

Living in a Homestay

Before you come to Australia:



Research and learn about Australia, the weather, and the people. Australia is a multicultural country, and many people, like you, were born outside of Australia.



Contact your host via WhatsApp/email before your arrival. This will help break the ice.

Airport pick-up when you get to Australia:



You or Global experience will arrange your airport pick-up. If your flight details change, please email us within 24 hours: change@globalexperience.com.au



If you can't find the airport pick-up driver, please call our emergency number: +61 430 008 448

When you get to your homestay:



Your host will explain the house rules. Please listen carefully and ask questions if you don't understand.





Share your Australian mobile number with your host family and keep their mobile number in your phone. You must let your host know if you are going to arrive home late.



Internet is \$10 per week, directly to your host. It is strictly for browsing and emails only. Please do not access inappropriate websites.



Get your public transport card before you start school. Remember to tap on and off. Your host will show you how to get to school on the first



You can do laundry once per week. Ask your host about washing powder and drying your clothes.



Please keep your room clean and tidy. If you have your own bathroom, or are sharing with another student, please clean it weekly.



Shower time is 7-10 minutes (may be less during water restrictions), up to 2 times per day. Please do not take baths.



Your initial booking is 4 weeks. Please let us know if you want to extend. You must provide your host with 2 weeks' notice if you want to move out.

Do not make private financial arrangements or discuss payment with your host. Global experience is responsible for all financial arrangements.

Meals:



Breakfast is self-serve (cereal and/or toast). Ask your host where the breakfast items are kept.

Lunch is only provided on the weekends. It may be light, like a sandwich.

Dinner is prepared fresh each night and eaten together with your family. Please make sure you are home for dinner each night.

Important rules:



U18 - You may not spend the night at anyone's house, including your own family. If you want to spend the night away from your homestay, you MUST get permission from your school, each and every time.



U18 - You should go home after school each day to eat dinner with your host family. Contact your host if you will be late. 018 - Please discuss your curfew with your host.



U18 - Do not drink or smoke at any time. 018 - Do not drink or smoke inside your homestay.



Do not bring friends, guests or relatives to your homestay without asking for permission first. Please respect your host's privacy.



If you are going on holiday (such as back to your home country during your school holiday), you need to inform three parties: your student coordinator at your school, your host, and Global experience. Please email Global experience regarding your holiday plans at accounts@globalexperience.com.au.

If you don't follow the rules above, your host must report this to your school and Global experience. Please follow these rules to have a good homestay experience. Please review your "Student Guidelines" document for more information.

Homestay is more than just renting a space in someone's home. In exchange for a memorable experience, please treat your host and their family with kindness and respect.