

International Student Program – Homestays needed!

Hello parents and caregivers

I have been a staff member at Maleny High for many years in various roles. This year I am excited to have been appointed to the role of International Homestay Coordinator. This is a new position here at the school, and I will be ensuring that the needs of our international students and homestay providers are met.

I have 20+ years of practical experience in being a homestay provider and I look forward to working with students and families to ensure the most amazing and positive experience for everyone. Su Carbery will continue her involvement in the program, but will concentrate more on the administrative and curriculum-based side of things. Thanks to Su for single-handedly managing for some time what has been a huge behind-the-scenes job.

Maleny (and the Sunshine Coast in general) is a highly desirable destination for international students to learn and experience. Maleny High hosts students from many countries including Japan, Germany, Finland and Italy, and we have had interest from other countries such as Chile. Visits may range from a week or two (Study Tours – currently twice a year from Japanese schools), a term (10 weeks), or up to a year. It is entirely up to you how long you would like to host a student for.

As our International Program continues to grow, I am building a pool of fantastic homestay providers and am hosting a **Homestay/Study Tour Information Evening on Tuesday 28th March starting at 6pm in the Resource Centre**. Light refreshments will be available. You do not need to be a family with students enrolled at Maleny High to be a homestay provider, in fact I'd love to hear from families with young children, singles, retirees etc. Homestay families receive a non-taxable allowance to cover student expenses. If you can meet the following criteria, and think you could welcome a student into your home, I'd love to see you there!

- O All members of the household over 18 must hold a current Blue Card (I can assist with applying for this card – there is no cost to the applicant)
- O Provide a bedroom (not shared) with a bed, study desk, chair and light, and wardrobe storage
- O Provide all meals
- O Provide a safe and caring environment

If you are unable to attend on the night and would like to know more, please contact me on

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Thanks

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