



“They call me Tassie mum.”

Every year local high schools and colleges welcome hundreds of international students to Tasmania.

Our international program is rapidly growing and GETI provides homestay for short-term stays and long-term placements.

Living in homestay is compulsory for all students under 18 and offers students the chance to experience Australian culture, develop their English language skills – and make new friends!

Opening your home to students offers a rewarding learning experience for hosts, as students provide insight into their culture and share their ideas and perspectives.

Hosts are expected to provide:

- a safe, supportive and welcoming home environment
- a private furnished bedroom, with desk, chair and lamp
- all meals, including snacks
- use of facilities (e.g. TV, iron, vacuum cleaner, laundry)
- WiFi access for students

Homestay hosts need to be prepared to:

- encourage participation in family, community and cultural activities
- monitor students health and wellbeing
- support students in their studies
- accept duty of care for students outside of school hours

Hosts are provided with:

- > an initial briefing session and homestay handbook
- > ongoing support from our statewide homestay team
- > homestay newsletters
- > access to our 24-hour emergency telephone service
- > an allowance of \$290 per week, per student (single room)

Internet

All students access internet for study and to keep in touch with family and friends. Hosts are required to provide internet as part of the homestay offering.

Working with Vulnerable People Registration

All people over the age of 18 residing in your home are required to have a valid ‘Working with Vulnerable People’ registration from the Department of Justice, which is valid for 3 years. Register online http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application

Support for hosts

Our homestay coordinators are located in Hobart and Launceston, and provide assistance and guidance to hosts and students as required. For out-of-hours emergencies both hosts and students have access to our 24-hour emergency telephone service.

Talk with us today about becoming a homestay host, call 6165 5727 or email homestay@geti.tas.gov.au