

# International Orientation Handbook

As at 1 February 2026

## Important Contact Information

### College contacts

Principal	Mr Dan Walker
Head of Secondary School	Mr Nick Stansbie
Head of Junior School	Mrs Karen Roman
Head of Teaching and Learning and International Student Contact	Mrs Rebecca Adamson
Secondary School	<a href="mailto:secondaryschool@canterbury.qld.edu.au">secondaryschool@canterbury.qld.edu.au</a> / 07 32998643
Junior School	<a href="mailto:juniorschool@canterbury.qld.edu.au">juniorschool@canterbury.qld.edu.au</a> / 07 3299 0847
Homestay Coordinator	<a href="mailto:homestay@canterbury.qld.edu.au">homestay@canterbury.qld.edu.au</a> / 07 3299 0888
24 hour contact	24 hour number will be provided during your orientation
Parent Liaison Officer	<a href="mailto:plo@canterbury.qld.edu.au">plo@canterbury.qld.edu.au</a> / 07 3299 0888

### Other important contacts

Emergency 000

Police, Fire, Ambulance

Department of Home Affairs <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

(Immigration and Citizenship)

Online medical appointments Healthengine: <https://healthengine.com.au/>

HotDoc: <https://www.hotdoc.com.au/>

Public Transport Translink: <https://translink.com.au/>

Taxi Black and White Cabs

<https://www.blackandwhitecabs.com.au/>

13 cabs

<https://www.13cabs.com.au/locations/brisbane/>

Study Australia <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/>

## **Commencement at Canterbury**

### **Interview**

All students must attend an interview if they have not already done so. The interview will cover the following areas:

- Subject selection
- Co-curricular activities
- Academic requirements of the visa
- Attendance requirements of the visa
- Behavioural expectations
- Uniform and grooming expectations
- Pastoral Care and Orientation Program
- Canterbury values

### **Orientation**

Students will:

- Meet their Head of House
- Receive their student timetable
- Tour the College
- Receive assistance with textbook collection, laptop collection, and student ID card
- Be allocated a student buddy
- Be provided with ongoing pastoral care until graduation

### **Academic Support**

- Students will complete annual band-scaling tests to monitor progress in English language proficiency.
- Our Academic Team will regularly review student performance and provide additional support where needed.

### **Campus Location and Map**

Canterbury College is located on 30.2 hectares of natural Australian bush land, grassed ovals and landscaped grounds in Logan City. The College is situated approximately midway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

[Campus Map Link](#)

[College Facilities Link](#)

[Campus Master Plan Link](#)

## Homestay Accommodation

- Our Homestay Coordinator regularly monitors both students and homestay families.
- All students are provided with a 24-hour emergency contact number.

Our homestay families make sure that each student experiences every facet of the Australian lifestyle through family meals, day trips and conversation. Students will gain an understanding of our culture and will be able to practice their English in a relaxed, supportive family atmosphere.

Homestay families will:

- provide a caring and supportive environment and treat the student as one of their own family members.
- provide a comfortable, clean room for each student that can be considered their private space. The room will be well ventilated, be adequately lit, and will have a comfortable bed with clean linen, a wardrobe, a desk and a chair for study.
- provide three nutritious meals a day and snacks as required.
- provide transport to and from school each day and be located within a reasonable distance of the school.
- Queensland has strict laws relating to the protection of children and all homestay families have been screened by the Queensland Government and hold a [Working With Children Blue Card](#).

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## Student's Entitlements in Homestay

### Bedroom

Homestay accommodation will include a bedroom containing adequate furnishings including a bed, linen, wardrobe, desk, good lighting and ventilation. The bedroom will be recognised as your private area. However, house rules regarding cleanliness apply and you are required to keep your room clean and tidy.

### Laundry

Your homestay family will assist you with your laundry. Please ask your homestay family where to place the clothing to be washed and how often they wash. 23

### Meals

Three meals a day, as well as snacks and drinks, will be provided.

**Breakfast:** As this is usually a rushed meal for most families, the homestay family might ask you to help yourself to toast and cereal, tea, coffee, milk or juice.

**Lunch:** Your homestay family will provide you with either a packed lunch or items you can use to prepare your own lunch during the week.

**Dinner:** This meal is regarded as the most important meal of the day. This is a time when the family comes together and discusses the day's events and it is important for you to be involved. Please tell your homestay family if there is anything you cannot eat.

## Canterbury College – General Homestay Rules

1. Show respect to your homestay family and follow all household rules. As your carers, your homestay parents are responsible for your welfare. They may address inappropriate behaviour and will inform the school if issues persist.
2. Keep your bedroom tidy. This includes picking up clothes from the floor and placing dirty laundry in the designated area.
3. Adhere to the curfew guidelines outline below.
4. Internet can be expensive in Australia, and usage allowances vary between households. Always ask about internet rules and consider purchasing your own data plan if needed.
5. If you wish to stay overnight at a friend's house or invite a friend to stay at your homestay, you must first get permission from your homestay family. Provide full details, including your friend's name, address, and contact number.
6. Do not visit Chinatown, the City, or Sunnybank after school from Monday to Thursday.
7. Smoking, alcohol consumption, use or possession of illicit drugs, and inappropriate behaviour are strictly prohibited.
8. You are responsible for any loss or damage to property in your homestay.
9. You must ask for permission before using the phone or internet, and you will be held accountable for any charges incurred.
10. If you begin part-time work, you must discuss your schedule and location with your homestay family. They are not expected to provide transportation.
11. If you participate in co-curricular activities before or after school, inform your homestay family in advance so they can plan accordingly. Do not assume they are available to transport you without notice.

### Student Curfew

International students must observe the following curfew times in Homestay:

#### For students in Years 11 and 12

Monday to Thursday – students must return to the homestay by 6:00pm (with prior permission) Friday and Saturday – students must return to the homestay by 9:00pm (with prior permission) Sunday – students must return to the homestay by 6:00pm

#### For students in Years 9 and 10

Monday to Thursday – students must return to the homestay by 6:00pm (with prior permission) Friday and Saturday – students must return to the homestay by 8:00pm

Sunday – students must return to the homestay by 6:00pm

#### For students in Years 7 and 8

Monday to Thursday – Students must return to the homestay by 6:00pm (with prior permission) Friday and Saturday – Students must return to the homestay by 7:00pm (with prior permission) Sunday – Students must return to the homestay by 6:00pm

Any changes to these curfews need to be discussed with the homestay parents and the College. In addition: