HOMESTAY AND SHARE ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTION 2011

This letter will give you some information on the responsibilities of being an accommodation provider.

At the English College of Adelaide we offer students share and full homestay accommodation.

**Share Accommodation** is quite popular with older students and more independent students. Students are responsible for their own cooking, cleaning, washing and shopping. The accommodation fee of $130-$150 per week is to be paid to the family/individual to cover expenses such as rent, water, gas, electricity, phone rental and local calls. The students should pay for their own overseas calls.

**Homestay Accommodation** offers students the opportunity to stay with an Australian family and learn about Australian lifestyle, food and culture. In addition, they are able to practise their English with their new “Australian family”.

It is important to remember that a homestay student should be treated like a family member, not a special guest in the house. The student is expected to help with household chores such as cleaning (their own room in particular), doing the dishes etc., as well as to take part in family activities and outings.

The main responsibilities of the host family offering full board are to provide 3 meals per day (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner). The host family will usually do the student’s washing and ironing, although the student could do their own ironing if necessary. Generally speaking, the extra expenses incurred by hosting an overseas student are as follows:

1) **Gas, Water, Electricity, Phone (local)**
   Whilst the overall cost of these services varies per household, we have calculated that it should cost no more than $15-$25 per week as a result of having an extra person in the house.

2) **Food**
   Some students can find it slightly difficult to adjust to Australian food, however, they soon adapt. Whilst in the family, we expect the students to eat an assortment of nutritional meals. For example, a variety of red meats, chicken, pasta, fish, rice, fruit and vegetables.

Students in full homestay pay $220 per week. We would expect that at least $90.00 be put towards the cost of food for the student. The remainder more than covers the cost of gas, electricity etc.

Thank you for your interest in hosting. When we receive your completed application, we will be in touch.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

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