



Citipointe Christian College
THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COLLEGE BRISBANE



Citipointe Christian College
International

HOMESTAY POLICY

Visa condition 8532 requires that students under 18 years old maintain suitable accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements throughout the duration of study in Australia. At Citipointe Christian College and Citipointe Christian College International this condition applies also to students over 18 during the duration of studies in the College. (refer to [Welfare and Accommodation Policy](#))

The Homestay Program is administered by Citipointe Christian College International. The College recognises that Risk Management for child protection begins with the recruiting, screening and selection of the right people to serve as homestay hosts, and continues by having consistent procedures in place for all homestay hosts to follow, with adequate management and supervision to ensure they comply with these procedures.

Selection

Homestay families are chosen from the Church and College community, and usually have children who attend the College. They are selected with regard to the following guidelines:

- The homestay host must be an adult resident in Australia and must provide a stable family environment.
- An adult deemed suitable by the College must provide supervision equivalent to that provided by a parent.
- The family environment must be suitable for the age and gender of the student, and English should be the main language spoken in the home.
- The homestay family will be regular church attendees who will take the student to church with them each week.
- No more than two students are to be placed in one homestay. The number of students in a homestay should reflect the facilities available in the home.
- The accommodation and facilities provided by the homestay must meet the College's requirements for a safe and secure environment, and the College must be notified of any changes.
- No student will be placed with a homestay until the accommodation has been inspected and approved.

Screening

It is the policy of the College that all homestay hosts are cleared to work with children:

- All homestay hosts must be holders of current Blue Cards issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. In addition, every person living with the homestay host who is 18 years or over must be in possession of a current Blue Card. The only exception is where the homestay host is a relative of the student.
- All homestay hosts must provide the names and contact details of two referees, one preferably their Pastor, and these referees will be contacted to discuss the family's suitability to serve as homestay hosts.
- The College will undertake regular, on at least an annual basis, on-site visits to homestay hosts to view the accommodation offered.

Induction

Citipointe Christian College International has a written orientation process which applies to all homestay hosts and includes procedures for making homestay hosts aware of the legislation on Child Protection and the Code of Behaviour expected of them. The Induction process includes, but is not limited to, making homestay hosts aware of the protocols for the protection of children, such as matters related to being alone with a child, physical contact, privacy, language, bullying etc. All members of the homestay family must be present during orientation meetings. On-going training is provided to homestay hosts during regular home visits and other contact with the Homestay Coordinator.

Blue Cards

- All homestay hosts must have current Blue Cards where required by legislation.
- The College maintains a register of all homestay hosts.
- The College maintains a register of all Blue Card numbers and the dates for renewal.