

YOUNGER OVERSEAS STUDENTS ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS POLICY

Source of Obligation

Standard 5.3.3 of the National Code requires the School to take responsibility under the Migration Regulations 1994 (Cth) for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for an overseas student who is under 18 years of age.

The School must have and implement documented processes for verifying that the student's accommodation is appropriate for the student's age and needs:

- prior to the accommodation being approved; and
- at least every six months thereafter.

Perth College's Policy

The School ensures that its Boarding House provides appropriate accommodation for younger overseas students who choose to board at the School through our **Boarding** policies and procedures. To ensure the ongoing suitability of the accommodation for students' ages and needs, the School conducts regular audits of the facilities.

For each overseas student the School organises a social host family from its School community for emergencies, long weekend breaks and social visits. These families are screened beforehand.

Approval of Accommodation

The student's accommodation must be:

- suitable to reside in
- a safe, supportive and welcoming environment
- kept clean and tidy
- able to access a shared bathroom or private bathroom
- able to access a form of heating in the winter and a form of cooling in summer
- socialising areas
- study areas.

The Boarding House must meet the Australian Boarding Standard for Australian Schools and Residences AS5725: 2015 and have documented processes to verify that the accommodation is appropriate to the student's age and needs prior to placement and at least every six months.

If an Overseas Student Turns 18

If an overseas student turns 18 while enrolled at the School, the School's Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) responsibility will cease.

Additionally, the requirements under Standard 5 of the National Code and this policy will no longer apply.

If an overseas student turns 18 while enrolled in the final period of their course, the School may decide to apply a condition on their enrolment in the course, requiring the overseas student to continue to reside in the approved accommodation until the completion of the

course. This will be made clear in an amended and signed written agreement or enrolment contract.

Record Keeping

The School maintains evidence of compliance with this policy by maintaining records of activities undertaken by the School in accordance with this policy, any written agreements entered into by the School and copies of all CAAW letters. Records will be maintained in accordance with our **Overseas Students Records Management and Retention Policy**.