



St. Peter's Catholic School

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOME STAY POLICY

All students who study at St Peter's Catholic School must be homestayd or live with their parent/s. The school has this as a requirement because it believes it is in the best interests of the students. Academic progress is enhanced when students are continually exposed to the use of the English language and greater study time is available within a homestay environment.

The St Peter's Catholic School Board of Trustees undertakes to comply with the accommodation provisions set out in Part 6 of the Code of Practice for the Pastoral care of International Students.

Homestays are arranged for the student by the school. Students must fill out a 'Student Profile' prior to their arrival in New Zealand to assist in finding a suitable family.

Management of Homestays:

The school selects and monitors homestay carers and designated caregivers for international students. The focus is on finding families who will provide a safe physical and emotional environment.

GUIDELINES:

1. All homestay carers must be 18 years of age and will be police vetted.
2. The school 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.
4. The school will carry out ongoing monitoring of the homestay. This involves a physical visit to each student's home at least once a term.

Appendix

1. A profile of homestay carers must be produced. This needs to include:
 - Full name of all residents
 - Address and contact phone numbers
 - Occupations
 - All information of relevance (description of home, family interests etc)
2. All caregivers are provided with guidelines relating to the care of students.
3. Information about the homestay family will be provided to the student's family and agent.

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

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Chairperson: Jason Lowe

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