

2017 HOST FAMILY

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES



We have our annual visit from Osaka Seikei Girls School in Japan from **Tuesday 21 March – Thursday 30 March 2017 (8 nights)**. There will be approximately 30 female Japanese students aged 15-16 years and will be accompanied by their two teachers from Japan. The emphasis of the program is to experience our culture, our food and our language, so interacting as much as possible with a host family in English and eating your food at meal times is recommended.

Your child does not have to be in a Japanese class to host a Japanese student. The Japanese student can share a room or have a room on their own.

A payment of approximately \$20 per day is provided to assist with guest expenses (please see Payment Form in separate attachment). We ask each host family to provide accommodation and three meals per day (a cut lunch or lunch money for the canteen for school days). Also we ask that you pay for your guest when dining out or an admission cost to a venue if the outing has been arranged by you, otherwise we expect the Japanese student to fund anything additional during their stay.

The group will arrive at Frankston High School on Tuesday 21 March and depart on Thursday 30 March.

A Farewell Party (date to be advised) will be organised for the students and host families. Pizza and light refreshments will be provided. As the evening will consist of eating, Certificate Presentation and a short performance before their departure we ask that all families be punctual. We hope that at least two family members be present to watch our Japanese guests perform and receive their Homestay certificates.

School Schedule

The Japanese students keep to the Frankston High School class times and attend their own classes the majority of the time. Each morning, recess, lunchtime and after school your child would meet their Japanese student at the Canteen Annexe. No Japanese student is to take public transport to and from school unless accompanied by a member of their Host Family.

A Working With Children Check form (WWCC) needs to be completed by every person over the age of 18 years residing at your residence. WWCC forms are available online. (Please see WWCC Information in separate attachment).

It is always a challenge to find enough host families, if you are able to host, please email the attachments to athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au or return to the General Office on the 7-10 Campus or Senior Campus as soon as possible ☺

For further enquiries you can contact **Anne Thomson** on 0409 835 541 or athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au