Homestay student code of conduct

The Homestay student will be expected to:

• Make efforts to speak and practice English with their homestay family

• be aware, respect and adhere to the normal standards of behaviour within the homestay, as given by the homestay family. This may include conditions such as no smoking in the house, reasonable time spent in the bathroom, or minor household chores such as occasional washing up and keeping their bedroom clean and tidy.

• communicate in an honest and respectful way to develop positive relationships with families which are based on mutual trust and communication.

• take responsibility for their own practices and needs and communicate these openly with their homestay family on a day to day basis

• keep all valuables, money, passport and airline tickets in a safe place

• ask the family before inviting friends over, and keep noise to a minimum

• advise the homestay family with adequate notice if they will not be home for meals

• be able to manage their own finances; eg personal expenses for toiletries, travel, entertainment, telephone calls, internet costs, medical expenses and other incidental costs

• be prepared to participate in family activities

• respect and be aware of cultural differences and beliefs of the homestay family. The environment may differ from their own

• provide reasonable notice if leaving their homestay (usually two weeks required)

• reimburse the family for any damage to the property if they are responsible for the damage

• advise the homestay coordinator immediately of any concerns of their health or welfare which may arise in the homestay environment

• be aware and abide by the laws of Australia, for example, wear bicycle helmets, respect legal age of drinking, etc.

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________ Date: _____________

Student’s signature: __________________________ Date: _____________