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Homestay Program

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

TGEI provides homestay for short-term and long-term international students.

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.

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!

Hosts provide:

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

Homestay hosts:

- encourage participation in family and social life
- monitor students health and wellbeing
- support students in their studies
- provide a supportive environment for students outside of school time

Hosts are provided:

- an initial briefing session and homestay host guide
- ongoing support from our statewide homestay team
- homestay newsletters and updates
- access to 24-hour emergency support service
- an allowance of $350 per week, per student (single room)

Support for hosts

Our homestay coordinators are located in Hobart, Launceston, North-West, 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.

To keep students safe, TGEI supports all host families to obtain a registration to Work With Vulnerable People and Child Safeguarding training.

Registration to Work With Vulnerable People

All people over the age of 18 residing in your home are required to have a 'Registration to Work With Vulnerable People' which is valid for 5 years.

Register online: **www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/work-with-vulnerable-people/applications/apply**

Child Safeguarding Training

As part of a child safe organisation, hosts receive access to a 30-minute Child Safeguarding Training online. This requirement is designed to ensure hosts are well-equipped to support the safety and welfare of international students.

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

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