



Mission Heights
JUNIOR COLLEGE
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ACCOMMODATION POLICY

RATIONALE AND PURPOSE

This accommodation policy outlines factors that will be considered when managing accommodation for international students enrolled at Mission Heights Junior College. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 and the Education Act 1989.

MHJC undertakes to comply with the accommodation provisions set out in Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 (The Code).

POLICY OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a suitable living environment conducive to study and a safe and supportive home life
2. To involve residential caregivers in the welfare of the student
3. To assist the student to successfully integrate into New Zealand life
4. To ensure the student is well cared for and supported by MHJC

APPROVED ACCOMMODATION

All international students must live with parents or residential caregivers that have been approved by MHJC. The following categories of residential care may be approved by the school:

- Designated caregiver
- Homestay
- Approved temporary accommodation

USE OF ACCOMMODATION AGENTS

MHJC **may** make use of accommodation agents to organise and manage student accommodation. In the event that an accommodation agent is used, MHJC will enter into a written contract with the agent and will ensure that the accommodation services provided by the agent meets the requirements of the Code.

RESIDENTIAL CAREGIVERS

ONSITE ASSESSMENT

Residential care accommodation for international students will undergo an on-site assessment to determine that the accommodation is of an acceptable standard, is not a boarding establishment and the residential caregiver provides a safe physical and emotional living environment.

ONGOING MONITORING

All residential care accommodation for international students will be monitored on a regular basis including visits to the accommodation and student interviews to ensure that the accommodation continues to meet required standards.

RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES

Where difficulties arise in residential care, MHJC will liaise with residential caregivers, contracted agents, students and parents as appropriate to resolve such difficulties.

SAFETY CHECKING

Safety checks, including Police vetting as appropriate, will be carried out for residential caregivers. Other adults aged 18 years and over living in the accommodation will undergo an appropriate safety check.

DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS

- MHJC will have written Designated Caregiver Agreements with all designated caregivers
- The monitoring of students living in designated care will be managed in accordance with this policy and the Designated Caregiver Agreement

HOMESTAY

- MHJC will have written Residential Caregiver Agreements with all homestays
- MHJC will have written Homestay Accommodation Agreements with all students and their families
- The monitoring of students living in homestays will be managed in accordance with this policy and the Homestay Accommodation Agreement

- Homestay fees paid to the school will be held by MHJC on behalf of students and paid to host families in regular payments. Remaining homestay fees at the end of enrolment will be refunded according to the schools' refund policy.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

- MHJC will assess the suitability of the accommodation considering the age and gender of the students
- MHJC will ensure adequate supervision is in place for all students
- MHJC will ensure all pastoral needs of the students are met including meals and laundry
- MHJC will ensure that supervisors in temporary accommodation undergo an appropriate safety check
- MHJC will monitor and manage risks to students

REVIEW AND REPORTING

REVIEW

MHJC will review the conditions relating to this policy as part the annual self-review. The school will collect and record appropriate evidence of the review.

REPORTING

The International Coordinator will report directly to MHJC Principal on the operation of the MHJC policy for accommodation for international students.

This policy has been approved by the Board of Trustees:
This policy has been reviewed on:

Approval Date: _____
Review Date: _____