

Short Term and Temporary Accommodation Options

The best option for short term and temporary accommodation for new international students in Australia is to spend their first 4 weeks in a properly hosted Homestay program.

Homestay is a cultural exchange between a local individual or family (called a Host) and a visiting student. The student lives as a guest in the host family's home.

The Australian Homestay Network (AHN) was recently commended by the Government's Senate Inquiry into the Welfare of International Students for meeting the 'appropriate' standards in homestay services. AHN provides a suitable range of Homestay options across Australia.

Why is Homestay a great option?

AHN Homestay Hosts are trained to assist international students:

- Settling into their new community
- Understanding the basics of Australian culture
- Everyday conversational skills
- Learning the basics such as buying transport tickets, where the local shops are, how to access banking, internet, mobile phone and personal safety tips
- Frequently used English and 'Aussie' words and phrases

Unlike other accommodation options students **don't** need to sign any long-term contracts, pay a bond, find furniture or search for a property themselves. Students are matched by a fully trained AHN Supervisor to a suitable AHN Homestay Host according to the needs of the student and education provider location.

What is included in Homestay?

An AHN Homestay student is provided with:

- A clean furnished room (this includes items like a bed, desk, wardrobe, chair and a study lamp), as well as a supportive family environment and home to live in
- Meals (as specified) and accommodation (including utilities)
- Ongoing Homestay host and student support
- AHN 24/7 professional phone support
- AHN Contents Insurance for students and hosts as per AHN Insurance Policy
<http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public/ahn-insurance>

The visiting student will have access to bathroom and laundry facilities as well and can choose a range of AHN meal service options. Students are welcome to extend their original homestay placement.

For further details go to www.homestaynetwork.org

How do I organise my Australian Homestay?

1. Go to www.homestaynetwork.org click on **JOIN AS STUDENT**- enter your details and we will organise the rest for you!
2. If you already have an Education Agent go to <http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public/agents>

Additional Information or Questions

Please contact us by emailing info@homestaynetwork.org or contact us by phone (if calling from overseas) + 61 2 890 50321
Or if you are already in Australia please phone: **1300 MY STAY (1300 69 78 29)**