# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT OR GROUP - SECONDARY SCHOOL



# **ASHBURTON COLLEGE**

**Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment** 

#### **PART ONE: APPLICATION FORM**

<u>Note</u>: It is important that you include all relevant information about the student in your application. This information is used to ensure that the student is supported properly upon arrival and to match them with suitable homestays, teachers and courses. Where information is included relating to health issues or learning needs, disclosure of this information will not automatically disqualify the Student from Enrolment. However, failure to disclose information or providing misleading information may result in the withdrawal of an Offer of Place and termination of a Contract of Enrolment.

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 requires that all students under 10 years of age must live with a parent or legal guardian in New Zealand while enrolled at a school unless they are accommodated in a school hostel. Where a student under the age of 10 years is found to be living in accommodation other than with a parent or legal guardian, or in a school hostel, they will not be permitted to attend school, and this will result in the withdrawal of an Offer of Place and the summary termination of a Contract of Enrolment.

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First name:			e of birth:
Preferred name:			Female Male
Email:		<u>,                                    </u>	
Address: (In home country)			
First language:		Country of citize	enship:
Passport number:		Expiry date:	
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Emergency Contact (In	home country, othe	r than parents):			
Contact's name:					
Relationship to the stude	nt:				
Mobile phone:					
Home phone:					
Email address:					
Agent Information (If u	sing an agent)				
Agency name:	2 2 ,				
Agent name:					
Agent email address:			Phone:		
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Medical Information					
Name of doctor (in home	country):				
Phone number of doctor:					
Does the student have a	ny history of previou	s physical or mental he	alth illness or pro	blems that r	may affect their enrolment?
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes', please provide do	etails including doct	or or hospital reports (a	ttach more pages	s if required)	
Has the student been full	y vaccinated for Co	vid-19?	□No		
If 'Yes', please provide: Name of the vaccine:  Please attached evidence of vaccination to this application.  Number of doses:					
Has the student been vac	ccinated for disease	s other than Covid-19?	Ye	s No	
If 'Yes', please provide a	copy of the vaccina	tion certificate/s.			
Please tick the appropria	te box if you suffer f	rom or have suffered from	om any of the fol	lowing medic	cal conditions:
□ HIV or Aids □ Diab	or ADHD	<ul><li>□ Glandular Fever</li><li>□ Hepatitis A, B or C</li><li>□ Allergies</li><li>□ Asperger's Syndrome</li></ul>	□ Allergy to bee/w □ Epilepsy □ Food Allergies □ Covid-19	asp stings	<ul> <li>□ Migraines</li> <li>□ Heart Condition</li> <li>□ Eating Disorder</li> <li>□ Other: (Please describe)</li> </ul>
Does the student have a	ny medical implants	(such as metal implants	s) that may affec	t receiving m	nedical treatment while in New Zealand?
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide de	tails (attach addition	nal pages if required).			
Is the student currently o	n any medication?				



☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide details (attach additional pages if required).
Please note: If you suffer from conditions requiring medication, it is advisable to bring your own medication to NZ. You will be required to notify the school regarding any medications that you bring with you.
Is there anything further regarding the health of the student that the school needs to be aware of in enrolling and supporting the student as an international student?
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide details (attach additional pages if required).
Do you consent to the school providing over-the-counter medication *such as acetaminophen, paracetamol or ibuprofen?
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'No' please specify what medications you do not want the Student to receive:
Learning Information
Does the student have any learning or behavioural difficulties which may require extra school support or services?
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide details (attach additional pages if required).
General Details
How many years has the student studied English? [ ] Months [ ] Years
Do the student's parents speak or read English? Speak ☐ Yes ☐ No Read ☐ Yes ☐ No
Accommodation Requirements
Interests:     ☐ Music     ☐ Movies/TV     ☐ Reading     ☐ Outdoor Activities     ☐ Sports     ☐ Travel
Other interests:
Does the student have any food allergies or special dietary requirements?
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide details (attach additional pages if required).
Does the student have any other special requirements for accommodation? (Pets, cultural or religious requirements, phobias)
☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide details (attach additional pages if required).
Please write a brief letter introducing yourself to your host family and attached it to this application
Insurance Details
Do you wish to purchase insurance through the school?
If you are providing your own insurance, please provide an English copy of the policy details to the school once purchased



#### **PART TWO:**

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPENDED TO THIS APPLICATION, FORM AND GOVERN THE STUDENT'S TUITION AT THE SCHOOL. BY SIGNING BELOW, THE STUDENT, THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREE TO THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. PLEASE ENSURE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE READ CAREFULLY.

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

#### **Definitions**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**Accommodation** means the residential accommodation provided to the Student.

**Accommodation Agreement** means the agreement between the Student, the School, the Parents, which governs the Student's accommodation arrangements.

Act means the Education and Training Act 2020.

Agreement means this Agreement including any schedules.

**Application Form** means the standard enrolment form which forms the cover page of this Agreement.

**Code** means the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

Designated Caregiver has the meaning as set out in the Code.

**Disciplinary Action** includes termination of this Agreement and other disciplinary actions and can include actions that would be described as suspension, expulsion and exclusion if applied to a Domestic Student.

**Domestic Student** means a domestic student as defined in s 10 of the Act.

**Fee** means fees payable by the Parents to the School as per the Fee Schedule.

**Fee Schedule** means the schedule of fees for Tuition, Accommodation and miscellaneous charges, which is available from the School on request and may be updated from time to time.

Homestay has the meaning as set out in the Code.

**International Student** means an international student as defined by s 10 of the Act.

**Legal Guardian** means the person or persons who is legally the guardian of the Student in their home country and has the legal right to make decisions about their care, education and wellbeing. It can include parents, where they have the right to make decisions for the Student.

Offer of Place means an offer of place issued by the School to the Student for them to provide to Immigration to obtain a visa that qualifies them to enrol at the School as described in cl 13.

Parent means the student's biological or legally adoptive parent. Except where the context requires otherwise, references to Parents in this agreement includes Legal Guardians and also includes a single Parent who has the sole right of guardianship in relation to the child.

Residential Caregiver has the meaning as set out in the Code.

**School** means the school referred in the annexed Application Form.

**Student** means the student referred to in the annexed Application Form.

**Termination** means termination of the Agreement and includes termination by the School expelling or excluding the Student.

**Tuition** means the education of the Student at the School or, in appropriate circumstances, education provided to the Student by the School through online, remote or distance learning.

**Period of Enrolment** means any period for which Fees are paid and for the purpose of this Agreement the period of enrolment of the Student is set out in clause 4 of the Agreement. Enrolment may end on such earlier date as the parties agree or the School terminates the Agreement according to clause 32 or 34 of the Agreement.

Welfare Issue means any situation where the School holds a concern about the Student's safety or wellbeing, or where the School considers it cannot meet its obligations under the Code and/or the Act with respect to the Student's health and safety for any reason.

## **Preliminary Provisions**

- 2. The Agreement is declared to be an Enrolment Contract in terms of section 10 of the Act.
- The School shall provide Tuition to the Student in accordance with school policies, the Code, the Act and any other applicable laws, in return for the payment of the Fee.

#### **Terms of Agreement**

4.	The School shall provide a short term education experience
	(Tuition) to the Student:

Commen	cing o	n:	 	
Ending	on:			
(the Peri	od of I	Enrolment)	-	-

- 5. The parties agree that any period of time in which the Student is in New Zealand before or after the Period of Enrolment will be at the risk of the Student and Parents/Legal Guardians and that the School will have no legal or moral responsibility for what occurs during this period unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- Except in the circumstances described in clauses 6, 7 and 8, the conditions in this Agreement apply for the whole time the Student is enrolled at the School during a Period of Enrolment.
- 7. The School is not responsible for the Student if the Student chooses to leave New Zealand during the Period of Enrolment. Should the Student leave New Zealand during the Period of Enrolment other than as part of a School organised trip the School's responsibility for the Student shall cease upon the Student's departure and resume upon the Student returning to New Zealand.
- 8. This Agreement is deemed to be written consent from the Parent or Legal Guardian that the School is not responsible for the Student's day-to-day care where the student is in the custody of a Residential Caregiver who is a supervisor for the Student while the Student is in temporary accommodation and that supervisor is not a resident of New Zealand and is travelling with or accompanying the Student for the purpose of supervising them during the Period of Enrolment.
- During the Period of Enrolment the Student must keep the School reasonably informed of his or her whereabouts including without limitation if the Student intends to leave New Zealand during the Period of Enrolment.



#### Accommodation

- 10. The Parents and Student agree that no changes to accommodation arrangements will be made whatsoever without the prior written agreement of the School.
- 11. The Parents and the Student agree that this Agreement is subject to and conditional on the School being satisfied that the Student has appropriate accommodation arrangements in place and an Accommodation Agreement being entered into by all relevant parties.
- 12. The Parents irrevocably authorise the principal of the School to advise the Residential Caregiver (whether or not arranged through the school) of all matters and information required to be provided to the Parents and agree to appoint the Residential Caregiver in New Zealand to receive such information in substitution for the Parents.

#### Immigration and Insurance

- 13. Upon this Agreement being signed by all parties, the School may issue the Student with an Offer of Place to provide to Immigration New Zealand to obtain a visa that qualifies them to enrol at the School.
- 14. This Agreement is at all times conditional on the Student obtaining a visa that qualifies them to enrol at the School and the School may on reasonable grounds, terminate this Agreement and withdraw an Offer of Place or at any time before the Student is issued such a visa.
- 15. The Parents and Student agree to comply with the visa requirements as set out in the Immigration Act 2009, and any visa conditions applicable to the Student's stay in New Zealand. The Parents and Student understand that the School has an obligation to report any breaches of the visa requirements to the appropriate immigration authority.
- The Student must maintain an up-to-date visa as stipulated by Immigration New Zealand.
- 17. The Parents agree that it is a condition of enrolment that the Student has current and comprehensive travel and medical insurance. Where insurance in not arranged by the School, the Parents will provide the School with evidence of the relevant insurance policy. If appropriate evidence is not provided, the School may organise insurance it considers appropriate and pass on this cost to the Student or Parents.
- 18. The Parents agree they have read the policy details for the Student's travel insurance policy and any other relevant information provided by the insurer from time to time and:
  - (a) accepts all exclusions that apply to the insurance
  - (b) agrees that where the school arranges insurance on behalf of the Parents, the Parents have disclosed all medical conditions to the School that may affect insurance cover.
- 19. The Parents agree to cover any costs for the Student that are excluded by the Student's travel insurance policy and are not otherwise covered by publicly funded medical services in New Zealand. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parents agree that the School is not responsible for any costs incurred on behalf of the Student that are excluded by the Student's travel insurance policy or not covered by publicly funded medical services in New Zealand.
- 20. In the event that the Student's status changes such that they are eligible to be enrolled in a school in New Zealand as a Domestic Student, this agreement will be deemed to be terminated on the date on which the School is advised of this

change and any future enrolment will be determined in accordance with that status.

#### Fees

- 21. The Fee must be paid to the School in advance of each Period of Enrolment or as otherwise directed by the School. The Parents and the Student agree to comply with school policies regarding the payment of the Fee.
- 22. If Tuition is terminated by the School during a Period of Enrolment, in accordance with the Act and the Code, any refund of the Fee applicable to that Period of Enrolment will be assessed in accordance with the refund policy set as Schedule Two of this agreement or as amended by the school from time to time

## Information, Warranties and Acknowledgements

- 23. The Parents agree to provide the School with educational, medical, financial, or other information relating to the Student as may be requested from time to time by the School. If the Parents provide misleading information or fail to disclose information about the Student to the School, such that the School has to change or modify the nature of enrolment, the level of Tuition or Accommodation required by the Student, the School may charge the Parents such fees as required to adequately compensate for such extra requirements or Terminate the Agreement. For avoidance of doubt, the obligation to disclose information continues during the term of this Agreement and the Parents must notify the School of any changing conditions in relation to the Student.
- 24. The Student and the Parents confirm that:
  - (a) The Student does not suffer from any medical condition or behavioural condition (including mental health conditions and allergies) that may negatively impact on the health, safety or education of the Student or any other student at the School, except as disclosed in writing in the Application Form:
  - (b) The Student does not have any medical or other special needs that require additional support, except as disclosed in writing on the Application Form;
  - (c) The Student has never been charged with or convicted of any crime, or the subject of other proceedings before any court, except as disclosed in writing on the Application Form;
  - (d) All information in the Application Form is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 25. The Parents and Student acknowledge that:
  - (a) The School may obtain at any time from any person or entity any information it requires to process and/or accept the Student for admission to the School or to perform or complete any of the other purposes under this Agreement. The Parents and the Student authorise any such person to release to the School any personal information that person holds concerning the Student and/or Parents.
  - (b) If the Student and/or Parents fail to provide any information requested in relation the Students admission to the School, the School may be unable to process the Student's application.
  - (c) This Agreement is conditional at all times on the Student having accommodation in New Zealand



which complies with the Code. If this condition is unable to remain fulfilled, than this Agreement will be at an end

- (d) Personal information of the Student and/or Parents collected or held by the School is provided and may be held, used and disclosed to enable the School to process the Student's eligibility to receive Tuition at the School and Accommodation.
- (e) The Parents agree that where the Student lives in a School approved Homestay, this Agreement is subject to an Accommodation Agreement being entered into by the School and the Parents. A breach by the Student of the Accommodation Agreement will be deemed to be a breach of this Agreement.
- (f) All personal information provided to the School is collected and will be held by the School.
- (g) The Student and Parents have the right under the Privacy Act 2020 to obtain access to and request corrections of any personal information held by the School concerning them.
- (h) Under the Privacy Act 2020, any information collected may be provided to education authorities.
- (i) Information relating to the education, health, welfare or safety of the Student, may be released to relevant parties outside the School, at the discretion of the School.
- (j) Where necessary to carry out any process under this Agreement, or to make any decision concerning the Student, the School may disclose personal information to any person, including immigration authorities, airlines, and travel agents.
- (k) Photographs and videos of the Student may be used for the Student's records and in any publicity material for the School unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.
- 26. Where the Student turns 18 during the Period of Enrolment, the Student will remain bound by this Agreement as though they personally signed the Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Parents and the School.

Where the Student turns 18 or is 18 at the time of this Agreement, the Student and the Parents acknowledge that this Agreement may prohibit the Student from taking part in activities that would otherwise be lawful due to their age.

#### Consent

- 27. The Parents and the Student, who have signed this Agreement irrevocably appoint and authorise the principal of the School (or such other person as may be appointed by the School to carry out the principal's duties) to:
  - (a) Receive information from any person, authority, or corporate body concerning the Student including, but not limited to, medical, financial, educational or welfare information:
  - (b) Provide consents that may be necessary to be given on the Student's behalf in the event of a

- medical emergency where it is not reasonably practicable to contact the Parents.
- 28. The School shall seek specific written consent of the Parents before the Student, being a student of any age, participates in any activity either organised by the School or by another party, which the School considers to be high risk or an activity that is organised by the School and requires the Student to stay away from their regular accommodation overnight.
- 29. Except in the circumstances described in clause 28, this Agreement is considered to be written consent of the Parents for any activity organised and/or supervised by the School, including trips and physical activities, regardless of whether consent is sought from domestic students in relation to the same activity.
- 30. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, this Agreement is considered to be written consent for leisure travel or stays organised and supervised by the Student's Residential Caregiver where the travel is within New Zealand for a period of not more than seven days and does not result in the Student missing any scheduled school days.

## Conduct, Welfare, Discipline and Termination

- 31. The Student will comply at all times with School policies, the Code and the Act, and the Parents shall work with the School to ensure such compliance. This includes compliance with the School Code of Conduct in Schedule One, including any amendments made by the School during the Period of Enrolment.
- 32. In the event of any breach of this Agreement by the Student or the Parents, the School may take any disciplinary step it considers appropriate, including terminating this Agreement.
- 33. Without limitation, the following actions shall be deemed to be breaches of this Agreement which may warrant disciplinary action:
  - (a) Refusal by the Student to obey any reasonable instruction given by any employee or officer of the School during the Period of Enrolment;
  - (b) Any breach of the school's code of student conduct by the Student;
  - (c) Any breach of the Accommodation Agreement by the Student or Parent;
  - (d) Any act by the Student during the Period of Enrolment that creates a risk to the safety of any person:
  - (e) Any act by the Student during the Period of Enrolment that jeopardises the education of any other Student;
  - (f) Any breach of clauses 16 or 17 of this Agreement or of the warranties contained in clause 24 of this Agreement;
  - (g) Failure to make payments pursuant to the Fee Schedule; and
  - (h) Any other breach of this Agreement
- 34. Where appropriate, the School will follow the process set out in the Investigation Policy which is annexed to this Agreement as Schedule Two when exercising its disciplinary powers as stated



in clause 32 of this Agreement, but nothing in this Agreement shall limit the power of the School to immediately terminate this Agreement for serious misconduct or to require the Student not to attend the School pending investigation if the School concludes that this step is necessary for the purpose of protecting the safety of any person, including the Student.

- 35. The School may terminate this Agreement if there is a Welfare Issue and the School forms the view that it cannot reasonably continue to meet its obligations under the Code or the Act with respect to the health and wellbeing of the Student within the School.
- 36. Where appropriate, the School will follow the process set out in the Investigation Policy which is annexed to this Agreement as Schedule Two when exercising the power in clause 32 of this Agreement, but nothing in this Agreement shall limit the power of the School to take urgent action, including terminating this Agreement where it considers that it is necessary or appropriate.

#### **General Matters**

- 37. No party to this Agreement is liable to the other for failing to meet its obligations under this Agreement to the extent that the failure was caused by an act of God or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
- 38. This Agreement shall be construed and take effect in accordance with the non-exclusive laws of New Zealand. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement the Parents irrevocably:
  - (a) Submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of New Zealand; and
  - (b) Agree that proceedings may be brought before any Court including any forum constituted under the Arbitration Act 1996 within New Zealand, and waive any objection to proceedings in any such Court or forum on the grounds of venue or on the grounds that the proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.
- 39. Notices given under this Agreement must be in writing and given to the addresses set out in the Application Form. Those notices sent by post will be deemed to have been received ten (10) days after posting.
- 40. Notices may also be given by sending an email to the email addresses specified on the first page of this agreement and will be deemed to have been received 12 hours after it has been sent
- 41. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and overrides any prior promises, representations, understandings or agreements. The terms of the Agreement may be changed by the School in consultation with the Student, and Parents, except where such change is required by New Zealand legislation or the Code. This Agreement shall continue in force during the Period of Enrolment with the School.
- 42. The School shall at all times comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
- Nothing in this Agreement limits any rights that the Parents or Student may have under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993.
- 44. The parties acknowledge that prior to signing this Agreement, they have had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice in respect of its content and effect.
- 45. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and all of which together shall

- constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of executed counterparts may be delivered by email, facsimile transmission or through an internet service set up for that purpose.
- 46. The parties agree that any dispute in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in accordance with the Code and the School Policies.

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## CONFIRMATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF CARE OF THE STUDENT AT THE END OF ENROMENT

The P	arent/s confi	rm that after the F	Period of Enrolment:	
	The Studer	nt will be in the ca	re of a properly supervised gro	oup. The group is organised by:
	The superv	visor for the group	is:	. The contact phone number for the supervisor while in
	New Zeala	nd is:	; <b>OR</b>	
	The Studer	nt will return to the	eir home country on: Date:	Airline:
	Flight Num	ber:	and all arrangeme	ents for their departure have been provided to the School; <b>OR</b>
	Other arrar	ngements have be	en made and written confirma	ation of the arrangements have been provided to the School.
PARE	ENTS/LEG	AL GUARDIAN	S AND STUDENTS' DECL	ARATION AND AUTHORISATION
nform	ation submit	ted in support of t	his application may invalidate	te and complete. We understand that any false or incomplete this application and may result in the withdrawal of an Offer of nake an informed decision about enrolment at the School.
Key T	erms: This A	Agreement include	es provisions:	
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	-	-	, please read all clauses carei	fully.
By sig	gning this A	greement you:		
	2. Confirm	that where the St	mation in the Application Forrudents is under 10 years of agess they are accommodated	ge, the Student will live with a Parent in New Zealand while
SIGN	ING			
Paren	ts/Legal Gu	ardians		
			oplicable) confirm that they ha	ave read the Agreement and agree to be bound by it in all ng the schedules)
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# School

	the authorised signatory of the School confir School will be bound by the Agreement in all	ms that they are authorised to sign on behalf of the School, and respects:
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		
Student		
		nderstood the Agreement and agrees to abide by the Code, please also initial each page of the Agreement, including the
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		

#### Student Code of Conduct

(Schedule One)

#### Ashburton College School Rules and Conditions of Enrolment for International Students

Ashburton College has rules which International students need to follow. Rules with particular relevance to International students are listed below so there is less chance of any misunderstanding of what students are expected to do and not to do. Some of the rules are based on New Zealand law, others are 'rules' of Ashburton College. All rules are for the welfare, care and protection of the students. Failure to comply with the following rules and requirements may lead to disciplinary action.

#### Accommodation

This agreement is subject to the Student being placed in accommodation that is approved by Ashburton College. The College will make every reasonable attempt to provide approved accommodation for the Student and the Student agrees to comply with all expectations and conditions for living in School approved accommodation.

- International students are required to reside in a homestay residence approved by the school, irrespective of age.
- Permission for alternative arrangements can only be given on receipt of a Designated Caregiver document signed by the student's parents, stating that the parents take full responsibility for the placement of the student with another family member or close family friend.
- If you are a parent living with your child, you **MUST** inform the school if you leave the country at any time so we can agree to alternative arrangement for your child while you are away.
- Students are required to inform the school of any change in circumstances of their parents, such as a change of address and phone numbers.

#### **Attendance**

Students are to attend all classes on time including AKO and assemblies. A doctor's certificate is required for any absence longer than three days or if the student misses an NCEA examination. Absence for any other reason must be approved by the International Director.

#### Cellphone

Students must have a mobile phone so they can be contactable by their host family or school. Students need to stay in contact with their homestay family when out and about. Cellphones are not to be used at school during school hours.

#### **Driving**

Ashburton College does not allow international students to drive or own a car, motorbike or scooter while they are enrolled at the school. Students are allowed to have professional driving lessons with a registered instructor. Parents may apply in writing to the International Director for exceptions to this rule.

#### Drugs

Ashburton College has a zero-tolerance policy for illegal drugs. Students found to be using or in possession of illegal drugs will be disciplined in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy – Schedule Two.

## **General Conduct**

Students are expected to behave in a manner which is respectful to themselves, others and their property, and their environment. These expectations apply to school trips, school functions, during school hours and travelling to and from College.

#### Homestay

Any rules of the homestay family are to be respected and obeyed. The student is expected to be polite, courteous and respectful in their homestays. Students are expected to keep their room tidy and help with general chores in their homestay (e.g. clearing the table after dinner). The student is expected to be home for all evening meals and will not stay away from the home unless they have permission from their host parents.

#### Insurance and Liability

- Ashburton College shall not be liable for any loss or damage to property.
- Ashburton College reserves the right to place a student in the most appropriate level/course of study and to change the course of study of any student if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the student.
- Ashburton College reserves the right to decline any student enrolment to the School, without explanation, at the discretion of the Principal.
- The Principal of the school has the authority to provide consents that may be necessary on the student's behalf in the event of a medical emergency where the school is not able to make contact with the parents.



#### Internet and Email

Students must comply with the school and their homestay rules on internet and email use. They must use the Network in a responsible way and observe all restrictions. Students will be held accountable for their own actions when using the internet at school and in their homestay.

#### Leave and Holidays

Students must attend school during term time and arrive before the first day of school in Term One. If a student is returning to their home country during the year, they are expected to do so within the allocated school holiday times. We do not recommend a return to the home country in the short school holidays. If a student returns home during term time the absence is "unjustified" therefore will impact on their attendance statistics. Students wishing to return home for university exams or in special circumstances need to request leave from the International Director.

#### **Photographic and Marketing Material**

As a parent I grant permission for the school to take photographs of my child during school activities and that the school may use those photographs on the Ashburton College website, international newsletters and school newsletters as well as in marketing material for the school. If you do not wish to grant permission, please let the school know.

## Smoking, Vaping and Alcohol

It is illegal in New Zealand to purchase or drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes under the age of 18 years. Students found using or in the possession of alcohol/cigarettes at school will be disciplined in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy – Schedule Two.

## **Subject Choices and English Level**

In some cases, it is not possible to gain entry to your first choice of subjects as classes may be full - particularly if you arrive mid-year. However, staff at Ashburton College will do their best to ensure you have a course which is suitable to you and your level of achievement. English language testing will be done on arrival and students will be placed in the appropriate English class for their ability. If a student's English level is not high enough to be placed in mainstream classes, they will be placed in the ESOL class until their English is at the required level. There is no extra cost for this class. All subject placements are at the discretion of the school.

#### **Travel within New Zealand**

International Students are encouraged to travel within New Zealand during holiday time:

- With their host family
- · With school organised groups
- With trips organised by a school-approved travel company
- · With their parents, guardians or agents.

Students are NOT permitted to travel alone, with other students without school approval. Independent travel is not permitted.

#### **Uniform and Dress Code**

International Students are expected to wear the school uniform correctly as outlined on the College website. Students will be assisted in hiring or buying a uniform on their arrival.

## Work

Students in Year 12/13 are able to apply for a Variation of Conditions to their Student Visa to enable them to work for up to 20 hours per week. Permission may be granted by the International Director and written permission must be received from the student's parents. Permission to work will ONLY be given if the student's academic progress is satisfactory.

Ashburton College has agreed to observe and be bound by The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority website at www.nzqa.govt.nz.



## **Refunds Policy**

(Schedule Two)

#### Requests for a refund of international student fees

- 1. The School will consider all requests for a refund of international student fees. Requests should be made in writing to the School as soon as possible after the circumstances leading to a request. All refunds will be settled under the terms of this policy unless otherwise agreed by the School.
- 2. A request for a refund should provide the following information to the School:
  - a. The name of the Student;
  - b. The circumstances of the request;
  - c. The amount of refund requested;
  - d. The name of the person requesting the refund;
  - e. The name of the person who paid the fees;
  - f. The bank account details to receive any eligible refund including bank address and swift code where relevant; and
  - g. Any relevant supporting documentation such as receipts or invoice.

#### Non-Refundable Fees

- 3. The School is unable to refund some fees. The following fees relate to expenses that the School may have paid or will incur as a result of receiving an application for enrolment and cannot be refunded:
  - Administration Fee: Administration fees meet the cost of processing an international student application.
     Administration fees exist whether an application is accepted or not or whether a Student remains enrolled after an application is accepted.
  - b. **Insurance:** Once insurance is purchased, the School is unable to refund insurance premiums paid on behalf of a student. Students and Parents may apply directly to an insurance company for a refund of premiums paid
  - c. Homestay Placement Fee: Homestay placement fees meet the cost of processing a request for Homestay accommodation by the student. Costs incurred for arranging Homestay accommodation for the Student prior to the refund request cannot be refunded.
  - d. **Used Homestay Fees:** Homestay fees paid for time the Student has already spent in a Homestay cannot be refunded. Used Homestay fees may also include a notice period of two weeks.
  - e. **Portion of Unused Tuition Fees:** The School may retain a portion of unused tuition fees. Amounts retained will relate to costs that have been incurred or committed by the School and may vary.

## Requests for a refund for failure to obtain a study visa

4. If the Student fails to obtain an appropriate visa, a refund of international student tuition fees will be provided less any non-refundable fee that has been paid. Evidence must be provided to the school of Immigration New Zealand declining to grant a visa.

## Requests for a refund for enrolment of one term or less:

- 5. Where the Student is enrolled for one term or less and withdraws early, either before or after the start date of enrolment, other than where they have failed to obtain an appropriate visa and have provided evidence of this, there will be no refund of tuition fees or other relevant non-refundable fees.
- 6. Where the School terminates the enrolment of a Student enrolled for one term or less, there will be no refund of tuition fees, or other relevant non-refundable fees.

#### Requests for a refund for voluntary withdrawal from enrolment of more than one term:

- 7. If the Student voluntarily withdraws **21 days or more before the start date of enrolment**, a refund will be provided less any non-refundable fees as outlined in this policy. The 21 days will be counted from the day after the School receives written notice of the Student's intention to withdraw from enrolment.
- 8. If the Student voluntarily withdraws **less than 21 days before the start date of enrolment**, other than where they have failed to obtain an appropriate visa and have provided evidence of this, a refund will be provided less a minimum of 10 weeks' tuition fees and any other relevant non-refundable fees as outlined in this policy. The 21 days will be counted from the day after the School receives written notice of the Student's intention to withdraw from enrolment.



9. If a Student voluntarily withdraws after enrolment has commenced, a minimum of 10 tuition weeks' notice is required. The notice period will begin the day after the School receives written notice of the Student's intention to withdraw from enrolment and the student may continue to attend school during the notice period. The notice period does not include weeks that fall during scheduled school holidays. In the event that less than 10 weeks' notice is given, refunds may be calculated based on the refund that would have been due if the termination had taken place 10 weeks after notice was given.

### Requests for a refund where the School fails to provide a course, ceases as a signatory, or ceases to be a provider:

- 10. If the School fails to provide the agreed course of education or is no longer a signatory to the Code or no longer operates as an international education provider, the School will negotiate with the Student or their family to either:
  - a. Refund the unused portion of international student tuition fees or other fees paid for services not delivered, or
  - b. Transfer the amount of any eligible refund to another provider, or
  - c. Make other arrangements agreed to by the Student or their family and the School.
- 11. For the avoidance of doubt, this clause does not apply where the format of the education provided by the School changes (for example delivery by remote learning), and the School continues to offer education for international students.

# Other circumstances where a refund request may be considered: Where a student's enrolment is ended by the School

- 12. In the event the Student's enrolment is ended by the School for a breach of the contract of enrolment or as a consequence of a Welfare Issue, then the School will consider a request for a refund less:
  - a. Any non-refundable fees set out in this policy;
  - b. A minimum of ten weeks tuition fees from the date of termination; and
  - c. Any other reasonable costs that the School has incurred in ending the Student's enrolment

#### Where a Student changes to a domestic student during the period of enrolment

13. If a Student changes to a domestic student after enrolment has commenced, this contract will be treated as being terminated on the date that the School is advised of this change of status. The student will be treated as having voluntarily terminated the Agreement on this date and any refund will be calculated accordingly. The Student will be treated as having given no prior notice for the purposes of cl 9 of this policy, unless the Student has previously advised the School in writing of the Student's intention to apply to Immigration New Zealand for a visa that will result in a change of status. In the event that notice of an intended change in status is given, the period after this notice is given will be counted as part of the notice period for the purpose of cl 9.

## Where a Student voluntarily requests to transfer to another signatory

14. If a Student requests to transfer to another signatory after the commencement of their enrolment, a minimum of 10 tuition weeks of prior notice is required. This notice period does not include weeks that fall during scheduled school holidays. The notice period will begin the day after the School receives written notice that the Student requests to transfer to another signatory. Where less than 10 weeks' notice is given, any refund may be calculated based on the refund that would have been due if the termination had taken place 10 weeks after notice was given.

## Refund of other fees Requests for a refund of Homestay fees

- 15. If for any reason, the Student withdraws after their stay in a School Homestay, any unused Homestay fees will be refunded, less any relevant non-refundable fees set out in this policy.
- 16. Where the Student moves from a School Homestay and requests a refund of any unused homestay fees, these will be refunded less any non-refundable fees set out in this policy.

## Requests for a refund of fees unused at the end of enrolment

17. Except by written request from a Student or their Parent, prepaid fees unused at the end of enrolment amounting to less than NZD \$250 will be refunded to the Student in cash. Sums greater than NZD\$250 will be refunded into a nominated bank account.

## Outstanding activity fees or other fees

18. Any activity or other fees incurred by the Student during enrolment and owed to the School at the time of withdrawal, will be deducted from any eligible refund.



## Refunds to be made to the country of receipt

19. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all eligible refunds of fees of NZD\$1,000 or more received from outside of New Zealand will be refunded to a nominated bank account in the source country.

## Rights of families after a decision regarding a refund has been made

- 20. A decision by the School relating to a request for a refund of fees will be provided to the student or Parent in writing and will set out the following information:
- a. Factors considered when making the refund decision;
- b. The total amount to be refunded; and
- c. Details of non-refundable fees.
- 21. In the event the Student or the Parent is dissatisfied with a refund decision made by the School or is dissatisfied with the process the School followed when making the refund decision, they have the right to have the refund decision reviewed by the Study Complaints, Disputes Resolution Scheme.

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## **Investigation Policy**

(Schedule Three)

1. The following is the School's current policy for dealing with Disciplinary Actions and Welfare Issues. This is not intended to restrict the School's general powers relating to discipline and this policy may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the School.

#### Overview

- Except in serious situations where immediate termination of the Agreement is necessary, or where the breach does not
  warrant any formal response other than a warning, the School will endeavour, where appropriate, to follow a two-stage
  investigation process.
- 3. In Stage One, the School will investigate and determine the facts of the situation being considered (**the Situation**), and will reach a conclusion on what happened and whether there is a Welfare Issue or an incident that requires Disciplinary Action or the termination of the Agreement.
- 4. In Stage Two, if the School has determined some response is required, the School will consider the appropriate outcome for the situation, up to and including termination of the Agreement.
- 5. During this process, the Student will have an opportunity to provide a response to the Situation and any proposed outcome that the School is considering taking (**the Proposed Action**).
- 6. This policy does not limit the School's power to take appropriate action urgently and without following this process if this is necessary having regard to the seriousness of the Situation
- 7. This policy also does not limit the School's power to require the student not to attend School for the duration of the Investigation Process where this is considered necessary for the safety or education of any person.

#### **General Policy**

- 8. When the School is conducting an investigation involving the Student it will endeavour to provide the Student with the following:
  - (a) a written summary of the Situation (as it understands it) or the Proposed Action;
  - (b) an opportunity to respond to the Situation or the Proposed Action, either in person or in writing or both, at the choice of the Student;
  - (c) an opportunity to consider the Situation or the Proposed Action for a reasonable period of time (having regard to the seriousness of the Situation or the Proposed Action) before giving a response;
  - (d) an opportunity to contact his or her Parent before giving a response, unless the delay caused by contacting that person is unreasonable having regard to the seriousness of the Allegation or Proposed Action;
  - (d) an opportunity to have an independent support person of his or her choice present at any meeting relating to the investigation process;
  - (e) an opportunity to meet with that support person in private at any stage during the investigation process;
  - (f) an opportunity to have a translator present (or otherwise facilitate the student participating in the process in his or her own language) during any meeting or process if the School or the Student considers that a language barrier means that a translator is required; and
  - (g) a copy of this policy setting out the rights which the Student has when engaging in the investigation process.

#### Stage One: Incident Investigation

- 9. When the School learns of any incident or any other thing that may be a breach of the Agreement or might otherwise warrant a disciplinary response or which may constitute a Welfare Issue, the School will notify the Student of the Situation and will provide the Student with an opportunity to give a response.
- Where appropriate, having regard to the seriousness of the Situation, the Student will have the opportunity to respond either in person or in writing or both, at the choice of the Student. The School will receive this response and give it genuine consideration before making a decision about the Situation.



- 11. When the School makes a decision about the Situation it will advise the Student and parent, in writing if possible, about its conclusion as to what happened and whether it considers that it requires some kind of formal response whether Disciplinary Action, Termination or other intervention.
- When the School makes a decision about the Situation it will advise the Student and Parent, in writing if possible, about its conclusion as to what happened and whether it considers that it requires some kind of formal response whether Disciplinary Action, Termination or other intervention.

## Stage Two: Outcome Discussion

- 13. If the School determines that a formal response is required, it will advise the Student and Parent of the possible actions that it will consider taking in response to the Situation and will provide the Student and Parents with an opportunity to give a response.
- Where appropriate, having regard to the seriousness of the Situation, the Student and parent will have the opportunity to respond either in person or in writing or both, at the choice of the Student. The School will receive this response and give it genuine consideration before making a decision about the action to be taken.
- When the School makes a decision about the action that it will take in response to the Situation it will advise the Student and Parents of its decision, in writing if possible. The action will not take effect, and no actions will be taken to put it into place, until the Student and Parents have been advised of the decision.

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#### **PART THREE:**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AGREEMENT ONLY IF THE STUDENT WILL BE LIVING IN A HOMESTAY WHILE ENROLED AT THE SCHOOL.

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AGREEMENT

(When placing a student in a School Approved Homestay)
Terms and Conditions:

For the purposes of this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**Accommodation** means the residential accommodation provided to the Student pursuant to this Agreement.

**Accommodation Requirements** means the rules and requirements of the Accommodation as set out in Schedule Four.

**Agreement** means this Accommodation Agreement between the Student, School, and Parents which governs the Student's Accommodation arrangements.

**Application Form** means the standard enrolment application form

**Code** means The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 as updated from time to time and available online at www.legislation.govt.nz under Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

**Contract of Enrolment** means the agreement between the Student, the School and the Parents which governs the Student's Tuition.

Homestay has the meaning as set out in the Code.

Parents means the Parents referred to in the Application Form

**Residential Caregiver** means the person responsible for the Student at the Accommodation.

**Residential Caregiver Agreement** means an agreement between the School and the Residential Caregiver.

**School** means the school referred to in the Contract of Enrolment.

**Student** means the International Student residing at the Accommodation as referred to in the Application Form.

**Tuition** means the education of the Student at the School or, in appropriate circumstances, education provided to the Student by the School through online, remote or distance learning.

All other terms have the same meaning as in the Contract of Enrolment.

- The School is a signatory to and complies with the Code.
   Unless living with a parent, every international student is required to reside at an Accommodation approved by the School using the process set out in the Code.
- The Parents and Student agree to adhere to the following terms and conditions of the Accommodation:
  - (a) The School agrees that all information regarding the Residential Caregiver, the Parents and the Student relating to the Accommodation will be kept confidential, except disclosure:

- (i) To the Student, the Parents or Residential Caregiver (as the case may be);
- (ii) To any professional consultant or such person where it is in the interests of the Student to provide the information:
- (iii) Pursuant to any statutory or other legal duty.
  - (b) The Parents agree that if behaviours or conditions of the Student emerge after placement with a Residential Caregiver such that the Residential Caregiver is unable to provide the level of accommodation or care required for the safety and wellbeing of the Student, the School may terminate this Agreement.
  - (c) The Parents or the Student have the right under the Privacy Act 2020 to obtain access to and request corrections of any personal information held by the School concerning them in relation to the Student's placement with a Residential Caregiver.
  - (d) Under the Privacy Act 2020, any information collected may be provided to education authorities.
  - (e) These terms and conditions may be varied by the School (acting reasonably) upon reasonable notification from time to time and will continue to apply until notified otherwise.
- 4. If the Parents provide misleading information or fail to disclose information about the Student prior to placement with the Residential Caregiver and during the term of the Homestay the School may (in its sole discretion):
  - (a) Charge the Parent such fees as required to adequately compensate for additional requirements due to providing misleading information or the lack of disclosure; or
  - (b) Terminate this Agreement.
- 5. The initial appointment and ongoing engagement of the Residential Caregiver is subject at all times to:
  - (a) the Residential Caregiver and the School entering into a Residential Caregiver Agreement; and
  - (b) the School's usual requirements and policies in relation to the Accommodation.
- 6. The School will ensure that to the best of its ability:
  - (a) The Accommodation provides a safe, positive and healthy environment for the Student and complies with the Code;
  - (b) The Residential Caregiver's appointment has not involved any form of gift (financial or otherwise) to or from a third party;



- (c) The appointment of the Residential Caregiver does not represent any actual or perceived conflict of interest, and that any possible conflict of interest has been notified to the School;
- (d) The Residential Caregiver will take all reasonable steps to ensure the Student's compliance with New Zealand laws (including, where appropriate, informing the Student of such laws), and will immediately report any possible legal breach to the School; and
- (e) The Student only engages in lawful, responsible and positive recreational activities outside of School.
- 7. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, the Parents agree for the Student to travel and stay overnight within New Zealand in the care of their Residential Caregiver for not more than seven days where the travel does not involve the Student participating in any activities that the School considers high risk, or result in the Student missing any scheduled school days.
- 8. The School will seek specific written consent from the Parents for travel or overnight stays of more than seven days or that results in the Student missing any scheduled school days.
- The Student will seek specific written consent from the School before the Student, being a Student of any age, participates in any activities the School considers high risk. The School will only give such consent where approved by the Parents.
- 10. The School may take such measures as it considers appropriate (acting reasonably) to monitor compliance with the Code. This may include regular check-ins with both the Student and the Residential Caregiver.
- 11. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Student will be entitled to start their Homestay at the Accommodation 5 days before the Period of Enrolment (as that term is defined in the Contract of Enrolment) starts and 5 days following the end date of the Period of Enrolment (as that term is defined in the Contract of Enrolment). Should this Agreement be terminated before the expiry of the Period of Enrolment the Student will be required to move out of the Accommodation immediately. The School may, at its sole discretion, and without being required to do so, extend the time for the Student to move out of the Accommodation. Any such extension shall be given in writing and shall be without prejudice to the School's right to later insist that the Student immediately move out of the Accommodation.

#### **Expectations**

- The Student will comply at all times with the Accommodation Requirements and the Parents shall work with the School to ensure such compliance.
- 13. In the event that the Student is removed from a Residential Caregiver for any reason, the School will take all reasonable steps to source, over a reasonable period of time (as determined by the School in its absolute discretion), appropriate alternative approved Accommodation for the Student.
- 14. The Student will treat the Accommodation with due care and respect and the Student is liable for costs associated with repairing any damage caused to the Accommodation by the

Student. For avoidance of doubt, the School is not responsible for any damage caused to the Accommodation by the Student.

#### Fees

15. The Parents must pay all accommodation fees to the School in accordance with the School's fee schedule as defined in the applicable Contract of Enrolment.

#### **Termination**

- 16. The School reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if the Student is in breach of the Accommodation Requirements.
- 17. If the Student's contract of enrolment is terminated the parties agree that this shall constitute a breach of the Accommodation Requirements and this Agreement may be terminated as a consequence.
- 18. Where this Agreement is terminated, fees may be refunded according to School Policies.

#### General

- 19. This Agreement shall be construed and take effect in accordance with the non-exclusive laws of New Zealand. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the Parents irrevocably:
  - (a) submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of New Zealand; and
  - (b) agree that proceedings may be brought before any Court including any forum constituted under the Arbitration Act 1996 within New Zealand, and waive any objection to proceedings in any such Court or forum on the grounds of venue or on the grounds that the proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.
- 20. Notices given under this Agreement must be in writing and given to the addresses set out in the Application Form. Those sent by post will be deemed to have been received ten (10) days after posting. The Parties agree that email correspondence is a suitable means of communication and emails will be deemed to have been received when acknowledged by the party or by return email.
- 21. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and overrides any prior promises, representations, understandings or agreements.
- The parties acknowledge that prior to signing this Agreement, they have had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice in respect of its content and effect.

## **Disputes**

 The parties agree that any dispute in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in accordance with the Code and the School Policies.

## Signing

24. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of executed counterparts may be delivered by email or facsimile transmission.



## **SIGNING**

Parents By signing below, page):	the Parents confirm that they have read the	Agreement and agree to be bound by it in all respects (initial each
Name(s):		-
Signature(s):		
Date:		
	the authorised signatory of the School conf School will be bound by the Agreement in all	irms that they are authorised to sign on behalf of the School, and respects:
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		
	the Student confirms he/she has read and nd (to the extent applicable) the Agreement:	understood the Agreement and agrees to abide by the Code, the
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		



## **Accommodation Requirements**

(Schedule Four)

## While living in a School approved Homestay, the Student agrees:

- 1. To comply with all laws of New Zealand.
- Not to engage in any social or leisure activities that may place them, other persons, in undue danger or risk of harm.
   This includes the Student putting himself / herself in a position which may give rise to suspicions or allegations of such activities.
- 3. To obtain written permission from Parents and the School prior to obtaining any tattoo, piercing or other bodily embellishments.
- 4. To comply with all Homestay rules, expectations and curfews set by the School and Homestay parents, including without limitation, any policies of the School which apply.
- 5. To not use or do anything which may cause damage to the Accommodation, including without limitation, applying hair dyes, or smoking cigarettes or engaging in any other activity that may cause damage to the Accommodation.
- 6. To keep the Homestay parents informed of their whereabouts at all times.
- 7. To stay at the Homestay residence daily and not to stay overnight at any other residence or location or travel overnight outside of the town or city (as defined by the School) where the student is living without prior written consent of the School. This clause shall not prevent the Student travelling between the Homestay and the School.
- 8. To respect the privacy, values and property of the Homestay.

## **SIGNING**

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	r, the authorised signatory of the School confirms that they are authorised to sign on behalf of the School, and School will be bound by the Agreement in all respects:
Name:	
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	, the Student confirms they have read and understood the Agreement and agrees to abide by the Code, the and (to the extent applicable) the Agreement:
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Initialled by: \_

(student)

\_(parent)