

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school 9387 6133 or brunswick.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Rationale

Where parents opt for the Department of Education and Training (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 is undertaking an approved academic program. This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of the ESOS National Code 2018 and Student Visa conditions (condition 8532) which require that appropriate arrangements have been made for the accommodation, welfare, and support of students. This policy is designed to be consistent with the IED guidelines. It is a Quality Standard requirement that all schools have a homestay policy in place.

Purpose

Brunswick Secondary College is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Brunswick Secondary College has zero tolerance for child abuse. Brunswick Secondary College is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Every person involved in Brunswick Secondary College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

The copies of the following are attached to this policy:

- BSC Child Safety Policy
- BSC Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy & Procedures
- BSC Child Safety Risk Management

In the case of a critical incident, please contact Karen Harris (Principal) on 0409 336 027 or Angie Ho (International Student Support) on 0451 131 202.

The purpose of this policy is to

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of international students
- ensure that international students and their families understand their rights and responsibilities under the Homestay Agreement
- ensure that Homestay hosts understand their rights and responsibilities under the Homestay Agreement
- ensure compliance with DET International Student mandate

Homestay Conditions

1. Brunswick Secondary College (BSC) is responsible for the selection, approval, and monitoring of Homestay arrangements, for all students enrolled at BSC, who are not residing with either a parent/s or Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) approved relative or guardian.

2.

- Three nutritious meals per day seven days per week.
 - Cleaning services of common areas.
 - Gas, electricity, heating, and water costs.
 - Use of living areas within the residence.
 - Study facilities, including desk, study light and bookcase.
 - Assistance in orientating the student to the local area including travel to school and use of facilities.
 - Telephone and internet expenses are included in the above-named price.
6. BSC will obtain and retain a bond which is the equivalent of 2 weeks' fees from each student which will be held in trust and returned to the student at the end of homestay arrangement and when the school is satisfied that there is no damage to the property or rent is owing, (after discussing with homestay provider).
7. During holidays, a holding fee to secure the homestay accommodation may be required to cover the student's absence. This is to be negotiated between the homestay, student and school and may not be over 50% of the total homestay fee.
8. Cash payments are not acceptable. All homestay payments will be via direct debit into the homestay's bank account.
9. Students and/or parents are required to reimburse 0.687 (olechometay apovider)2.4 (of1.1 (or)-2.1 (pan)2.4 (pam)-1.7 (aye t)1.1 (o t)1.1 (he)r)-2.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways

- Provided to staff at induction and included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- Made available publicly on our school website
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed September 2022

Approved by Principal

Next scheduled review date September 2023

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above conditions of the BSC Homestay Policy

Homestay provider

Signed _____ Date: _____

Student

Signed _____ Date: _____

School Representative

Signed _____ Date: _____