



Individual Success
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INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR HOMESTAY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Thank you for expressing your interest in hosting an international student, for approximately 10 days, as part of the Innisfail State College EQI study tour program.

At this stage, we are preparing to host our first International Study Tour in March 2023, however this date will be confirmed later in the year.

There will be an information session for potential host families in Week 7 of Term 3 2022. This will be a great opportunity to meet families who have hosted in the past, gather more information and meet other families who are also engaging in this wonderful experience.

The attached documentation needs to be read and completed, however ISC staff will be available at the information session, and at future dates to assist you in completing this if required. If possible, it would be great to have the attached paperwork completed and returned to us by the end of term 3.

If you have any questions about the program, or your role as a homestay family, please contact us at isc_studytours@innisfailsc.eq.edu.au or call the college office on 4078 0222.

Regards

ISC Study Tour Team



BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY

Thank you for your expression of interest in hosting an overseas student and contributing to the increased internationalisation of our school and students.

To begin the application process, we need your family to complete this checklist and the attached documents. Please complete these documents and return to the college.

- *Homestay Provider Profile Document A (confidential, for school use only)*
- *Homestay Provider Profile Document B (will be provided to an educational agent and sent to your visiting student)*
- *Host Family Commitment (acknowledgement, declaration and agreement to be an EQI homestay provider)*

If your *Homestay Provider Profile* application is successful we would like to visit your home, meet your family and discuss your application. This meeting will include a review of what is involved in hosting an international student. Please indicate a convenient time for the visit to take place at the end of this form.

HOST FAMILY COMMITMENT

In hosting an international student, you are confirming you can provide and meet the following criteria. Please check each box.

- A clean, safe and secure household
- Adequate sleeping arrangements including a bed for each visiting student (sleeping bags or sleeping on the floor is not permitted). If sharing a room, the student will share a room with a child of the same gender
- Ability to treat the student(s) as part of your family and supervise appropriately at all times (including before and after school supervision)
- Ability to communicate with the student(s) in a friendly manner and in English at all times.
- Provision of three nutritious meals daily as well as snacks
- Supervised transport to and from school by a member of the homestay family, in to the care of the school (including ticket payment, if student will travel by public transport with a family member).
- Access to bathroom and laundry facilities
- Access to household items such as towels, sheets, blankets and cooking, eating utensils etc
- Not permit your student(s) to participate in any high-risk activity (including notifying the school if you become aware that your student intends to participate or has participated in a high-risk activity, on-routine travel, or non-routine activity without our approval)
- Notify the school immediately if you suspect or become aware that your student(s) has been harmed or is at risk of harm; or if you suspect or become aware that any person has been harmed or is at risk of harm by your student(s).
- Notify the school of any illness or injury suffered by the student(s) in an appropriately timely manner.
- Ensure that no other international students or individuals from the same country as the visiting student reside in the home during the dates of the study tour program.
- Agree to notify the school of any additional residents during the study tour (inclusive of both short-term and long-term residents, adults and minor) as soon as possible and within 7 days
- Obtain a Blue Card or Exemption Card for every household resident over 18 years of age, and will notify the school of any additional adult residents as soon as possible and within 7 days

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY

Please indicate your preferred day and time for household meeting (please nominate more than one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Monday		to		<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday		to	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday		to		<input type="checkbox"/> Friday		to	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday		to		<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please advise specific details below			

Other details – please indicate preferred dates/times

An orientation session will be held prior to the study tour during which all host families will be provided with detailed study tour program information, cultural etiquette and school support information related to the upcoming study tour.

Thank you again for your support for the school, students, and community. We know that becoming a homestay family will be a valuable and rewarding experience.

BLUE CARD

DO YOU IDENTIFY AS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING?

- Registered Health Care Professional
- Registered Teacher

IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT BLUE CARD PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

NAME *(as it appears on the card)* _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS _____

BLUE CARD # _____ / _____

TYPE Volunteer Exemption Other _____

EXPIRY DATE _____

WHO WILL NEED A BLUE CARD?

Everyone over the age of 18 will require a volunteer blue card to be able to become a homestay host.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A BLUE CARD

You will need a Customer Reference number (CRN) from the Queensland Department of Transport (TMR) to verify your identity before you can apply for the blue card. You can find this on any TMR product. The easiest being your driver's license.

If you don't have a CRN or your photo has expired you will need to visit a TMR site to obtain one. There is no fee to get a CRN or have your photo updated.

APPLY ONLINE

1. Ensure you have your CRN ready to reference and access to your phone/email.
2. Register for an online account at <https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>
3. Provide your blue card services account number to Innisfail State College by emailing isc_studytours@innisfailsc.eq.edu.au Innisfail State College will then link you to their organisation as a volunteer.
4. Blue card services will advise you that you have been linked to the organisation as a volunteer and you can then apply for your blue card using the online applicant portal.

There is no fee for a Volunteer blue card

The following videos are very helpful for the application process

REGISTER FOR AN ONLINE ACCOUNT <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-lDr6FBtpg>
HOW TO APPLY FOR A BLUE CARD AS A VOLUNTEER https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_vd_ErtOrk

Once you have received your blue card confirmation from Blue card services – please forward confirmation to isc_studytours@innisfailsc.eq.edu.au or complete the below and return to Innisfail State College office.

NAME _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS _____

BLUE CARD # _____/_____

TYPE Volunteer Exemption Other _____

EXPIRY DATE _____

MANUAL BLUE CARD APPLICATION

If you are unable to apply for your blue card online you can apply manually. Please see Volunteer Blue Card Application attached. Innisfail State College can also assist with certifying documents required for your manual application.