





## Saint Stephen's College International Student Accommodation and Welfare Policy Outline

High-level student welfare arrangements coupled with a caring home environment are key stakeholders in ensuring that students are happy and feel supported to achieve their goals throughout their overseas study experience.

A full welfare and accommodation policy can be found in the International Student Guide and Orientation Handbook.

Please note the following key points and ensure that the Saint Stephen's College Student Accommodation and Welfare policy is abided by for the entire duration of the course of study.

It is a student visa condition that students under 18 years of age live with

- a parent, or
  - a person who has legal custody of them, or
  - a relative aged at least 21 of good character and with permission to reside in Australia for the duration of the student's visa or until the student turns 18, nominated by either the parent or person having custody of them, or
  - a Saint Stephen's College approved homestay family
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- It is Saint Stephen's College Policy that all international students live with a family member or in Saint Stephen's College approved care arrangements until completion of their enrolled course.
  - If a student is not able to live with a parent, a person who has custody of them, or a relative, they must reside in the Saint Stephen's College homestay programme managed by Australian Homestay Network. Saint Stephen's College and Australian Homestay Network will make appropriate accommodation and care arrangements for the student, which the student is obliged to maintain as a Condition of Enrolment for the duration of the course.
  - Students moving to a new address, with Saint Stephen's College approval, must inform the school in writing and complete the appropriate forms advising of their new address within 7 days of taking up residence at that new address. Students will be advised in writing, on arrival, of the need to comply with this requirement as a condition of their student visa.
  - Where students are staying in homestay arrangements under the care of adults who are not their parents, carers (and all householders over the age of 18) are required under government legislation in Queensland to hold 'Suitability Cards' (Blue Cards) which allow them to have the supervision of children. Saint Stephen's College requires this homestay arrangement to be managed by Australian Homestay Network.
  - **Information about living in homestay is provided in the included Enrolment Package and on the Gold Coast Student Accommodation Centre website [www.gcsac.com.au](http://www.gcsac.com.au)**