

Finding safe, welcoming and affordable accommodation for international students can be difficult. If a parent has a trusted friend or relative in Australia who can look after their child, they may want to consider nominating them as a homestay host.

PROCESS

STEP 1 PLEASE REGISTER

Student registration: <https://www.homestaynetwork.org/hawthorn-melbourne-students/>

Host application: <https://www.homestaynetwork.org/hawthorn-melbourne-hosts/>

Please provide the name of the student in the host registration form.

STEP 2

AHN will verify if the home address is suitable for the school. AHN will seek approval from Hawthorn-Melbourne

STEP 3

Once confirmed, a quote will be sent out to the agent/student. Once payment is received, AHN will organise an inspection and interview of the host and property.

STEP 4

The placement report is provided to Hawthorn-Melbourne and Agent.

HOST REQUIREMENTS

The person nominated as a homestay host will need to provide the student with the support and comfort of home. They should make them feel like part of the family, give the student a warm welcome to Australia and help them settle in to their studies. As part of the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) homestay program, hosts must meet our hosting requirements which include:

- registering with AHN, having a house inspection and in-home interview
- having a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC), this is mandatory for all residents in the household over the age of 18)
- completing AHN's online training
- providing a private bedroom for the student as well as reliable internet access in their home
- providing the student with healthy meals
- helping the student become familiar with their new neighbourhood and understanding local customs
- offering guidance for appropriate behaviour
- assisting in monitoring the student's behaviour, welfare and school attendance
- acting as a custodian for the student
- reporting any issues and approval requests for overnight/travel requests (students are not permitted to stay out overnight and must return home by their set curfew times)

WHY CHOOSE AHN FOR HOMESTAY

Established in 2008, AHN has placed more than 100,000 students from 185 countries with homestay hosts throughout Australia. AHN has developed a set of world-class operating standards that are applied to every student placement.

Fees: \$350 Matching Fee plus \$50/week Homestay Management Fee (minimum 4 week stay).

These service fees ensure students and hosts are supported throughout their homestay journey, including:

- facilitating the host/student application and matching process – AHN prepares the relevant paperwork outlining the expectations and responsibilities of the homestay arrangement
- comprehensive online training and orientation for hosts and students
- accommodation in an approved homestay environment
- public liability and professional indemnity insurance cover ([homestaynetwork.org/about/homestay-insurance/](https://www.homestaynetwork.org/about/homestay-insurance/))
- revisits, ongoing check ins, and management of host transfer requests
- professionally staffed 24/7 critical incident hotline
- fewer incidents with increased AHN staff support onshore
- coordinating airport pick-up service (fees apply)

STUDENT WELFARE IS OUR PRIORITY

The homestay will be assisted by AHN to ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of the student. Our program includes ongoing check-ins with the host and student as well as regular consultations with the school. **NOTE: All Parent Nominated Homestays must be approved by the student's school.**

CONTACT US FOR ENQUIRIES