

Care for Under 18 Aged Students

Care arrangements

1. Under direction from the WA Department of Education, homestay accommodation for under 18 aged students, where Canning College holds the CAAW, must be managed through Australian Homestay Network (AHN).
2. Parents can arrange to have direct relatives act as local carer. These are to be residential carers. Such arrangements must be approved by DIBP – see Form 157N. In these cases, the college does not hold the CAAW.
3. The Principal acts as ‘local carer’ for students who do not have qualified relatives and the college holds the CAAW. In such cases, the Principal may approve the student’s accommodation in a ‘parent nominated homestay’.
4. Parents are required to sign approval documents for any arrangements (see documents).
5. If the college cannot guarantee care arrangements for an under 18 aged student, the CAAW will be cancelled and DIBP immediately informed.
6. If the college becomes aware of an under 18 aged student being in unacceptable care arrangements, the case will be reported to DIBP.

Monitoring

1. Under 18 aged students are ‘tagged’ (by date of birth) on enrolment.
2. Such students are interviewed by student advisors at least once per 10 week term.
3. Accommodation staff check with students and hosts that arrangements are satisfactory. Accommodation staff may also provide support for a student experiencing difficulty with in a host situation and mediate as may be required. Students can report problems to accommodation staff or advisors.
4. Teachers monitor class rolls and marks books, and report any problems for management by international student advisors.
5. Parents are informed of any issues deemed to be problems.
6. Reports are sent to parents at the end of term one, term two (semester one) and the end of the year. Progress reports can be done at other times when a written request is received from parents.
7. Parents can monitor their child’s performance (academic and attendance records) through the My Marks program.

Terms:

1. CAAW – Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare. It is a condition for the issuance of a student visa to an under 18 aged applicant.
2. DIBP – Department of Immigration and Border Protection.