

South Australian Government Schools

Study Tour Homestay Application Form



**Thank you for putting your
hand up for our school!**

Your invitation to apply for the Homestay
program for overseas Study Tour students.



Hosting a student from overseas on a Study Tour could make a world of difference.

For them and you.

Discover a family activity that is deeply satisfying and emotionally rewarding by taking a student under your wing, caring for them, making them feel welcome and giving them a taste of Aussie life.



What will your family learn by hosting a student from overseas?

Every family gets something different from the experience. There is no doubt you will all learn a lot about a new culture, food, language, customs and traditions but you will also have the chance to:

- participate in activities and meet other host families
- be a tourist in your own town and State as you show them around
- make lifelong friendships with your student and their family

You'll care for them and we'll support you.

When you host an international student, they will become a member of your family. Your student will be a long way from home and in your care so you will be expected to provide them with a safe, supportive and welcoming home environment.

As a homestay, you will be required to provide your student with:

- a furnished bedroom inside the family home (not a separate dwelling)
- all meals
- use of utilities (i.e. water, electricity and gas)
- use of facilities (e.g. access to TV, iron, laundry)

You will also be expected to:

- support your student in their studies
- monitor your student's health and well-being
- accept duty of care for your student outside of school hours

Whilst it's undoubtedly a responsibility looking after someone else's son or daughter, it's one you won't have to face alone. You will be provided with:

- a personalised home visit and information session
- a homestay allowance
- support from our school Study Tour coordinator
- 24 hour emergency telephone support service





Application Information

Steps to become a Homestay

1 Homestay Application

Complete the Homestay Application form.

Alternatively, you can apply online on our school website.

Please ensure that you answer every question.

The Code of Conduct and Quality Service Expectations for hosting an international student are available on our school website.



2 Criminal History Screening

Complete the Child Related Employment Screening (criminal history screening) form. You do not need to do this if you already have a current clearance from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI). The Child Related Employment Screening clearance is valid for 3 years.

All persons over the age of 18 residing in your home (except international students studying in a South Australian government school) are required to have a Child Related Employment Screening clearance.

3 Submit your forms

Submit your Homestay Application form and a Child Related Employment Screening form (or current DCSI clearance letter) for each person over the age of 18 residing in your home to our school Study Tour coordinator.



4 Home visit and interview

The final step to become a homestay is a visit and interview in your home.

Once your application has been assessed and satisfactory criminal history screening/s has been received, our school Study Tour coordinator will contact you to arrange a home visit and interview.

We will explain your obligations in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.

You are now ready to host a student!

If successful, you will be accredited as one of our valued homestays and we look forward to allocating a Study Tour student to stay with your family!



What happens now?

Placing a Student

As soon as we have received the list of students participating in the Study Tour at our school, we will carefully match them with suitable homestays according to the details they have provided. You will receive details of your student upon acceptance of the placement.

Meeting your Student

Our school Study Tour coordinator will receive the Study Tour flight details approximately 2 weeks prior to the group's arrival and will arrange for you to meet at school with the other participating homestay families to collect your student.

Ongoing Support

You will receive ongoing support during your time as a homestay via:

- a homestay allowance
- support from our school Study Tour coordinator
- 24 hour emergency telephone support service



Application Form

School Name

1 People Living in your Home

Please list all persons residing in your home including family members, other international students and those who stay overnight on a temporary basis.

Resident	Relationship to Homestay Applicant	Family Name	Given Name	M/F	Date of Birth	Occupation and working hours or school attending
1	Applicant					
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

2 Contact Details

Home address

Postal address (if different from above)

Home telephone

Mobile 1

Mobile 2

Email 1

Email 2



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3 Emergency Contact Details

Name

Address

Relationship to Homestay Applicant

Contact phone number/s

Email

4 About Your Family

What is your family cultural background?

What is the main language spoken at home?

What other languages are spoken at home?

What activities do you regularly enjoy as a family?

Does your family have special dietary preferences? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify

Does your family have pets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify (including whether they are inside or outside pets)

Does anyone in the home smoke? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, do they smoke inside the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Other Information

What kind of accommodation can you offer? ☐ Single Room ☐ Shared Room

How will the student travel to and from school?



6 Homestay Service Agreement and Declaration

- ☐ I declare that the information given in this application form is complete and correct.
- ☐ I understand that to host an international student:
 - a satisfactory Criminal History Screening is required for all persons over the age of 18 residing in the home
 - a suitable student match is available and accepted by the education agent and/or overseas family
- ☐ I understand that before a match can be accepted, my name, contact and family details will be provided to the education agent and/or overseas family, together with photos of my family and home.
- ☐ I am aware of my child protection and duty of care responsibilities as detailed in the *Code of Conduct and Quality Service Expectations*.
- ☐ I understand that I am responsible for ensuring compliance with any other regulations that may affect or be affected by my hosting of an international student (e.g. Centrelink, ATO, Local Council and Residential Tenancies).

Applicant Signature:

Date:



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