

# Homestay families come in all shapes and sizes...

They are married couples with or without kids, singles, singles with kids, dog people, cat people and grandparents too.

Everyone has an opportunity to play a part in sharing their life, home and provide memories and cultural experiences to an international high school student. If you have a spare room, why not become a host and receive almost \$320 a week.

Once travel restrictions are lifted alongside our revved-up marketing and promotional activities, our international students/parents will be on the lookout for a Queensland safe-haven to call home.



As a host family, you provide a safe family environment with a bedroom, study area and three meals a day and contribute to the wonderful reputation Queensland has of providing the perfect 'Aussie' cultural experience.

How about an international student who comes from a country you are hoping to travel to? Form lifelong friendships with them and their family and maybe even learn and practise their language.

If you are passionate about a specific sport/music/art, you could share your common interest with an international student who also shares your pursuits.



Maybe your own family could do with a ‘gee-up’ and get motivated by welcoming an international student. They could become tour guides in their own town and get out-and-about as a family and showcase the local area.

Imagine how proud you’ll be that you and your family contributed to the personal growth, confidence, English language skills and graduation of your student.

Of course, as expected there are responsibilities that you will need to respond to including treating the student like family, be sensitive to cultural needs, ensure their happiness is being met and making sure they are moving toward their goals and aspirations.

We encourage you to think about the opportunity for shaping and supporting an international student and have a chat with your family so that when we kick start our international program and travel resumes, you will have decided already.

Need to find out more?

Start a conversation toward finding your homestay student -

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