



ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

International Student Program

Expectations of Host Families

Hosting international students is a wonderful opportunity to develop a friendship with someone of a totally different culture. The friendship grows from an understanding and acceptance of two different cultures that the student and family introduce to each other.

Our expectations of host families are the following:

- To provide a safe, secure, welcoming home environment for the student
- To provide a separate bedroom for the student which includes a bed, closet, dresser and desk (if possible)
- To provide a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner daily for the student unless other arrangements have been made for the day
- To provide an English-speaking environment in the household
- To do the student's laundry (or provide laundry facilities if the student wishes to do their own laundry)
- To orient the student to Victoria, to your neighbourhood and to the neighbourhood of the school
- To involve the student in all family activities whenever possible
- To encourage the student to learn about Canadian culture, lifestyle and family life
- To take an interest in the student's progress at school
- To respect the rights, privacy and culture of the student
- To demonstrate appropriate behaviour toward the student at all times
- To provide safe transportation to and from school each school day (car, walking, bus, cycling)
- To pick up the student from the Victoria International Airport
- To take the student to the airport once their stay is finished
- To make other arrangements if you are unable to pick up/deliver the student to the airport

Should your home situation change during the time a student is living with you (i.e. new baby, move to new house, additional International student), we ask that you notify the International Student Coordinator. This information will be kept confidential.

When feasible, the recruiting agent, the school, and/or the International Student Coordinator will host an orientation session for homestay parents. This will help to familiarize the homestay parents with cultural expectations, to meet other homestay families, and to become acquainted with the philosophy and programs at Island Catholic Schools.



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Host Family Agreement

IN THE MATTER OF the agreement of accepting the responsibility as a host family for

Student's Name _____

I/WE _____
(Name of host family)

Address _____

_____ Postal Code _____

1. have read, and agreed to, the Expectations for Host Families
2. have discussed these expectations with the International Student Coordinator during an interview
3. have submitted a copy of a Criminal Record Check form(s)
4. will submit other forms as requested (i.e. Student Travel Document for out-of-town host family travel; Authorization for Pick up of Student)
5. will keep the International Student Coordinator informed of any pertinent issues related to the well-being of the international student (i.e. homesickness, illness, etc.)

Host parent signature

Date

Host parent signature

Date

International Student Coordinator signature

Date