



HERETAUNGA COLLEGE  
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# Homestay



## Homestays

Have you ever considered hosting an International student?

Hosting international students can be extremely rewarding and often forges friendships that continue well after the students have returned home.

The rewards are great:

- Add a new dynamic to your family
- Experience another culture
- Financial compensation
- Life long friends

Our international programme is undergoing rapid growth. We need local families to host students in their homes.



## PASTORAL CARE

The Director of International Students welcomes students and assists them to choose their learning programme.

Support is immediate for any personal matters.

Students live locally with homestay families, and are supervised by a Homestay Co-ordinator.

Our school campus has been upgraded through a multi-million dollar project that has allowed us to create a wonderful facility for staff and students.

These include modern learning spaces, cafe and student concourse and lovely landscaped grounds.

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Heretaunga College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies are available from the school or [www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international)

## Options

We are looking for suitable homestays for

- Short term [2-4 weeks]
- One term [10-12 weeks]
- Half year/two terms [22 weeks]
- One year /four terms [47 weeks]

Some homestays are able to take more than one student if they have appropriate room



## You need to:

- provide a separate room for the student [short term students can share a room or are happy to share a bedroom with a host brother or sister].
- provide meals, including a prepared lunch for school.
- include the student in your family life.
- provide a structured environment and the willingness to support the student in gaining the



## HOMESTAY PAYMENTS

Short term students will be paying \$250 per week.

Most short term stays are two weeks so would typically earn \$500 or \$1000 if you can take two. The students are at school during the week but may need inclusion in family activities in the weekend.

Normal homestay rate is \$230 per week

Most of our international students attend high school for at least one term or two terms. Some stay for the whole year. A half-year student will typically contribute \$4300 depending on term length.

There are costs involved in hosting which the above fee is designed to compensate you for. These include food, electricity, heating, internet access and inclusion in family activities. Students will have spending money provided by their parents for incidental expenses but the amount can vary enormously.

There is also the responsibility of taking care of someone else's child and providing a stable, supportive environment.

We really enjoy having international students in our school as they bring a different set of experiences and understanding of the world for our children to learn from. They leave our school and homestays having had a wonderful experience, they have grown in confidence and maturity and are enriched by their time with us. They in turn have added a great deal to understanding of different cultures and to our school and family life.

The school will support you to be a great host through excellent communication and availability.

If interested and want to know more please contact our Homestay Manager, Sally Vaughan at [vaughans@heretaunga.school.nz](mailto:vaughans@heretaunga.school.nz)