



## ACCOMMODATION & WELFARE POLICY

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St George College approves the following accommodation and care options for overseas students:

### 1. The student will live with a parent approved by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)

In this case:

- i. The College will provide a welfare letter (CAAW) via PRISMS. The student's family provides proof of relationship to DIBP for the purposes of visa application.
- ii. If the adult responsible for the welfare, accommodation and other support arrangements for a student under 18 years holds a Student Guardian visa, all obligations and conditions of this visa must be met, including:
  - not leaving Australia without the nominating student unless the College has first approved alternative welfare and accommodation arrangements for the student for the adult's period of absence, and
  - advising the DIBP of any change of address, passport or other changes of circumstances.

### 2. The student will live in College approved accommodation and care arrangements and the College will generate the welfare letter (CAAW) via PRISMS to accompany the student's Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

In this case:

- i. Any accommodation, welfare and other support arrangements for the student must be approved by the College, including arrangements provided by third parties
- ii. Any changes to approved arrangements must also be approved by the College.
- iii. If a student for whom the College has issued a CAAW refuses to maintain approved arrangements, the College will report this to the DIBP and advise the student to contact the DIBP to ensure visa implications are understood.  
(See DIBP office addresses at: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations/australia>.)

College approved accommodation options for full fee paying students under 18 years of age include:

- Homestay arranged through the Australian Homestay Network (AHN)

Accommodation and care arrangements approved by the College which meet all requirements under relevant state and commonwealth legislation, are facilitated by the Australian Homestay Network (AHN).

### 3. For College vacation periods, the following accommodation options are available to full fee paying students under 18 years of age for whom the College has issued a CAAW:

- i. Student continues to live in / is placed in Homestay arranged and approved by the College



**4. For College vacation periods, the following accommodation options are available to full fee paying students 18 years or older:**

- i. Student continues to live in / is placed in AHN Homestay or with a parent, details of which are recorded by the College

**Additional Information:**

**STUDENT GUARDIAN VISAS**

St George College requires holders of Student Guardian Visas to:

- maintain Overseas Visitor Health Cover for themselves and any dependent children living with them in Australia
- immediately advise the College of any change to address or contact details
- immediately advise the College if there are any compassionate or compelling reasons to travel overseas or not be at home for an extended period of time to care for the student.

If there is a valid reason for travelling overseas, and the College is able to approve alternative accommodation and care arrangements with AHN homestay for the student for the period of student guardian visa holder's absence, the College will provide documentation approving temporary care arrangements for the student for the DIBP.

If there is not a valid reason for travelling overseas, or if the College is not able to approve alternative accommodation and care arrangements for the student for the period of student guardian visa holder's absence, the student will need to travel overseas with the holder of the student guardian visa. In this case, the College will advise if compulsory attendance requirements will or will not be affected by the student's absence.