

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

## **Information for Residential Caregivers**

(Designated Caregivers and Homestays)

Remuera Intermediate School accepts International Students who live with a designated caregiver or in a homestay. Prior to enrolment, Remuera Intermediate School staff will visit the places where International Students will be living if those students are not living with their parents. The Director responsible for International Students will maintain regular contact with families.

The following information may be useful for you as a potential caregiver:

- Residential caregivers are responsible for the student at all times including school holidays. It is
  the caregiver's responsibility to know where the student is, how they can be contacted and who
  they are spending time with at all times. If a student is staying at a friend's place overnight, contact
  should be made with the host parents beforehand.
- When your student is out, please ensure that he/she is carrying phone numbers and addresses of both the school and the caregivers.
- Children must not be left alone in the house for any reason. In New Zealand law, children under 14 cannot be left unsupervised.
- Set reasonable rules and boundaries for the student, just as you would for your own child. Discuss your expectations with the student.
- Children must have regular communication with their families. It is desirable that one phone call a week plus email access is provided. Payment for the phone calls should be by the parents unless some other arrangement has been made.
- You need to ensure that your student can get to and from school safely. It may be necessary to accompany the student on the first few days if they are unsure about how to get to school
- Try to help your student with homework. It is the responsibility of the caregiver to attend Parent Interviews at the school at the appropriate times.
- If the student is absent from school for any reason, the caregiver should inform the school as soon as possible.
- Students should be provided with 3 meals a day plus snacks, including a packed lunch for school
- The bedroom should be warm and comfortable and suitable for study
- Washing and ironing of bedding and clothing should be done regularly

The Director responsible for International Students or the Principal are available to discuss any problems that may arise. Please contact either one should you have any concerns:

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