



ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
International Students
An Introduction For Host Families

Thank you for your interest in the Homestay Program for Island Catholic Schools. Host families are a very important part of the International Student Program. Families provide not just room and board; they become friends and guides in a new culture.

Host families develop and maintain a relationship with the International Student which includes encouraging good healthy habits and relationships. Homestay parents become partners in the learning process. They nurture appropriate study habits in the student. Even if the student is only with a family for a short-stay program, he/she becomes a participating member of the homestay family. Remember, the main role of the host family is to provide a safe, comfortable home environment within which the student feels at ease and is encouraged to use his/her English-speaking skills.

In order to be considered as a host family, all permanent household members over the age of 18 must have a criminal record check. Please contact your local police station for specific details and procedures. If you already have a recent criminal record check as a volunteer in a school or another organization, you may submit a copy of this for our records.

We attempt to inform all successful host family applicants of a student placement at least one month prior to the student's arrival. However, this is not always possible due to the length of the student's application process.

Please complete the attached application form. Feel free to include any photos, memos, or further documentation that you think will assist in the placement of a student in your home.

The host family with visiting International student(s) at the elementary level will receive a \$1000/ student.

The host family with visiting International student(s) at the secondary level will receive \$850/ student.

The difference in the amount(s) disbursed are reflected in the responsibilities of each host family.

All completed documents are to be sent to:

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