

Homestay Application



Melbourne | Australia

Homestay Permission Notice

All international students at ELTHAM College are required to live with a Homestay family arranged and approved by the College unless they will be living close to the College with a parent, a person who has legal custody of the student, or a relative nominated by the parents. Whilst your child is staying with a homestay family in Australia, he/she will be cared for as if your child was a member of the homestay family. You need to agree to this understanding and to each of the following points numbers 1 to 7.

- 1 I agree that my son/daughter will live with a homestay family as if he/she were a member of that family.
- 2 I agree that the homestay parents will have responsibility for the daily care and control of my son/daughter and the right and responsibility to make decisions concerning his/her daily care and control. Please note, however, that once a student turns 18 years of age, he/she does not require a custodial carer under the conditions of his/her Student Visa. However, it is an expectation that homestay students over 18 years of age will abide by the College guidelines for students living in homestay accommodation.
- 3 I agree that my son/daughter may travel with the homestay family on trips/excursions and holidays.
- 4 I agree that the homestay parents may give consent to ELTHAM College for my son/daughter to participate in school organised events and excursions.
- 5 I agree that the homestay parents will not be liable to us for any loss or injury suffered by my son/daughter or for any decision made by the homestay parents whilst acting as custodial parents.
- 6 I agree that the homestay parents will have the right to make emergency decisions where my son/daughter is at risk, or is in need of medical assistance including surgery.
- 7 I agree to pay for any medical costs incurred which are not covered by my son/daughter's Overseas Student Health Cover.

To guide the homestay family, you are also requested to agree or disagree with the following additional points.

If you disagree with a point, please rule a line through and initial the deletion.

- 8 I agree that my son/daughter may drive in Australia if licensed to do so.
- 9 I agree that my son/daughter may smoke tobacco if over the age of 18 year of age, but not at school or in the home of the homestay family.
- 10 I agree that my son/daughter may consume alcohol responsibly if over the age of 18 years.
- 11 I agree that the homestay parents will have access to my child's academic reports.

Parents Authorisation

As parents of

Student's name

I _____ and I _____
Father's name Mother's Name

approve the Homestay arrangements made by ELTHAM College on our behalf, and more specifically agree to the points number 1 – 7 listed above, and also to the point numbered 8 – 11 that have not been deleted by us.

Signature of Father/Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Mother/Legal Guardian

Date

Homestay Preferences

To help us place students with an appropriate family, please complete the following. This information will be used as a guide only. We may not be able to satisfy all your needs. **Please tick your son/daughters choice and give details where appropriate..**

Your son/daughter would prefer to live with:

- A single person
- An older couple with no children
- A family with young children
- A family with teenage children
- A family with other international students
- No preference

Most Australian families have at least one pet, often a cat or dog. Your son/daughter:

- Likes pets
- Would prefer no pets
- Is allergic to (please specify type of animal)

Most Australians have interests or hobbies besides work and study. What are your son/daughter's interests and hobbies?

- Sport (please list)
- Musical instrument (please list)
- Horse riding
- Woodwork
- Drawing/painting
- Crafts
- Other (please list)
- Photography
- Reading
- Dancing
- Community or charity work

Describe your family

If you have family or friends living in Melbourne or elsewhere in Australia, please give details.

Name Address
Name Address

Will your son/daughter be going home for Christmas and other school holidays?