



WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAY POLICY

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GUIDING STATEMENT

Our Motto

Live worthily.

Our Vision

Werribee Secondary College is a leader in international education in the Victorian state education system. We implement the best quality educational practices evident throughout Australia and internationally.

The Werribee Secondary College community “lives worthily”. We are adaptable life-long learners, who are confident, creative and resilient individuals, empowered to shape the world in which we live.

Our Mission

At Werribee Secondary College we strive for success in students’ chosen endeavours.

The College community provides a safe and caring environment where each student is valued. We celebrate achievements, success and growth for all students. Our programmes equip students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for the dynamic world after secondary education.

College leaders, teachers and support staff adopt evidence-based best practice to generate a progressive 21st century educational setting. We enhance learning and develop digital literacy through the purposeful use of emerging technology. With a focus on realising optimal outcomes for learners, staff commit to continuous improvement through ongoing targeted professional development, peer collaboration and reflection.

At Werribee Secondary College we nurture the values of respect, cooperation, honesty, integrity, confidence, perseverance, resilience and responsibility. Driven by these ideals, the College community embraces cultural and social diversity. Students develop a strong sense of personal identity and global citizenship, enabling different cultural groups to interact, learn from each other and grow together.



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RATIONALE

Where parents opt for DET to arrange accommodation, the Department through the school, 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 enrolled at Werribee Secondary College. This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of the ESOS National Act 2000 and is designed to be consistent with DET Quality Assurance framework.

POLICY

- The School will organise homestay accommodation of high quality and which provides a safe, comfortable and caring environment.
- The homestay accommodation will be provided by a host which may be a family, couple or single person.
- Working with Children checks will be organised prior to the student moving in
- The maximum number of students per homestay is 3, regardless of provider.
- A weekly fee, to be determined annually, will be charged. This covers expenses associated with the provision of the following homestay services:
 - Single bedroom for the student's exclusive use.
 - Three meals per day, seven days per week (cooked evening meal).
 - Facilities including a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen.
 - Gas, electricity, heating and water costs.
 - Cleaning services of common living areas.
 - Use of living areas within residence.
 - Local telephone calls and up to three hours per week of internet use.
 - Study facilities, including a desk, study light and bookcase.
- Payment for additional internet expenses and non-local telephone calls will be the student's responsibility.
- The initial payment will include two weeks' rent in advance plus a bond that is the equivalent of two weeks' rent.
- During holidays a holding fee to secure the homestay accommodation fee may be required.
- If a homestay provider wishes to terminate the homestay agreement, at least two weeks' notice is given to the student and School.
Where a student moves out of a homestay at least two weeks' notice must be given to the homestay provider and School. Giving less than this may result in the bond being forfeited.
- It is mandatory for students to sign a Homestay Responsibility Agreement on commencement of their enrolment. This will outline the house rules and requirements as well as homestay costs.
- Students must have written permission from their parents and must provide relevant contact details if they wish to stay away from their homestay overnight.
- Students and/or parents are required to reimburse homestay providers for any damage to property caused by student, or additional costs incurred by student during the time of residence.
- Complaints that cannot be resolved by either the homestay provider or the student should be referred in writing to the School.



- The School will monitor progress of homestay arrangements, including at least twice-yearly visits.
- Students may not change the homestay arrangements without consultation with the School.
- It is a condition of enrolment at Werribee Secondary College that all international students must reside in homestay accommodation (including students who are over 18) and not undertake paid employment without prior approval.
- The school will have procedures in place to ensure the security and child safety of international students.
- The school commits to ensuring high education outcomes for all international students, providing a pathway to further education and training in Australia.