



Homestay at Our School



Kathryn Erwin
Homestay Coordinator

A caring New Zealand family, supported by the school

- 24 hours a day, on call Homestay Co-ordinator including weekends
- Our school abides by the Education Pastoral Care of International Learners Code of Practice
- Kaikorai Valley College has over 30 years' experience of hosting International Students

Carefully Selected & Monitored Families

- Police-checked host parents
- Home inspections for safety and suitability
- Ongoing monitoring by school staff

Daily Care & Emotional Support

- Welcome and Induction Programme for students
- Daily interaction with our International Student Dean, who monitors students and helps with settling into NZ life at school
- Guidance for host families on cultural sensitivity and adjustment support
- Homestay parents meetings with the school

Academic Focus, Protected

- Clear study routines and curfews
- Clear rules for students safety as outlined in the Code of Practice
- Fortnightly school reports for all students
- School oversees attendance and academic progress alongside the host family

Communication with Parents

- The school and not the host family can be contacted.
- International Director, International Dean and Homestay Co-ordinator are available for contact.

Quick FAQ

- Who is responsible for my child? — The school.
- How are families selected? — Police-checked, home-inspected, references obtained school-approved, regularly monitored
- What if my child is homesick? — The Host family, Homestay Co-ordinator and International Dean will support your child. The school Guidance Counsellor is also available to see students.
- Can I meet the family before my student leaves? Yes, we encourage contact between you and the host family prior to arrival.