

Guideline for selecting families for homestay program



The Australian International Islamic College (AIIC) has the following selection criteria for screening the host families:

- Eligible for obtaining the Blue Card
- Ability to provide secure and safe environment to the students
- Ability to empathise with the students, especially when they feel homesick, and to provide appropriate support and supervision for a home stay student
- Having adequate, safe and comfortable room complying with local building regulations
- Having suitable furnishing and lighting for effective learning and comfortable living
- Having adequate level of English to interact in a cordial and respectful manner with the students
- Having a clean and tidy houses
- Located not more than 60 minutes travelling distance from AIIC via public transport or school bus service and private transport
- Understanding of and commitment to uphold the roles and responsibilities associated with the welfare of the students

Each homestay host will be visited by the officer responsible for home stay program and use his or her judgement when evaluating the family against the selecting criteria. The officer will be trained in selecting the host family and report any unsatisfactory signs such as an unclean and unsafe house, abrupt and rude mannerisms, heavy focus on financial gains, too many boarding students, ignorance of or unwilling to learn the basic cultural aspects of potential students, potential arrangements the can intrude the privacy of the students, and unsafe pets.

A written report will be prepared by the officer on each host family and an informed decision will be made whether or not the potential host family will be approved. The report will be documented and kept in the host family and student files.