



Blue Mountain College International Students

Homestay Policy

All students who study at Blue Mountain College must be homestay. The school has this as a requirement because it believes it is in the best interest of the students. Academic language and greater study times are available within a homestay environment. It is a safer environment.

Homestays are arranged for the student by the Homestay Manager employed by the college. Students must complete a "Request for Homestay" application prior to their arrival in New Zealand to assist the Homestay Manager in finding a suitable family.

Management of Homestays

The school employs a Homestay Manager to select and monitor homestay carers for International Students. The focus is on finding families who will provide a safe physical and emotional environment.

Guidelines

1. All Homestay carers over the age of 18 years of age will be police vetted
2. The Homestay Manager will make an assessment of the homestay carer's suitability to provide suitable accommodation and appropriate physical and emotional support and guidance
3. The school provides guidelines and support structure for homestay providers through the homestay manager
4. The homestay manager will carry out ongoing monitoring of the homestay families. This involves a physical visit to each students home at least once a term

Appendix

1. A profile of homestay carers must be produced. This needs to include:
 - a. Full names of all residents
 - b. Address and contact phone numbers
 - c. Occupations
 - d. All information of relevance (description of home, family interests etc)
2. All caregivers are provided with copies of policies and guidelines relating to the care of students
3. Information about the homestay family must be provided to the Director of International Students in order for the student's family and agent to be fully informed about arrangements for the student's care
4. A Homestay Contract must be signed by parents of students under the age of 20 years of age before a student is placed in Homestay
5. A Homestay Provider Agreement must be signed by both Homestay Parent and Homestay Manager and a copy retained by both parties.

Date approved: _____ Approved by: _____

Date to be reviewed: 2022

Practice

Blue Mountain College has agreed to observe and be bound by the **Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students**. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority – website at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/coming-to-study-in-new-zealand/international-student-care/>