



KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Kingsway Christian College does not offer Boarding House facilities for students. However, where possible, the College will assist parents of International Students to secure accommodation with a suitable College family. The following information and guidelines form part of the Accommodation Policy which governs this process. Regional students are covered by the same guidelines and policy.

INTRODUCTION:

Overseas students enrolled at Kingsway Christian College have the unique opportunity to experience life in an Australian household.

If you want your child to be accommodated in the home of a College family, you need to keep in mind the cultural and operational differences of the Australian household.

For example, in Australia, it is quite normal for both the mother and the father of the household to be employed at a job outside of the home. This is not so in all households, but it is not considered to be unusual.

It is generally *unusual* for most households to have paid servants, maids, or general help. In Australia the whole family takes responsibility for the various tasks needed to help the household function smoothly. Your child should expect to be part of this process.

What will this require? Well, often mother will cook the meal in the evening. However, the children or father may clean up after the meal, and wash and put away the dishes. In some households, father may cook the meals and children or mother may tidy away afterwards. Children also like to cook from time to time.

Children are generally expected to keep their own room and study place clean and tidy, including making their bed each day, sweeping/vacuuming their area. This might take place one afternoon after school, or on a Saturday morning family time. There may be other areas of the house or yard included in the child's tasks.

The main emphasis is an Australian household is generally a relaxed, friendly environment. Each home operates in a different way and students need to talk with their Homestay Family to find out how they can be part of the usual functions and tasks associated with the running of the household.

Remember, your child will learn English more quickly and integrate into the Australian way of life more smoothly, when living in a family where English is the first language.

The guidelines and rules set down in the *Rules for Living in Homestay Family Accommodation* document are designed to foster a congenial relationship between your child and the Homestay Family, and to help ensure their safety and security. Students must sign that they have read and understood the information, and agree to abide by the rules.

COST OF ACCOMMODATION

The recommended cost for full board and accommodation of a student is set at a minimum of AUD\$180 per week per student. The College reviews this cost each year. Listed below are items included/excluded from this cost:

Items Included:

Single bed accommodation, with an area for private study, including a desk, chair and lamp; transport to and from school where it is the normal routine to transport the children of the family to school; 3 meals per day, including breakfast, lunch, evening meal; snacks at home; lunch taken from home for school days usually comprising a sandwich, fruit and a drink; the costs of participating in a family social outing (i.e. family dinner, etc);

Items excluded:

Pocket money; international telephone calls; local telephone calls; all bus or train fares; personal toiletry items (shampoo, toothpaste, skin cleanser, deodorants, feminine products, make-up, etc); costs associated with social outings; extra curricular activities; private tuition; medical expenses, airport pickup or set-down.

Extra costs associated with accommodation:

Where a student needs to be regularly transported to and from activities such as sporting club events, training sessions, musical tuition, doctor's appointments, the cost of this transport will be charged in addition to the weekly accommodation fee, at approximately \$20 per week. Parents of overseas students must advise the College Registrar at the time of enrolment, and the Homestay Family of this extra need and add it to the weekly accommodation fee.

PAYMENT OF WEEKLY ACCOMMODATION

Payment arrangements must be made between the Homestay Family and the student's own parent. No money for accommodation is handled by Kingsway Christian College. However, it is recommended that payment four (4) weeks in advance be paid to the Homestay Family by direct transfer into a designated bank account. All costs to be calculated in Australian Dollars.

Note: if the room is to be retained during school holiday breaks when the student is absent, the Homestay Family may choose to charge a cost. This should be negotiated between the student's family and the Homestay Family.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POLICY

The Administrative Body of Kingsway Christian College is the Parent Controlled Christian Education Association (Northern Suburbs) Inc. This Association has developed a Policy to cover the enrolment of International Students at its schools.

Since the commencement of the International Student programme in 2000 there has been a growing interest in Homestay Family Accommodation at Kingsway Christian College. Homestay Family accommodation has also attracted interest from Australian students who live in regional and remote areas of Western Australia.

Homestay families are selected from the College community, and have their own children enrolled at Kingsway Christian College. The parents of these families must make an application to the College to offer accommodation to international or regional students. They must also provide a Criminal History Clearance for all people over 18 years of age who reside in their home, and be willing to have an inspection of their home on a regular basis or at short notice.

The parents of an international or regional student are able to meet with the Homestay Family to discuss their child and visit the proposed accommodation prior to finalizing any arrangements.

After commencement at the College, the student and the Homestay parents will be contacted to ensure the accommodation arrangements are running smoothly. International students will also be in regularly weekly contact with the International Student Coordinator who will liaise with secondary school staff on any matters of concern.

A student cannot change accommodation arrangements without first discussing the matter with the Registrar. To make a change of accommodation without consulting the Registrar may result in the enrolment being cancelled.

All enquiries regarding accommodation should be made to the Registrar.