



# MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

A Catholic boys' day and boarding College in the Marist Tradition

## School Accommodation and Welfare Policy for International Students

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<b>Policy description</b>	This policy outlines the required care arrangements for international students attending the College.
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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

**A copy of this policy is provided to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if the student is under age 18 years at a reasonable time prior to a Written Agreement being signed.**

Students under the age of 18 are required to maintain adequate Welfare and Accommodation requirements as a condition of their Student Visa.

Marist College Ashgrove undertakes welfare responsibility for Overseas Students under 18 years of age, enrolled in one of our approved courses of study, by requiring them to live in the Boarding Facilities provided by the College. Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the Headmaster. ***We do not operate a home-stay program.***

## 2. PURPOSE

Marist College Ashgrove is a CRICOS registered provider that enrolls younger students under 18 years of age. As part of its registration obligations, the 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 appropriate and culturally –appropriate information on:

- a) Who to contact in emergency situations, including the contact number(s) of a nominated staff member;
- b) How to seek assistance and report any incident or allegation involving actual or alleged sexual, physical or other abuse.

Marist College Ashgrove has documented procedures relating to child welfare and safety, and will implement these procedures in the event that there are any concerns for the welfare of a student under 18 years of age.

## 3. BOARDING

- a) The Boarding program at Marist College Ashgrove provides full accommodation and pastoral care with supervision of tuition and extra-curricular activities. The Boarding fees include meals, accommodation and laundry.
- b) Students may also refer to the Study in Australia website: - <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs> for an idea of costs of living in Australia.
- c) Boarders at the College are entitled to Boarders' Free Weekends. During the college year there are roughly 4 or 5 weekends (usually coinciding with long weekends, public holidays or parent-teacher interviews) where the boarders are free to leave the College to be with their families. We realise that there are times where it is not always possible for parents to take their sons for such weekends. If they do not have a parent or legal guardian to reside with for the weekend, they can stay in the Boarding Residence.



## 4. OVERSEAS STUDENT HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENT

For mid-semester and end of semester holidays, Overseas Students are encouraged to return home if their parents are not in Australia. On occasions when this is not possible, arrangements will be made by your family for your son to be placed with a Carer (either family members or close family friends) in order that his protection, personal safety and social wellbeing are all appropriate. This person caring for your son during this period should be:

- a) Over 21 years of age;
- b) An Australian citizen, permanent resident or hold a Visa permitting them to be in Australia;
- c) Of good character (evidence may be required for this person to provide a Blue Card issued by the Commission for Children and Young People <http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/>. The Carer could expect a home inspection visit from a staff member of the College.

## 3. BOARDERS SUNDAY VISITING AND OVERNIGHT LEAVE

- a) Generally, the people who you advise permission for your son to visit are family members or close family friends living in Brisbane. For older students (Year 11 and 12), it is often appropriate, where there are no family members or close friends living in Brisbane, for parents to give permission for families whose sons go to Marist College Ashgrove as day students.
- b) Overnights are for family occasions only, two Overnights are permitted per term. Boys are to be returned to the College by 5.00pm at the latest.

## 4. RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

- [The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 \(National Code 2018\)](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Act 2000](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students Regulation 2001](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Amendment Act 2011](#)
- [Child Protection Policy](#)

