

HOMESTAY POLICY (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

INTRODUCTION

This policy outlines the homestay arrangements for international students at Walford Anglican School for Girls. It aims to ensure compliance with the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act and the National Code of Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students. Standard 5 of the National Code requires the School to take responsibility under the *Migration Regulations 1994 (Cth)* for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for an overseas student who is under 18 years of age.

International students are defined as those who are not Australian or New Zealand Citizens, who are studying in Australia and are known as Full Fee Paying Overseas Students (FFPOS). All international students are subject to all the requirements details in this policy, in addition to the School's Enrolments Policy and other School policies.

APPROVED HOMESTAY PROVIDER

Walford Anglican School for Girls has an agreement with the Australian Homestay Network (AHN). The AHN is an approved accommodation provider for students who require temporary accommodation during Walford vacation periods. AHN is Walford's preferred agency for approving the compliance of private homestay accommodation when students do not reside in the Walford boarding house. The homestay accommodation approved by Walford, via AHN, meets South Australian legislative requirements for child protection as well as Standard 5 of the National Code.

As outlined at legacy.homestaynetwork.org/ahn-standards/ these standards include:

- Continuous dates for approved welfare arrangements.
- Documented procedures for checking suitability of accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements:
 - Guidelines for selecting family and ensuring the family can provide a stable environment for the duration of the student's enrolment at Walford Anglican School for Girls;
 - Criteria about accommodation services to be provided, and contract for arrangements about providing accommodation services;
 - Orientation program for families new to provision of homestay services; and
 - Compliant Homestay risk management strategy, reviewed annually, undertaken by operator of the homestay program;
- Police checks for adults living in the homestay other than overseas students.

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