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ACCOMODATION

As per the code of Practice and Guidelines Whangaparaoa College will upon or before enrolment determine and verify which category of accommodation the student will live in (regardless of age) i.e.

HOMESTAY

This involves living with a New Zealand family while the student is attending school in New Zealand. Students have their own room and all their meals provided. Home stay accommodation costs approximately \$230 per week in 2008 and is paid to the home stay family by the school every fortnight. The College will invoice the student to cover the cost of the home stay for the duration of the stay or a full year at the time of issuing a preliminary offer of place.

All persons over the age of 18 residing in the household will be police vetted.

DESIGNATED CAREGIVER

A designated caregiver must be a **relative or close family friend**, and the college will

- (i) Take steps to satisfy itself that a designated caregiver **really is a relative or close family friend**.
- (ii) Require a signed indemnity document from the child's **parents** stating that:
 - (a) The designated caregiver is a **relative or close family friend**, and the **nature of the relationship**; AND
 - (b) The **parents are selecting the accommodation** (the designated caregiver residence) for the child, **subject to the education provider approving the accommodation**.

PARENT

A parent is a person with the right and responsibility to provide care for a child, and must be the person the child normally lives with in the home country. The college will request to see:

- The **child's birth certificate**;
- The **child's passport**; and
- **The parents' passport(s)**.

Students living with parents must still be monitored by the college. The home of a parent may be visited to verify the living situation. At no time can a parent leave the student unsupervised overnight or for any length of time without first informing the college and seeking approval for a temporary adult caregiver to take their place.

Please note:

Papers of **legal guardianship** are **not recognised** in New Zealand and **will not be accepted as proof of parentage** by the college **unless**:

- (i) There is also proof that the person with the legal guardianship papers is the person that **lives with the student in the home country**; AND
- (ii) The papers are from a Court.

Persons with papers of legal guardianship may be approved as designated caregivers or homestay carers for a child. To approve this, follow the steps for these categories of accommodation.