

Year 8 National EXCHANGE PROGRAM



KINROSS WOLAROI
SCHOOL

HOST FAMILY CODE OF CONDUCT

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Adults (those of 18 years of age) of the Host Family are required to obtain and maintain a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). Copies of the WWCC and date of birth are to be lodged with the School.

Adults (those of 18 years of age) of the Host Family are required to have completed the School's induction process prior to hosting a student.

A home visit will occur prior to the exchange student's arrival.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Homestay hosts are expected to:

1. Develop positive relationships with the student based on mutual trust and communication,
2. Make the student aware of their "House Rules" and ensure they are explained. House rules should also be displayed somewhere, for example, on the fridge or given to the student as a printout.
3. Acknowledge each student will be different and have their own strengths and weaknesses.
4. Support and assist students to live comfortably within a foreign environment.
5. Respect the students' right to privacy whilst realising that privacy does not equate to isolation.
6. Acknowledge the significance of culture, customs, language and beliefs in the life of their student and accommodate these appropriately.
7. Assist, support and nurture where needed or requested, but keep in mind that a desire to please may be interpreted as interfering by the student.

GOOD CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The homestay is expected to:

1. Provide a safe environment that will offer the student a total experience of living as a member of an Australian family and which encourage positive study habits.
2. Provide the student with a private, clean and warm bedroom, good healthy food, laundry facilities and a supportive environment.
3. Offer help, guidance, support and encouragement with language practice and adapting to living in Australia (this may require patience and empathy and a willingness to show the student more than once).
4. Provide an orientation within the family home and explanation of the "House Rules" e.g. use of pool area and house facilities and security. Applicable house rules should be explained i.e. what time dinner is, telephone/ internet protocols, no smoking, no alcohol, guests visiting, curfews, household tasks and bathroom conduct.
5. Monitoring and controlling appropriate and reasonable internet usage in the home.
6. Offering interest in the cultural background of the student can assist in building a strong relationship between student and host.
7. Respect the students' need for privacy and allow them space to be alone.
8. Adapt a "duty of care" approach towards their homestay student.

9. Liaise with the Kinross Wolaroi School National Student Exchange Coordinator regarding any concerns or difficulties.
10. Be responsive to the cultural differences and beliefs of the homestay student by allowing the student to continue familiar cultural practices without criticism.
11. Adhere to guidelines, policies and procedures set down by Kinross Wolaroi School.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

As a host family, you may be able to offer a single room or other sleeping accommodation for the sole use of the exchange student, but it is acceptable that they share a room with another member of the family according to the following criteria:

1. Students will only share rooms with members of the same sex
2. Students will have their own bed
3. Access to bathroom facilities will not be via an adult's bedroom
4. Access to a bedroom or other room used by adults or people of the opposite sex should not be via the student's bedroom.
5. Privacy for dressing and undressing should be provided
6. Students must know the emergency exit route and plan for emergencies such as fire.

Ideally, there should not be a great age difference between children sharing the same bedroom. Sensitivity should be shown to the privacy and property of your guest.