

Pre- arrival and Arrival Information for Students

Before you come

1. Bring your mobile phone with you then buy a phone card in Australia;
2. Organise with your bank so you can do online transfer of money into your new Australian bank account. It would be a good idea to have at least \$4000 in your bank account which will cover things like your homestay payment, bond, school uniform etc.;
3. You will need to buy your school uniform in Australia;



4. You may wish to bring some stationary which includes writing books pens etc.;
5. If you have a notebook computer this would be useful;
6. Bring casual clothes which are suitable for summer and winter;
7. An electronic translator would be useful. A paper dictionary in your local language to English and English to your local language as well as a dictionary in your local language ;
8. Make sure you have a copy of all your important phone numbers in case you lose your phone, also keep a copy of your passport/ visa;
9. You should also bring any medicines and prescriptions including prescriptions for reading glasses, also bring a spare pair of reading glasses with you as they are much more expensive in Australia;
10. If you have any medical records such as vaccination record this would be useful; and
11. It would be a good idea to have any dental work completed before you arrive as it will be more expensive in Australia.

At the airport

1. When you walk out of the secure customs area turn to your left and go to the 'Information Desk'. Someone from our school will be there with a sign. The sign will have the school name and your name in English. If you do not see anyone please stay at the Information Desk. If you are worried ring Ms Qu on +61 400 560 429
2. We will telephone your parents that you have arrived safely;
3. We will give you a contact details card put your contact details card somewhere safe; and remember to add your new contact numbers to your phone

At the homestay(Third Parties and Relatives are applicable)

The following are some of the things that will happen on arrival and over your first few days.

1. You will be welcomed and introduced to the members of the homestay household;
2. You will be shown around the house briefly. You may have questions after you have had a chance to settle in;
3. You will be given a key by the homestay and shown how to lock up the house;
4. You will be shown by the homestay where the nearest public transport is and how you can use it;
5. Homestays will give you a tour of the local area which might include the local shops nearest bank etc.;
6. Your homestay should also take you to the bank to set up an account. You must not keep large amounts of money in cash either with you or at your homestay;
7. After you have settled in there should be a discussion about some of the house rules, what you are expected to do and what the homestay will do for you;
8. Your homestay will either drive you to school on your first day or show you how to get to school; and
9. Your homestay may also take you to the College uniform shop PWS at 12 Strathalbyn Street East Kew Phone 9819 7809.