WELFARE AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY

Visa condition 8532 requires that under 18 year old students maintain suitable accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements. Under 18 year old students may stay with a parent or suitable relative or, if this is not possible, they may stay in accommodation approved by their education provider.

It is a policy in Citipointe Christian College and Citipointe College International that students over 18 will likewise maintain approved and supervised accommodation during the duration of the studies in the College.

To maintain suitable arrangements for welfare, the options for Welfare and Accommodation at the College are that a student must stay in Australia with:

- a parent or legal custodian or
- a relative who has been nominated by parents. This must be an arrangement approved by the Department of Immigration and generally applies to blood relatives; The College Homestay Co-ordinator may still visit the family to ensure adequate supervision and suitability for study. All other non-relative members of the household over 18 must hold Blue Cards
- a family friend/custodian who is aged over 21 and is of good character. This arrangement must be approved by the College. A Confirmation of Accommodation Approval (CAAW), known as a Welfare letter, is required from the College and has Accommodation and Approval fees and Welfare fees associated with the arrangement. All other members of the household over 18 must hold Blue Cards
- College Homestay accommodation with support and general welfare arrangements that have been approved by the College. See Homestay Policy

If welfare arrangements are approved by the College, the student must not travel to Australia until welfare arrangements are due to commence. All travel within Australia during holiday periods must be approved by the College.

Note: A student/family must not change any of these arrangements without the written approval of the College. A student is required by the Department of Immigration to always advise of any change of address. The College asks students to confirm their contact details every six months.

This policy applies to all international students in this College except those sponsored by AusAID or Defence to study a full-time course of any type in Australia (i.e. sub-class 576)