

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

STUDY TOUR

HOMESTAY APPLICATION FORM

**South Australian
Government Schools**



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

HOSTING A STUDENT FROM OVERSEAS ON A STUDY TOUR COULD MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - FOR THEM AND FOR YOU.

Discover a family activity that is deeply satisfying and emotionally rewarding by taking a student under your wing, caring for them, making them feel welcome and giving them a taste of Aussie life.

What will your family learn by hosting a student from overseas?

Every family gets something different from the experience. There is no doubt you will all learn a lot about a new culture, food, language, customs and traditions but you will also have the chance to:

- participate in activities and meet other host families
- be a tourist in your own town and State as you show them around
- make lifelong friendships with your student and their family

You'll care for them and we'll support you.

When you host an international student, they will become a member of your family. Your student will be a long way from home and in your care so you will be expected to provide them with a safe, supportive and welcoming home environment.

As a homestay, you will be required to provide your student with:

- a furnished bedroom inside the family home (not a separate dwelling)
- all meals
- use of utilities (i.e. water, electricity and gas)
- use of facilities (e.g. access to TV, iron, laundry)

You will also be expected to:

- support your student in their studies
- monitor your student's health and well-being
- accept duty of care for your student outside of school hours

Whilst it's undoubtedly a responsibility looking after someone else's son or daughter, it's one you won't have to face alone. You will be provided with:

- a personalised home visit and information session
- a homestay allowance
- support from our school Study Tour coordinator
- 24 hour emergency telephone support service

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Steps to become a Homestay

1 Homestay Application

Complete the Homestay Application form and submit to your Study Tour Coordinator.

Please ensure that you answer every question.

2 Working with Children Check

Your Study Tour Coordinator can initiate your Working With Children Check and then you will need to complete the online application. You do not need to do this if you already have a current Working with Children Check from the Department of Human Services.

Working with Children Checks are valid for 5 years.

All persons over the age of 18 residing in your home (except international students studying in a South Australian government school) are required to have a Working with Children Check.

3 Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care Training

Homestays are required to complete RRHAN-EC training and provide evidence of completion to their Study Tour Coordinator.

4 Home visit and interview

The final step to become a homestay is a visit and interview in your home.

Once your application has been assessed and Working with Children Checks and RRHAN-EC certificates have been received, your school Study Tour coordinator will contact you to arrange a home visit and interview.

They will explain your obligations in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.

You are now ready to host a student!

If successful, you will be accredited as one of our valued homestays and we look forward to allocating a Study Tour student to stay with your family!

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School Name:

1 People Living in your Home

Please list all persons residing in your home including family members, other international students and those who stay overnight on a temporary basis.

	Relationship to Homestay Applicant	Family Name	Given Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Occupation and working hours or school attending
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

2 Contact Details

Home address

Postal address (if different from above)

Home telephone

Mobile 1

Mobile 2

Email 1

Email 2

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3 Emergency Contact Details

Name

Address

Relationship to Homestay Applicant

Contact phone number/s

Email

4 About Your Family

What is your family cultural background?

What is the main language spoken at home?

What other languages are spoken at home?

What activities do you regularly enjoy as a family?

Does your family have special dietary preferences? Yes No

If yes, please specify

Does your family have pets? Yes No

If yes, please specify (including whether they are inside or outside pets)

Does anyone in the home smoke? Yes No

If yes, do they smoke inside the home? Yes No

5 Other Information

How many students can you accommodate?

What kind of accommodation can you offer? Single Room Shared Room

How will the student travel to and from school?

Who will be travelling with the student to and from school?

6 Homestay Declaration

- I declare that the information given in this application form is complete and correct.
- I understand that providing false or misleading information or non-disclosure of relevant information may result in the homestay application being assessed as unsuitable or previous successful accreditation may be revoked.
- I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions for Study Tour Homestay Providers and accept the responsibilities and duty of care detailed in the document.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Placing a Student

As soon as we have received the list of students participating in the Study Tour at our school, we will carefully match them with suitable homestays according to the details they have provided. You will receive details of your student upon acceptance of the placement.

Meeting your Student

Our school Study Tour coordinator will receive the Study Tour flight details approximately 2 weeks prior to the group's arrival and will arrange for you to meet at school with the other participating homestay families to collect your student.

Ongoing Support

You will receive ongoing support during your time as a homestay via:

- a homestay allowance
- support from our school Study Tour coordinator
- 24 hour emergency telephone support service