



Expectations of Carmel College Host Families

WELCOME TO OUR CARMEL COMMUNITY

We are delighted you are looking into becoming a host family for Carmel College. Listed below are some of the main requirements for hosting our students.

Carmel College pays a weekly reimbursement of \$300.00 per week with an additional \$20.00 for hosting a student under 14 years of age.

If you require more information or have a question you would like answered please phone our International Student Services Administrator, Angela Stevens on 486 1132 Ext 715 or email at: homestays@carmel.school.nz

HOMESTAY STUDENTS ARE TO BE PROVIDED WITH:

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| Meals: | Three meals a day are to be provided and snacks within reason. |
| Bedroom: | Their own bedroom with Bed, Bed Linen, Duvet, Study Desk, or Table, Reading Lamp, Heating System, Chest of Drawers and Wardrobe. |
| Airport Transportation: | If an airport drop off or pick up is required, it is preferred that the Homestay family arranges to farewell and greet their student. |
| Laundry: | Students washing & ironing to be done. |
| Toiletries: | Students will provide their own personal toiletries, generally they bring these when they arrive. Please help them to buy more when they run out. |
| General Transport: | Homestay families are responsible for showing students how get to and from school. If the student is to take the bus or walk a short distance the homestay parent is expected to accompany the student to school. |
| Sightseeing: | Host families are strongly encouraged to invite their student to join the family on outings. |

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All Homestay providers and Designated Caregivers (unless a blood relative) must be approved by Carmel College, and Police Vetted before a student can be placed in the home.

Once a Homestay placement has been confirmed it is always a nice idea for host families to make contact with your new student before she leaves her family and home. Contact details will be on your student profile.

Host families are expected to take on the role of substitute parent for the duration of the time the student is living in your home. We expect your student to be treated as a member of your family with the same rights and duties of any teenager.

It is very important that you know the whereabouts of your student at all times. Please ensure your student always has her mobile phone on her that it is charged as well as having credit on it so she can always make contact with you.

Student must never be left in the home alone over night or only with a male member of the family. We understand occasions arise such as family holidays etc so therefore we more than to place your student in a temporary host family during your absence.

It is expected that the host family takes an interest in the schooling of the student. We welcome and encourage our host families to attend parent interviews.

It is expected that students get involved in extra-curricular activities within the school and homestay families may need to help out with transport to and from these.

Carmel College must be informed at least two weeks in advance if you decide you can no longer accommodate your student or you would like to go on holiday.

Some Homestay situations do not always work out. Carmel College will move the student if the host family or student are unhappy with the situation. We do however try to resolve the issue before this action is taken, please remember in all cases this is not undertaken lightly and requires parent's permission. Two weeks' notice is required on both sides.

We hope you have found this information helpful and we look forward to working together.

The International Team!
Carmel College