

Welcome to our home!



One of the important reasons for Homestay is to assist you in learning about the Australian Culture and Lifestyle. The first six weeks are the most difficult, for anyone living in a new country so we hope that you will understand why we must have such rules.

We will explain all of the homestay rules to you, and what you need to do to make your stay a comfortable and successful one. All Homestay guests in Australia are invited to be a part of the family and we all work together as a team.

Please read all this information carefully and ask us if you have any questions about your stay.

1. Bedroom

- Do not wear shoes on bedroom carpet.
- Keep your bedroom clean and tidy. (The vacuum cleaner is available to use once a week)
- All rubbish is to be emptied from rubbish bin each week. (Please take outside to bin)
- Make your bed each morning before leaving the house.
- Do not spill any makeup or cosmetics on carpet. Please use in bathroom only. (No nail polish in bedroom bathroom or outside only)
- If you do spill something on the carpet, please tell us immediately.
- If there are any serious stains you will need to pay for it to be cleaned.
- No food or drink in the bedroom. Do not leave lights on in your bedroom. Turn off before going to sleep. There is a lamp in your room for study on your desk.
- Leave your door open sometimes to let the air circulate in your room.

2. Bathroom

- You will need to clean the shower, floor, toilet and basin after you have used them each day.
- Please ask for a spare cloth to wipe away the water and hair.
- Please always put your sanitary pads in the bin provided beside the toilet. Wrap in toilet paper first. Please make sure your take out to bin every couple of days. Do not flush down the toilet.
- **One 5 minute shower per day.** Australia is in a severe drought which means many of our farmers and families have serious problems because of the lack of water in Country.
- It is now expected that all people living in Australia conserve water.



3. Lounge Room

- You are welcome to watch the TV in the Lounge Room of an evening, please be sure to turn it off when finished. Not too loud as to disturb others in the house.

4. Kitchen & Food

- Please return everything to your assigned area in the Refrigerator or Pantry when finished all meals.
- **Clean all benches in Kitchen after cooking or preparing food. Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner.**
- Most working Australians do not cook in the morning as they are in a hurry to go to school or work.



5. Not home for the evening

- If you are not going to be home for an evening, you must **message or phone us by 4pm** in the afternoon. This is very important to tell us this information.

6. Washing up Dishes.

- It is expected in Australia that all the family assist with the washing and cleaning up.
- You will be shown how to wash and dry up and it will be explained to you a couple of times.
- All benches and table to be wiped down after each meal.

7. Laundry

- You may use the laundry basin to wash your underwear or handwash your clothes.
- Your host will use the washing machine so if you need to wash clothes, please ask them to help you.
- You must hang your clothes on the washing line in the back yard once they are washed.
- **DO NOT HANG WET CLOTHES IN BEDROOM OR CUPBOARDS, THEY MUST HANG ON LINE OUTSIDE OR ASK IF THERE IS AN INSIDE HANGER.**

8. Home Phone and Phone Cards

- When you first arrive you will be shown how to purchase an International Phone Card. This card must be used to call your family. If you wish to use the home phone please ask first. The cost of all the local calls when using the phone is 30 cents.

9. Keys

- You may be provided with a set of keys for my home.
- If you lose your keys you will need to pay for new ones to be cut.
- Always take the keys with you so you are not locked out of the house.



10. English Only



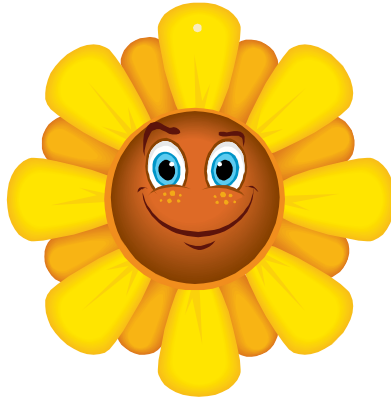
Your first 6 weeks in Australia are very difficult and it is important to speak English as much as possible to assist you with fitting in. You must talk as much as you possibly can while staying in Homestay to ensure you are understood by Bus Drivers, Shop keepers who must be able to understand you so that you can live comfortably in Australia.

11. Breakages

- All breakages in the home must be paid for by you at the time of the breakage.

12. After Homestay

- All homestay guests have a 6 week contract.
- Your host understands that you may not wish to stay and they will not be upset if you wish to move out before the 6 weeks.
- Please communicate as much as possible to assist you in your understanding of English and the Australian Way.



We hope that you enjoy your stay with us and that you learn about the Australian Way of Life. Our main aim is for you to feel comfortable as part of our family, but able to be independent and enjoy our beautiful country.