

**Paul Kane High School
International Student Program
Homestay Student Participation Agreement**

The goal of the Homestay Program is to seek compatible matches between St. Albert families and international students attending Paul Kane High School. Canadian families in St. Albert open their homes to international students to participate in an opportunity to share cultures and languages. This allows international students to develop English language skills in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere while learning about the Canadian way of life. Students immersed in the English language during and after school hours will have a superior opportunity to develop language skills necessary to succeed in achieving academic success.

Canadian families exist in all forms from single parents to extended families. Being a multicultural nation, Canada is made up of people of varying races, cultures, and religions. Housing in St. Albert also varies from neighborhood to neighborhood. Every attempt will be made to match students with St. Albert families most suited to their educational needs, general interests and hobbies.

I, the student, acknowledge that it is mandatory that I live with a family with at least one adult of twenty-five years or older. I will obey the rules of the family and show respect for all family members. I understand that any problems with the homestay situation will be discussed immediately with the International Student Advisor. I am responsible to bring my concerns forward to the International Student Advisor as soon as possible. The International Student Advisor will make regular contact with my homestay family and me. In the unlikely event that the family and I are found to be incompatible by school officials, another homestay will be found if I have followed all the rules of the program. In any event, the homestay placement and monitoring fee is non-refundable. I agree to:

- *Pay \$700 per month for room and board directly to the school in 2 installments (\$3500 by August 1st and \$3500 by January 1st)*
- *Abide by the rules set by the homestay family including curfews*
- *Participate in daily chores as a member of the homestay family*
- *Do my own laundry as agreed upon with the homestay family*
- *Participate in activities with the family (watch television, prepare meals, sports activities)*
- *Pay for my own phone and/or internet bills in full and on time*
- *Pay for any damages I may cause to the home, accidental or otherwise (including computer repairs due to viruses)*
- *Pay for private phone/internet set-up charges*
- *Maintain a tidy bedroom and bathroom*
- *Clean up after myself throughout the house*
- *Keep to designated time limits in the shower/washroom*
- *Respect the privacy of all family members*
- *Adhere to normal family routines for meal times, bed and waking times*
- *Keep phone calls using the family telephone at a reasonable length*
- *Ensure that the homestay parent is aware of my whereabouts at all times, informing them in advance of extra curricular or social plans after school and on weekends*
- *Request permission in advance to invite friends to the home and introduce new friends to the host parents*
- *Make reasonable flight arrangements if requesting transportation to and from the airport, keeping in mind the host family's availability*
- *Recognize that transportation for personal reasons is the responsibility of the student and is only expected from the host family for inclement weather, doctor/dentist appointments, after school activities and social events when safety maybe a concern*
- *Refrain entirely from possessing or consuming any illegal substances*
- *Refrain entirely from driving any motorized vehicle without prior written permission from The International Student Advisor*
- *Share any concerns that arise in the homestay situation with the International Student Advisor as soon as possible (family changes are made only after all efforts are made to resolve difficulties)*

Signature of Student

Date