

Homestay expectations for TGS International Students

Bedroom:

- Keep your room clean and tidy at all times, including, vacuuming regularly, making your bed and opening the windows to allow fresh air into the room.
- Do not eat and leave any food in the room as this could bring in ants and insects into the home. Please drink only water in your bedroom.
- Save energy! When you go out please turn off all electric appliances and lights in your room.

Fire hazards which could cause a fire and harm:

- Make sure all electric appliances such as heaters and electric blankets are turned off before you go to sleep and before you leave the house.
- Before you leave the house, check that you have locked the house door and always close windows you have opened. Keep your house key safe.

Bathroom:

- Please turn on the fan or open the window before your shower and limit your shower to 5-7 minutes; no showers after 10.00pm.
- Use a bath mat next to the shower when showering and always leave the bathroom clean.
- Do not flush sanitary pads down the toilet; wrap them up and put in the rubbish bin.

Mealtimes:

- Please eat your meals with the rest of the family or if you are late for a meal please eat the meal at the table. Do not take meals to your room.
- If you are not going to be home for a meal please remember to tell your homestay family before 4.00pm.

Friends:

- Your friends will usually be welcome in the house to visit you but, please ask your host family before you invite friends home.
- You should remember that one of the main reasons that you are studying in New Zealand is for you to learn and improve your English. If you are living with an English speaking family, it is polite to speak English when you are in the family areas of the house. Please remember this if you have friends visiting.

Illness:

- If you are sick and are not able to attend school you must tell your homestay family who will inform the school. When you are sick, you should not be leaving the home unless you are going to a doctor's appointment with your homestay parents' permission. Keep your receipts from the doctor for your insurance claims.

Going out:

- If you are going out with your friends please ask your homestay parents before you go out, tell them who you are going to be with and when you will be home and always **check your curfew time** (this is the time you should be home).
- You must not stay out overnight regardless of your age, without permission from the school.
- It is your responsibility to have your mobile phone fully charged before you leave the house.
- Your host family should have your mobile number and you must keep it switched on when you are away from home.
- If you are going to be late (and this should not happen very often) you must let your homestay family know so that they do not worry about you.
- Please understand that if you are late home and you have not made contact with your host family then they may contact the TGS emergency number to advise us that you are not home. Should this happen your parents will be informed and the police could also be contacted to help find you.
- **You must be contactable at all times.**

Travel and activities during school holidays and weekends:

You are not permitted to travel around or out of New Zealand unsupervised at any time during your period of study with Takapuna Grammar School, unless you are flying directly home to your own country. Your host family should be aware of any school trips you are going on.

Remember you do not live in a hotel but in a family – help with dishes, help to keep the kitchen clean and always ask your homestay parents how you can help. Please do not stay in your room all of the time; your homestay family want to be with you.

We hope you have an enjoyable stay with your homestay family.

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