



KATIKATI COLLEGE

HAVING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN YOUR HOME

Thank you for expressing interest in hosting international students. Below are the minimum basic requirements for having a long term homestay student in your house. If you are interested in having a short term student (one to three weeks), we tend to pair students with someone from their group who can share a room.

If you are interested please complete the application and police vet form.

Homestay students should be provided with:

Meals

➤ 3 meals a day and snacks, including a packed lunch during the school week. ➤

Laundry – washing and ironing.

➤ Bedroom with a table or desk, chair, mirror, reading lamp, bed with linen and blankets or duvet, heating system, chest of drawers and/or wardrobe. (bedroom must be in the main house).

Chores:

Children should not be expected to do a lot of chores, but should be asked to tidy their room and participate in family chores such as setting the table and doing the dishes.

Transport:

Homestay families are responsible for showing children how to get to and from school. If the child is to take the bus or walk a short distance with another child, a homestay parent should accompany the child on his/her first day. It may be necessary to accompany the child for the first few days or a week if the child is unsure about how to get to school. Children should not be expected to walk to the school alone and should not be given a bicycle to ride until they are familiar with the route taken.

Toiletries:



Children have been asked to provide their own soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and personal toiletries. Please help them to buy more when they run out.

Heating:

Children will feel the cold and adequate heating must be provided.

Communication: Children should have regular communication with their families. It is desirable that one phone call a week, and email access is provided. Payment for phone calls will be by the parents.

On Arrival:

Katikati College will meet your homestay student on arrival at the airport and bring him/her to your home. It is very welcoming if homestay families can also go to the airport. **Student Care:**

Homestay families are responsible for children for the school year, including school holidays. It is the homestay carers' responsibility to know where their child is, how they can be contacted and who they are spending their time with, at all times. A mobile phone number is not adequate as an only means of contact for a child.

Homestay carers need to have a physical address for the child's whereabouts. If a child is staying at a friend's place overnight, contact should be made with the host parents beforehand, and homestay carers should consider visiting the host home if possible. The International student manager must be notified.

When your student goes out, please ensure that he/she is carrying telephone numbers and addresses of both the school and the homestay.

Students must not be left alone in the house for any reason. If this is inconvenient because of an emergency or event that the student can not participate in, please contact Simon Finnimore 029 7777 371 for arrangements to be made for the care of the student. Homestay carers may need to be mindful of the developmental needs of older children.

Homework:

It is the homestay carer's responsibility to help international students with their homework.



Student Behaviour:

Homestay carers should expect the same **standard** of behaviour as would be expected from their own children of a similar **age**, but make allowances for cultural differences.

Illness:

In the case of serious illness or accident/emergency, please make immediate contact with Simon Finnimore 029 77 77 371

Safety:

It is the homestay carer's responsibility to **care** for the child in a way that ensures they are kept safe from harm and their emotional well-being is nurtured.

Contact with Parents:

It's a **good** idea to make contact with your child's parents. A letter/email introducing yourself and family members and **some regular contact** about the child throughout the year will be greatly appreciated by the parents. *Changing Homestays:* Homestay carers must be given at least two weeks notice or two weeks board in lieu of notice. Students may never change homestays without the knowledge of the school. If a student is to be moved, the International student manager will be responsible for facilitating the change and the homestay carer will be advised of the reason why.

Language:

The child will probably be unfamiliar with New Zealand accents (even if he/she has good English) and colloquial **expressions** and may take time to adjust.

Homestay families should attempt to learn **some basic greetings** in the student's language. Learning a **few phrases** of your student's language helps to show respect for their culture and may help them feel more welcome and cared for.