



Trinity College Homestay Programme Information for Country Students

Country students often require weekly boarding, going home for weekends and holidays. Term boarding is also available.

Host families are local families, often with children of their own at Trinity College. Some host families have grown up children, reveling in the opportunity to share again in a young student's hopes and ambitions. Homestay promises to enrich the lives of the student and each member of the host family.

Screening Host Families

All members of host families over 18 require a police check and a home visit at a time when all family members who live in the home are present.

Once a host family has met all screening requirements, they can be matched with students.

In making a good match for both students and families, we consider:

- Similar interests (recreation, hobbies, sporting and cultural activities)
- Similar ages of siblings, if possible
- Personalities and values of the individuals
- Any specific requests

The College will monitor the educational and social wellbeing of the student. The College will select a suitable a host family and maintain open communication with them.

Meeting the Host Family

Prior to a student's placement with a host family, there will be an opportunity to visit the family. At this first meeting, you are encouraged to discuss:

- Rules and expectations
- Responsibilities for household tasks
- Normal household routines: meal and retirement times, study hours
- Going out with friends and curfews
- Use of telephone and computer

Student's Responsibilities

The student will be required to:

- Immerse themselves in the educational and cultural life of the school and the social life of the family
- Respect the needs of both the host family and the College
- Be considerate when using host family utilities – ie telephone, internet, showers of less than 10 minutes, turning off lights/heaters
- Keep their bedroom tidy

Fee Schedule

Country students usually travel home on Friday after school for the weekend, returning to the host family on Sunday afternoon.

\$150 per week (5 nights)

\$30 per additional night

NB: The fee does not include cost of travel to and from school if required.

Fee includes:

- Matching host family and student
- Inspecting homestay accommodation
- Host family security clearance
- Introduction to host family
- Host family remuneration
- Regular contact with homestay coordinator, host family and student

The host family will provide:

- A separate and private fully furnished bedroom
- Use of living areas
- Use of household items including towels, sheets, blankets
- Laundry services or facilities
- Safe, tidy and hygienic environment
- Three meals a day
- Organise transport to and from school

Accommodation fee does not include:

- Phone/internet costs
- Personal items
- Over-use of utilities



Student Details

Do you have any medical problems (including allergies, optical, dental)? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Is there any food that you cannot eat for health or religious reasons? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Are there any other children in your family? (Please list below) Yes No

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

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Many Australian families have pets (eg cats, dogs, birds). Would this be a problem for you? Yes No

If yes, what kind of animals do you not like:

Do you smoke? Yes No What is your religion (optional)? _____

What activities (sport, hobbies, interests) do you enjoy when you are not studying?

Are there any activities you especially want to undertake when you are studying in Australia?

What other information about you should a homestay family know?



Homestay Agreement

In applying for homestay with the Trinity College programme, I/we confirm that I/we have read and understand the rules and responsibilities and that I/we agree to be fully bound by them. If I break any of these rules, Trinity College may send me back to my native country. I agree to reimburse the host family for any damage I may cause. I authorise Trinity College staff or host family to take whatever action necessary to obtain medical or other treatment in the event of an emergency or accident or illness without incurring any liability or expense. This may include but not be limited to my placement in a hospital, use of doctor services and transportation to my home country at my own expense.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Student Signature	Date		
_____	_____	_____	_____
Parent Signature	Date	Parent Signature	Date

Rules of Conduct for Homestay Students

1. Students are not allowed to travel outside the local area alone or with other teenagers. Overnight travel is allowed only with an approved group such as school.
2. Students are not to hitch-hike.
3. Students are not to take jobs outside their host homes. They are expected to participate fully in household chores.
4. Students are not allowed to smoke, drink alcohol or take non-prescriptive drugs.
5. The use of any illegal drugs or any association with anyone involved with illegal drugs in any way will cause the student to be expelled from the College.
6. A student is to gain their host family's approval before taking part in activities; ie. the family must know where the student is, with whom, and when she/he will return home – at all times.
7. Students are not to borrow money from the homestay family or any other persons, nor allow them to pay any amounts owing by the student on their behalf.
8. Students may not make international telephone calls at the expense of the homestay family.
9. The representatives of the College will make decisions regarding emergency medical treatment, in consultation with the relevant medical authority while on homestay. The parents of the student will be informed immediately of the need for any such treatment.