



## Wellington High School

### Accommodation Policy for International Students

**Rationale:**

In order for International Students to adjust well to life in a new culture and to achieve success at school it is essential that they are housed in a physically and emotionally warm, safe, secure and friendly environment. The school accepts the responsibility to ensure suitable accommodation for all international students.

**Purpose:**

To ensure all international students are housed appropriately

**Guidelines:**

- all students under the age of eighteen stay in school arranged home stay accommodation
- students over eighteen may stay in the hostel or private accommodation which is monitored by the Homestay Co-ordinator
- the school employs a Homestay Co-ordinator
- prospective host families are visited, assessed and vetted in accordance with the Code of Practice 2002
- the Homestay Co-ordinator and Dean of International students make an assessment of whether the homestay carer can provide suitable accommodation and appropriate physical and emotional support and guidance
- the school provides guidelines and support for the home stay carer
- the Homestay Co-ordinator carries out ongoing monitoring of homestay families and visits the students in the home twice a year
- any homestay problems are dealt with by the Homestay Co-ordinator - working with the homestay carer, the student, the Dean of International Students and the students' parents as necessary
- serious problems are discussed with the Principal
- the Dean of International Students monitors the Code of Practice and alerts the school to any changes that may impact on this policy

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