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~ Our College Vision ~

*To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning  
with open hearts and open minds.*

### Homestay Families Required

Earnshaw State College is once again hosting Showa High School (Japan) through Education Queensland's International Study Tour Programs in July this year. Over the last 2 years, Showa High School visits have resulted in many friendships being formed and a sharing of cultures. We are currently compiling a database of families who would be open to accommodating visiting students during their 10 night visit from Sunday 20 July to Wednesday 30 July. Homestay families are very important to the success of such study visits as it allows visiting students the best opportunity to practice their English conversation skills in everyday life, while ensuring safe accommodation and a caring home environment.

Responsibilities for host families include:

- Providing three meals a day as well as snacks (or suitable amount of money)
- Providing transfers to/from school (this can include public transport if travelling with another host student)
- Providing a bed, preferably in a separate sleeping area or sharing a room with another child of the same gender

Homestay families do receive payment for hosting overseas students. The process for becoming a homestay family does involve several steps as listed below. If you are interested in becoming a homestay family, please ring the office on 36217333 to receive the required electronic application.

Host family process:

1. Register your interest by ringing the office on 36217333 and providing an email address. The application forms will be emailed.
2. Complete forms 'A' and 'B' electronically as well as blue card application (online) and return to Earnshaw State College Main Office
3. Home Inspections completed by Accredited Officers (Sally Dexter, Richard Tweney and/or Mari Iiuma)
4. Pre-arrival information evening

Being a host family also provides your family with a wonderful opportunity to forge new friendships and learn about the culture of another country.

Regards

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