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Accommodation for International Fee Paying Students

Outcome Statement

International fee paying students are only accepted into the school if appropriate accommodation is available to them. The categories of accommodation that will be accepted by Ruapehu College are:

- Living with a parent.
- Living with an approved designated caregiver.
- Living in a homestay provided and approved by the school.

Purpose

To ensure that our international students have suitable living arrangements, compliant with the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, that promote safety, a caring, supportive environment and good study conditions. To have sound procedures in place for the selection and ongoing monitoring of homestay accommodation.

Guidelines

- All international students studying at the school must either live with their parents or be in a homestay that is either provided by the school or arranged by the student's parents (designated caregiver).
- International students studying at the school are not permitted to own or rent a flat/room/house/apartment or live on their own.
- All people over the age of 18 (except international students) who reside in the homestay must be police vetted prior to being accepted into our homestay programme.
- The school will appoint a homestay coordinator who shall:
 - source suitable homestay accommodation
 - arrange for the placement of students
 - keep homestay carers and students well informed of their responsibilities
 - liaise regularly with the students and their homestays
 - maintain an accurate database of students and their homestays
 - ensure that the school and homestay families meet the requirements of the education Code of Practice and of NZQA guidelines.
- Homestay parents sign a comprehensive contract outlining their responsibilities.
- Complaints about a homestay situation by either the student or the homestay family must be directed to the homestay coordinator or director of international students.
- There is a \$200 fee payable where the school is required to locate the homestay.

- The student's family pays the total homestay costs, stipulated on the offer of place, to the school and the school will then transfer the costs to the homestay family on a fortnightly basis.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board's regular policy review process.

Ratified by Ruapehu College Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Elijah Pue



Signed: _____ Date: 25.02.21

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