



What is an EQI homestay?

Education Queensland International (EQI) develops and promotes programs for international students to study at Queensland Government schools.

International education is Queensland's second largest services export industry and is important to the State's economy. The school sector is a major contributor to the industry, and there are currently over 75 Queensland Government schools that offer international student programs.

Homestay provides international students with a secure and welcoming place to live and practise their English language skills in a real home setting. Most students attend high school but the length of their stay in Queensland will vary.

As a homestay host you contribute to the positive memories our international students have of their time in Queensland. Our most successful hosts form cultural links and friendships with students and families all over the world.

What does a homestay host provide?

- A clean, safe and friendly home where students can experience the Australian lifestyle and practise their English conversation skills
- A private bedroom with a desk and suitable storage space for the student's clothes, personal belongings and study materials
- Three nutritious meals per day
- Assistance to access transport to and from school and for school-related activities.

What do homestay hosts receive?

EQI hosts receive a fortnightly payment to cover the student's meals and homestay expenses. If your host application is successful your local school will provide full training and ongoing support to ensure that you and your international student/s enjoy the best homestay experience.

How do I become an EQI homestay host?

- Homestay hosts are selected from local communities and come from many different backgrounds and family settings.
- EQI homestays are managed by individual Queensland Government schools. To find your local school please refer to the contact details listed over the page.
- After completing an EQI application form you will be interviewed by your school's Homestay Coordinator.
- To ensure student safety, each adult (aged 18 and over) in your household is screened via a police check and must obtain a 'Blue Card', Queensland's monitoring system for people who work with children.