



# HOMESTAY POLICY

## Incorporating Ministerial Order 870

Where parents opt for the Department of Education and Training (DET) to arrange accommodation, DET, through the college, is responsible for provision of accommodation, support and general welfare to the student. These arrangements shall be in place for the period that the student will be under 18 years of age while in Australia. This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of the ESOS National Code 2007 and Student visa (Condition 8532) which require that appropriate arrangements have been made for the accommodation, welfare and support of students less than 18 years of age and over the age of 15.

This policy is designed to be consistent with the IED guidelines. It is a Quality Standards requirement that all schools have a Homestay Policy in place.

Mount Waverley Secondary College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in accordance with the requirements of the Child Safe Standards Regulations.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Mount Waverley Secondary College Child Safety Regulations Policy

Department of Education and Training Four Critical Actions For Schools Information Sheet

Mount Waverley Secondary College Homestay Code of Conduct Agreement

The college will organise homestay accommodation of high quality and which provides a safe, comfortable and caring environment.

The homestay accommodation will be provided by a Homestay Host who may be a suitable family, couple or single person.

A copy of a Working with Children Check Card for every adult aged 18 years old or over residing or frequently residing in the homestay premises must be to be provided to the college prior to the International Student moving in.

The maximum number of students per homestay accommodation is 3 at all times, regardless of provider.

International Students must provide written permission from their parents to the college and have the college endorsement if they wish to stay away from their homestay accommodation overnight. The college also must hold relevant contact details and inform the Homestay Host of the arrangement prior to the student being allowed to stay away.

The college will monitor progress of homestay arrangements, including twice yearly visits.



