



Homestay and Airport Pickup Arrangements

Policy

Carrick provides a Homestay arrangement for students to benefit from the experience of living in an English speaking household. Homestay endeavours to enhance the learning experience of students by establishing a very worthwhile friendship with Homestay families.

Carrick can also arrange for students to be met upon arrival at the airport and taken to their accommodation. This is called 'Airport Pickup' and is arranged by Carrick's Homestay and Airport Pickup provider, Australian Homestay Network (AHN). Please refer to AHN's website (www.homestaynetwork.org) for information regarding Airport Pickup terms, conditions and fees.

Students under the age of 18 who request homestay should also refer to SMP 7 Under 18 Years of Age Accommodation and Welfare Arrangements policy for additional requirements and guidelines.

Guidelines

- 1.0 All homestay placement requests will be made through AHN whose guidelines ensure that the following criteria are met by their Homestay families.
 - a. Stability of arrangement;
 - b. Suitability of family and accommodation to the age and sex of the student;
 - c. Provision of appropriate leisure time activities;
 - d. Appropriate supervision; and
 - e. Limits to the number of students accommodated in one home.

- 2.0 AHN has the following in place:
 - a. Guidelines and criteria for the selection of the host family and the type of accommodation;
 - b. An orientation program for members of approved first time families;
 - c. A form of contract with homestay families;
 - d. On-site inspection of accommodation before approval is given; and
 - e. An Agreement with Carrick which outlines the terms and conditions of the agreement and AHN's services and obligations.

3.0 Homestay Conditions

- 3.1. Homestay fees vary depending on the level of service and the Australian State where the student will be living.
 - 3.1.1. The weekly fee ranges from \$250 to \$300 per week.
 - 3.1.2. A placement fee of \$200 applies to each homestay application.
- 3.2. Minimum stay at a homestay is four weeks. Payment for the four weeks is not refundable once stay has commenced.
- 3.3. Homestay includes own room, food and space to study.
- 3.4. All student homestay applications must be submitted online via the Australian Homestay Network (www.homestaynetwork.org).
 - 3.4.1. Homestay applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to date of arrival.
 - 3.4.2. AHN will issue the homestay profile after they receive the student's flight details.
 - 3.4.3. The homestay profile will be available for students to view online on AHN's website (www.homestaynetwork.org) two weeks prior to arrival.
- 3.5. The homestay placement fee and the first four weeks of homestay must be paid in advance.
 - 3.5.1. The placement fee is non-refundable unless the student visa is not granted.
- 3.6. Cancellation of homestay requests must be received in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start of the homestay arrangement
 - 3.6.1. Cancellations received after the 48-hour deadline may result in the first four weeks of fees not being refunded.
- 3.7. For more information on homestay, please refer to Australian Homestay Network (www.homestaynetwork.org).

- 4.0 Whilst staying in homestay, students can contact the Student Services Department with any homestay issues, requests or feedback.

Related Policies

SMP 7 Under 18 Years of Age Accommodation and Welfare Arrangements

Policy Locations

P: Drive

Website

Student Management SMP 21

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