for a suitable homestay family for our students we ask ourselves whether the potential homestay provider has:

- A furnished spare bedroom which has all the necessities for a teenager (bed, study space, wardrobe space, storage space and of course Wifi access)?
- A welcoming and caring potential home away from home and a desire to include the student in the family's commitments and social calendar?
- A willingness to encourage the student to immerse themselves in Australian culture and the English language, making networks to enhance the student's experience?
- The capacity to act as a parent might, by monitoring course progress, attendance, wellbeing and attending meetings such as Parent Teacher Interviews?
- A valid Working With Children Check for all over 18's living in the house?

Families who are able to provide the complete package are offered a weekly fee of approx. \$320 (personal expenses excluded).

After we have found a potential homestay we simply try to find a student that will fit with this provider based on personal preferences, extracurricular activities and family composition.

Do you think you might like to provide homestay to one of our international students?

Please contact the International Student Coordinator,

Colleen Cochrane, for more information cochrane.colleen.m@education.vic.gov.au or call 9459 0222.

Remember you don't have to commit to a lifetime of provision and you can always change your mind as your circumstances change.

Being a Homestay family has proven to have many benefits for my family.

It allows us to build a meaningful & hopefully a lifelong relationship with the student who lives with us.

These relationships then provide each of us with a range of personal advantages that we may not otherwise have built during our life, such as:

- *We are able to exchange & learn about the home and customs of each other and thus enhance our personal cultural awareness on an international level.*
- *It allows us to view our home, family and country through the eyes of our homestay student and thus better appreciate how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country.*
- *By sharing our home with others we learn about ourselves & build qualities such as patience, tolerance & empathy for others.*
- *We open up the world to possible reciprocal travel.*

We would never regret opening our home and our hearts to a homestay student.

Leanne Bullas -Current Homestay Provider



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