

HOMESTAY AGREEMENT: PARENTAL AUTHORITY

I _____ request a duly appointed representative of Onewhero Area School to choose a homestay for my son/daughter _____ while studying at Onewhero Area School.

I agree to pay \$ _____ per week in advance each term or at the time of enrolment.

School's undertaking:

The homestay co-ordinator will visit your child's homestay prior to selecting it and interview the homestay parent(s).

The interview will include assessment of suitability and discussion of:

- Facilities, including the availability of a bedroom for the student.
- People living in the household.
- The presence of household pets.
- Whether anyone in the household smokes.
- The school's expectations of the homestay.
- Request for referees who the school can approach to supply character references.
- **A homestay will be police vetted prior to your child being placed in it.**

Onewhero Area School requires that homestay parent(s) sign an agreement with the school.

This agreement includes the following key points:

- a) The amount of homestay fees to be paid
- b) Access to the homestay by the school's representative
- c) The responsibility of the homestay parents to keep the school informed in matters relating to a student's health, wellbeing and safety.
- d) Responsibility for costs incurred in providing a homestay
- e) Termination of the homestay agreement
- f) Confidentiality of information
- g) Liability of the school under the agreement
- h) Procedure for dealing with disagreements.

A copy of this agreement is available from the homestay co-ordinator.

The school homestay co-ordinator will provide parents with the following information about the homestay:

- Names and ages of all persons in the homestay
- Physical address of the address
- Day and night contact numbers
- Two emergency contact numbers at Onewhero Area School.

International Students will meet with the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and the orientation will include:

- School expectations of the student
- School expectations of the homestay

- Issues of student safety and wellbeing
- Cultural understanding

The homestay co-ordinator will monitor the performance and compatibility of both homestay parents and students:

- The student will be interviewed after their first week at a new homestay
- A new homestay will be phoned after the first week of hosting a new student
- Each student will be interviewed once per term to ensure they are happy with the homestay.

I understand that the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students makes the school responsible for the care of its students outside of school hours and during holidays and I undertake to assist the school to meet its responsibilities.

I agree to my son/daughter being placed in a homestay chosen by a representative of the school. I will be responsible for any damage caused in the homestay's person or property by my son/daughter.

I am satisfied with the procedures put in place by the school to select, monitor and administer my son/daughter's homestay.

I understand the school will use its best endeavours to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of the student while at his/her homestay, however, the school cannot be liable for any damage or harm caused to the student or student's property arising out of the student's homestay.

In particular, I accept that Onewhero Area School is:

- Responsible for an International Student at all times while they have a student visa from the school.
- Responsible for approving all accommodation arrangements.

I undertake to communicate in a timely and prompt manner about any matter which may affect the school's ability to carry out its responsibilities effectively.

Execution

I have read and understood the details and terms set out under this Agreement and agree to them.

Signed:.....Date:.....

Full Name:.....

Relation to student:.....