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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND WELFARE POLICY

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### **Care for younger students under 18 years**

Brisbane Adventist College is a CRICOS-registered provider which enrolls younger students under 18 years of age. As part of its registration obligations Brisbane Adventist College must satisfy Commonwealth and state legislation, as well as any other regulatory requirements, relating to child welfare and protection for any overseas student enrolled who is under 18 years of age.

These obligations include ensuring that all overseas students under 18 years of age are given age- and culturally appropriate information on:

- Who to contact in emergency situations, including contact number/s of a nominated staff member, and
- how to seek assistance and report any incident or allegations or allegations involving actual or alleged sexual, physical or other abuse.

Brisbane Adventist College has documented procedures relating to child welfare and safety and will implement these procedures if there are any concerns for the welfare of a student under 18 years of age.

### **Accommodation and care options for overseas students under 18 Years**

Brisbane Adventist College approves the following accommodation and care options for overseas students:

#### **1) The student will live with a parent or relative approved by the Department of Home Affairs**

In this case:

- I. The College does **NOT** provide a welfare letter (CAAW) via PRISMS. The student's family completes a Form 157N and provides proof of relationship to the Department of Home Affairs (Immigration) at the time of the visa application for approval of these arrangements. The Department of Home Affairs (Immigration) must also approve any further change of welfare arrangements.
- II. If the adult responsible for the welfare, accommodation and other support arrangements for a student under 18 years holds a [Student guardian Visa \(subclass 590\)](#), all obligations and conditions of this visa must be met, including:
  - a) Not leaving Australia without the nominating student unless there are compassionate and compelling circumstances and the College has first approved alternative welfare and accommodation arrangements for the student for the adult's period absence, and
  - b) Advising the Department of Home Affairs (Immigration) of any changes of address, passport or other changes of circumstances.



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Brisbane Adventist College requires holders of Student Guardian Visas to:

- i. maintain Overseas Visitor Health Cover for themselves and any dependent children living with them in Australia
- ii. immediately advise the College of any change to address or contact details
- iii. immediately advise the College if there are any compassionate or compelling reasons to travel overseas or to be at home for an extended period of time to care for the student.

If there is a valid reason for travelling overseas, and the College is able to approve alternative accommodation and care arrangements for the student for the period of student guardian visa holder's absence, the College will provide documentation approving temporary care arrangements for the student to the student's guardian and for the Department of Home Affairs (Immigration) via PRISMS.

If there is not a valid reason for travelling overseas, or if the College is not able to approve alternative accommodation and care arrangements for the student for the period of student guardian visa holder's absence, the student will need to travel overseas with the holder of the student guardian visa. In this case, the College will advise if compulsory attendance requirements will or will not be affected by the student's absence.

**Note:**

As of 31 August 2020, "[No Card, No start](#)" blue card requirements apply for providers of child accommodation services, unless an exemption applies.