



HOMESTAY CARER AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the Homestay Carer, being a residential caregiver, and Howick College (the **Agreement**).

Name of school: _____ (the **School**)

Homestay carer's full name: _____

Homestay carer's full name: _____ (together the **Homestay Carers**)

Homestay carer's address: _____
_____ (the **Residence**)

TERMS

For the purposes of this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Homestay has the meaning as set out in the Code. For the avoidance of doubt, this means accommodation provided to an international student in the residence of a family or household in which no more than four (4) international students are accommodated.

Residential Caregiver has the meaning as set out in the Code and for the purposes of the Agreement, includes a homestay carer.

AGREEMENTS

1. The term of the Agreement is for a consecutive 12 months from the date of signing by both parties (the Term). Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Term automatically renews unless a notice of termination has been provided in writing from one party to the other.

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2. The role of the Homestay Carer/s is to act as a residential caregiver for the School to provide homestay accommodation in accordance with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 (the Code) for international students attending the School.
3. The Homestay Carer/s agree to support all students in their care to abide by all rules and expectations set by the School.
4. The Homestay Carer/s have read and agree to comply with the requirements for Host Families set out in the Information for Residential Caregivers booklet.
5. The Homestay Carer/s agree that the accommodation provided is welcoming, caring, safe, positive and is a healthy environment for students, and complies with the relevant sections of the Code.

6. The Homestay Carer/s agree to provide appropriate levels of care where an international student in their care is unwell or injured, including caring for the student at home and taking the student to visit a doctor when required.
7. The Homestay Carer/s will be responsible for their own insurance cover in the event of accidental damage to their property caused by their host student.
8. The Homestay Carer/s will ensure that any leisure activities involving the student's participation will not include adventure activities or extreme sports. The student must seek written consent from Howick College before participating in any activities which are considered to be adventure activities or extreme sports.
9. The Homestay Carer/s will inform the School, in writing, of any supervised travel and overnight stays within New Zealand, they plan on taking with their student. The School will be informed, in writing, of any supervised travel outside of New Zealand, at least four weeks prior to departure.
10. The Homestay Carer/s will immediately inform the School if they become aware of, or have any reason to believe that a student in their care, is engaging in any at-risk behaviours or behaviours that breach the school's code of conduct for international students.
11. The Homestay Carer/s will immediately inform the School of any changes whatsoever that may impact the care provided to the student by the Homestay Carers, and the Agreement.
12. The Homestay Carer/s will provide the School with no less than fourteen days (14) days prior notice of any changes relating to the family's circumstances that may affect the Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, any change of Residence or any change to the number of adults eighteen (18) years of age or over living at the Residence.
13. For the avoidance of doubt, when at any time, the Homestay Carer/s has a student or students in their care who are enrolled at the School, they agree not to provide accommodation to other fee-paying guests without the prior approval of the School.
14. When at any time, the Homestay Carer/s have a student or students in their care who are enrolled at the School, they agree not to act as a homestay carer for any other student, whether enrolled at the School or any other school, without prior approval from the School.
15. The Homestay Carer/s agree not to negotiate the payment of any addition fees whatsoever with the student and/or natural parents. For the avoidance of doubt, any additional payments must be negotiated by, and agreed to, by the School.
16. The Homestay Carer/s agree that all information regarding the student(s) in their care will be kept confidential, and that the Homestay Carer/s will abide by all requirements of the Privacy Act 2020.

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17. The School agrees to pay the Homestay Carer a fee in return for providing homestay accommodation for international students in accordance with the Agreement. Payment will be done fortnightly, one week ahead and one week in arrears, not including the Christmas holiday period, except in special circumstances agreed in writing between the Homestay Carer/s and Howick College.
18. During the Christmas holiday period, a holding fee of \$100 will be paid if the student is leaving their belongings at the Residence.

19. The School may take such measures as it considers appropriate (acting reasonably) to monitor compliance with the Code. This may include, without limitation, regular visits to the Residence and meetings with any student placed at the Residence and the Homestay Carer/s.
20. The School may remove a student from the Homestay Carer/s at any time without prior notice or agreement at the sole and absolute discretion of the School and this may terminate the Agreement.
21. The School has provided, and the Homestay Carer/s have read and understood, relevant information about the requirements of being a residential caregiver including the sections of the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 (the Code) relevant to residential caregivers.
22. The School agrees that all information regarding the Homestay Carer/s in providing accommodation will be kept confidential, except disclosure to students or their parents or legal guardians, to any professional consultant or such person where it is in the interest of students placed at the Residence to provide the information or pursuant to any statutory or other legal duty.
23. The School agrees that information concerning the Covid-19 vaccination status of the Homestay Carer/s and their household will only be used for the purpose of deciding on the placement of an international student in the care of the Homestay Carer/s. For the avoidance of doubt, information concerning the Covid-19 vaccination status of the Homestay Carer/s and their household will be used and stored in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 2020.
24. Contact information for the Residential Caregiver may be shared with the School's Homestay Carer community for the purposes of communication but will not be passed on to any other parties or used for any other purpose without written agreement from the Homestay Carer/s.
25. The School may use photographs and/or video of the Homestay Carer/s for the purpose of sharing and promoting international education at the School.

TERMINATION

26. This Agreement may be cancelled by either party giving fourteen (14) days written notice.
27. Failure by the Homestay Carer/s to provide the homestay care in accordance with requirements set out by the School may result in termination of the Agreement.
28. The parties agree that any dispute in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in accordance with the Code and the School policies.

SIGNING

HOMESTAY CARER/S:

By signing below, the Homestay Carer/s confirm that they

- have read the Agreement and agree to be bound by it in all respects
- have read and understood the Information for Residential Caregiver/s booklet and have discussed with the School any concerns or questions they have about the responsibilities of being a Homestay Carer.

Name: _____
(Homestay Carer)

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Homestay Carer)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SCHOOL:

By signing below, the authorised signatory of the School confirms that they are authorised to sign on behalf of the School and confirms that the School will be bound by the Agreement in all respects:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____