

Dear parent / caregiver

# Bring the world home

At Willunga High School, we welcome students from other countries who come to Australia for a period of time to learn in our school. The educational, social and cultural benefits of welcoming International Students into our community are numerous.

We are currently building our homestay family network and are seeking families to host International Students. Being a homestay family means inviting a student to become a part of your family for the time they are here. Hosting a student from another country is a great experience for the whole family to learn about another culture, food, language, customs and traditions.

## How long do the students stay?

We welcome short term Study Tours students for 2 - 3 weeks and Regional Study Abroad students for 1 - 4 terms.

#### Where do the students come from?

Our International Students usually come from Japan, South Korea, Italy, France and Germany. Study Tour students are generally across years 8 to 10 and Study Abroad students are generally in Years 10 to 12. Students usually come with average to very good English skills. They are here to use their skills in 'real' situations.

# What support do I get from the school?

We have information sessions for host families before each study tour, where families will receive profiles of their student, copies of the school program, and detailed information regarding the study tour.

Families receive generous remuneration of \$300 per week to help offset the costs associated of having another student your home. You will also have continual support from our school and International Education Services.

## What do students need?

They need a safe and welcoming home. Mostly they need to be made a part of your family while they are here. Students here for one term and longer require their own bedroom. From past experiences, visiting students enjoy the relaxed lifestyle and warm hospitality of their Australian host families. They have fun practicing English conversations with you and trying various foods. On week days they are involved in school based programs.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of families who host International Students and if you would like any further information please see the following links or contact the school on 8557 0100.

Homestay FAQs Information on our Homestay Program Homestay Application Portal

Yours sincerely

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