



Student Welfare and Accommodation

Introduction:

Student visas (Visa type 571) for students under 18 are issued in two categories: (1) where the student is unaccompanied and the provider is responsible to approved welfare arrangements and (2) where the student is in the care of a close relative. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) defines what relationships come under the definition of a close relative. Unaccompanied overseas students who are minors need very close supervision of their accommodation, support and welfare arrangements. This role is the responsibility of the Educational provider for students in the first category.

Aims:

1. Ensure that parents are informed of the welfare arrangements for students under both categories
2. Developed and implemented suitable support mechanisms for international students and ensure that each student understands how to access these support mechanisms.

Implementation

Hurstville Adventist School's Specific Criteria

Students under the age of 12 will only be accepted if they are in the care of a close relative as stated above as category 2.

When concerns are raised about the living arrangements of overseas students in the care of a close relative, the principal will notify the parents in writing and discuss the matter with the Guardian. If the concern relates to child protection, the matter will be reported to Community Services and/or the Police.