

ISCA International Student Code of Conduct

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The responsibility of International Student Care Australia (ISCA) is to provide International Students with a safe, secure and caring family environment that helps support and nurture them as they strive to achieve their best with their studies. Under the *Education Services for Overseas Students National Code 2018*, ISCA's obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of international students enrolled in the ISCA Homestay program is of the highest priority.

The following is a summary of the key responsibilities for students who are enrolled in the ISCA Homestay program:

Attendance

1. Students are required to attend school on every school day. If a student is unwell a doctor's certificate or other supporting documentation may be required by the school. The Homestay family must advise the school of your illness each day of your absence. It is the student's responsibility to be informed and adhere to their school's Absentee Policy.
2. In accord with the conditions of the Student Visa Subclass 500, if the student's attendance falls below 80% for a term, the school will report the student to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP).

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

1. Students will maintain OSHC coverage for the duration of their student visa. This cover enables students to seek basic medical advice and assistance if required. Parents must give their permission for ISCA staff or Homestay parents to obtain any medical assistance required in the event of an accident or illness and guarantee to meet all costs.

Contact Details

1. Students will advise ISCA and the Homestay family immediately if current personal contact details change. This includes a new mobile phone number or change of email address.
2. Students will obtain permission from ISCA and the school before changing accommodation.

Homestay

1. Students are required to live with an ISCA approved or arranged homestay family for the duration of their studies, if a parent or close relative has not been nominated as a guardian/carer.
2. Students will advise the homestay family and ISCA of their emergency contact details and have sufficient charge and credit on their mobile phones so as to be contactable at all times.
3. Students will follow and respect homestay family household rules and property. These include showing consideration and courtesy, complying with nominated curfew hours (**Sunday to Thursday home by 6.00pm and Friday and Saturday home by 10.00pm**) and negotiating with the homestay family in regards to outings and visits.
4. Students will negotiate the use of telephone, computer and internet facilities with the homestay family and abide by the homestay family decision in relation to this usage. Students should not download large files (5MB or more, including movies, games and music) at the homestay family's internet expense. Additional charges to cover internet usage for movies, games or music may be charged by the Homestay family.

5. It is illegal for students to access pornographic or violent material and/or to download content that is illegal to possess by Australian law.
6. Students are not permitted to smoke, consume alcohol, use non-prescribed drugs or possess offensive weapons (including martial arts items or knives) while enrolled in an ISCA Homestay program.
7. Students will be treated as a respected member of the family, and will be expected to be an active member of the household. There is a minimum of four weeks before a student can be moved to a new homestay family. Transfers to a new family will incur additional charges and will only be for valid reasons affecting a student's wellbeing. ISCA reserves the right to move a student in exceptional circumstances.
8. Students are invoiced by the semester and must provide 2 weeks written notice if leaving the program to secure a refund.

Travel

1. Requests to travel must be made using the Travel Request form available from the school and travel will only be permitted if it has been approved by the school and ISCA.
2. Travel during term days and school hours is prohibited except for activities organised by the school.
3. Students are permitted to travel within Australia during weekend or school holidays only with:
 - a. The host family or,
 - b. Prior school and ISCA approval and completion of the school's Travel Request form. (a minimum of 7 days' advance notice is required).
4. Independent travel overseas (except to go directly home for holidays) is not permitted.
5. When returning home for school holidays, students must allow sufficient time when booking flights to and from Australia so as not to arrive late for the first day of term or depart earlier than the completion of each school term. All flight itineraries must be submitted and approved in advance by the school prior to booking. All flights must arrive and depart Australia during daylight hours, if at all possible. Students must advise Homestay hosts of their flight departure and return dates and provide a copy of the airline ticket.

Overnight and weekend stays

1. Students can stay overnight with a friend during weekends only if prior permission from both Homestay families and school has been given. Students are required to submit the Travel Request form to gain prior school approval (minimum of 5 days' advance notice).

Australian Law and ISCA Policy

1. Students will obey Australian laws and regulations at all times.
2. Students are not permitted to be served or consume alcohol in licensed premises or public places.
3. It is illegal to possess and/or use non-prescribed drugs in Australia.
4. Students will not engage in inappropriate sexually explicit behaviour at any time.
5. Students must seek permission from their host school to work in accordance with the *Queensland Child Employment Regulation 2006*.
6. Students enrolled in an ISCA program may only drive a vehicle in Australia if they have obtained an Australian driving licence. Driving lessons to obtain an Australian driving licence must be undertaken with a professional driving school and instructor. Fees will apply for these lessons.
7. Students enrolled in an ISCA program must not ride in cars driven by any Provisional License holders (i.e. P plates) including children of the host family.

I have read and understand the ISCA Code of Conduct. I understand that my Homestay Accommodation may be cancelled without refund if I do not comply with the above Code of Conduct.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Full Name (in English as per passport): _____

As parents/guardians of the Applicant (under the age of 18 years), I understand and agree that my son/daughter will comply with the ISCA Student Code of Conduct.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent or legal guardian's signature

Guidelines for Students on a Student Visa Subclass 500
Information Sheet for Students
Student Visa Compliance

IMPORTANT

Student 500 visas are granted subject to a number of conditions. The information below provides a summary of each of these conditions and you should read and understand them. Non-compliance could result in your visa being cancelled and you would be required to leave Australia.

Visa Condition No. 8202 – Attendance

- I must maintain full time enrolment
- I must attend a minimum of 80% of classes

Visa Condition No. 8532 – Accommodation Arrangements

- If I am under 18 I must stay in
 - Approved homestay accommodation
- I must not change my accommodation arrangements without written approval

Visa Condition No. 8516 – Changing Education Provider

- I am not permitted to change education provider (current school) until I have completed 6 months of my study.

Visa Condition No. 8105 – Work

- I am only permitted to work up to 40 hours per fortnight (14 days) during the school term

Visa Condition No. 8501 – Health Insurance

- I must maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance while in Australia. You must maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

I have read and understand the conditions relating to my student Visa Subclass 500. I understand that my visa may be cancelled if I do not comply with the above conditions.

Signed:

_____ Date: ____/____/____

Full Name (in English as per passport): _____