



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN HOMESTAY

The well being of our students living away from home is of greatest importance to us. We seek to provide placements with families who are nurturing and caring and where students receive the same help and protection as other family members.

We encourage effective communication between the homestay family, the student and the College at all times.

- Students should be home from school by 6.00pm, except in very special circumstances and with approval from the homestay parent.
- If a student is unable to attend class for any reason, the homestay parent should contact USC office as early as possible to advise the reason for the non attendance.
- Students should go out socially only Friday and/or Saturday nights except on very special occasions. A curfew should be set to suit the student and the family. Failure to meet the curfew should be reported to Homestay and Student Services Officer.
- Homestay parents **MUST** know the students mobile number and the student's mobile **MUST** be turned on at all times when the student is away from the home.
- The student **MUST** know the phone number of the homestay and the homestay **MUST** be contactable at all times.
- The student needs to seek permission before going on outings and the homestay family **MUST** at all times know the whereabouts of the student, including who the student is with and when the student will return home.
- The student **MUST** make an effort to participate in family activities and to clean up after yourself in the home.
- The student **MUST** respect all household rules.
- The student agrees to only invite guests to the home with the knowledge and permission of the host family.
- In Australia, it is illegal for people to smoke or drink alcohol if they are under 18. It is also illegal to use drugs or to associate with anyone involved with illegal drugs.
- Students are not permitted to hitchhike.
- Students should be allowed to use the family telephone to make a reasonable number of local calls. Students **MUST** pay for any International calls or calls to mobiles made by them.
- It is not permitted for the students to borrow money from the homestay family or ask the homestay family to pay outstanding debts.
- It is not permitted for the homestay to borrow money from the student.



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- If a student returns home to visit his/her family for holidays, a recommended fee of no more than \$100 per week should be charged to hold the room.
- If a student wishes to leave the homestay, he/she is required to discuss the request to leave homestay with the Homestay and Student Services Officer, and, unless the situation is URGENT, give the homestay family 2 weeks notice or forfeit two weeks rent.
- If homestay parents no longer want to have the student living with their family, they are required to discuss the reasons with the Homestay and Student Services Officer and give at least 2 weeks notice.
- The student agrees NOT to change homes without the knowledge and permission of the Homestay and Student Services Officer.
- If the student wishes to move to another homestay, a placement fee of \$220 will be charged.
- Homestay families MUST ensure that their Insurance policies cover the belongings of the student.
- It is not permitted for the homestay family to accept money from a student or to charge any money other than the homestay fee suggested by USC. No bond will be charged. Any accidental damages to contents should be claimed on household contents insurance. The student will pay for any wilful damage. Any outstanding bills owing when the student leaves should be negotiated with the Student or if an agreement cannot be reached, contact the Homestay and Student Services Officer.
- The student is expected to treat everyone in the house with courtesy and respect.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the USC homestay program and agree to abide by them.

Homestay parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_