

## What is a Homestay?

*Please note if you are a CAP student, homestay accommodation will not be suitable as your placement will involve shift work.*

There are two types of homestays - Full board and Independent.

### **Full board homestay**

Package includes:

- Your own room within the main building.
  - The room will include a bed, desk, chair, lamp and storage drawers.
  - An electric blanket for the bed may also be provided in colder seasons.
  - A heater must be provided.
  - Key to the home.
  
- Meals
  - Monday to Friday: Breakfast and dinner.
  - Saturday and Sunday, public holidays and NMIT term holidays: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
  
- Wireless internet
  - A minimum of 40GB of WIFI per student.

### **Costs per week**

2018: NZ\$250

2019: NZ\$280

### **Homestays for students under 18 years of age**

If you are under 18 years of age it is a requirement that you stay in approved homestay accommodation.

Our under 18 homestay package includes all the features of the full board homestay plus:

- Daily packed lunch during the week
- Telephone (excluding toll calls)
- Laundry (optional)

Costs per week

2018: NZ\$ 325

### **Independent homestays**

It is also possible to arrange a homestay with no meals provided at a lower weekly cost. This is called an Independent Homestay and it includes your own room, heating, electricity, bedding and internet. No food is provided.

**Costs per week**

2018: NZ\$190

2019: NZ\$215

**Term**

A homestay arrangement needs to be for 8 weeks or longer. Please complete arrival and departure dates on the homestay application form.

There is a payment/notice period of Two weeks if you wish to leave prior to your arranged date. If you plan to stay less than 8 weeks, please contact the local commercial accommodation providers and arrange your own accommodation directly.

**Fees**

Fees to your homestay should be paid two weeks in advance, firstly in cash to your hosts on arrival and then by automatic payment – your hosts will provide you with their bank account details.

**Holiday**

You will continue to pay the full price of the homestay if you are away from the homestay for less than five consecutive days. For holidays over 5 days in length, 50 percent of your standard homestay rate is charged. Hosts will not store your belongings if you are not paying at least 50% of the homestay fee – this is by arrangement directly with the hosts due to insurance and capacity limitations.