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Welcome to Education Queensland International (EQI)

EQI Study Tours Homestay

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EQI Study Tours combine an exciting range of educational, tourism and cultural exchange activities for school groups visiting Queensland.

Our fully supervised itineraries are designed for primary and secondary school students aged from 10 to 18 years, and include the opportunity to live with a host family for an authentic taste of Australia's world-famous lifestyle.

Students are provided with a with a caring and supportive home environment so they can focus on their tour activities and enjoy being part of a community. Homestay hosts support students to settle into the family routine, provide help and explain anything they don’t understand.

Many students say their homestay was one of their favourite experiences in Queensland, and an opportunity to build lifelong friendships and stay connected after going home.

With almost half of its population born overseas, Australia is a harmonious society that unites a multitude of cultures, experiences, beliefs, and traditions.

EQI’s homestay hosts come from many different backgrounds and are often members of the school community who have children at an EQI host school. The style of homes in Australia can vary, but all our accredited schools are trained by EQI to ensure students enjoy a safe, friendly and caring home environment.

Getting the best possible homestay match is important to us, so study tour students are asked to provide details about their personal preferences, including dietary, health and spiritual needs, and their favourite hobbies.

Australian families usually eat their meals in the kitchen, dining room or lounge room, and having a barbecue or picnic outside is very popular. Everybody helps to prepare the food and to set and clear the table. Meal times, especially dinner, are perfect opportunities for students to practice their English by talking about their day.

The host family will take students safely to and from school; depending on their location, this could be walking, driving or catching public transport.

During their stay, students have access to multilingual support and 24-hour emergency assistance. Student care is our highest priority and the school’s homestay coordinator is there to provide guidance and to ensure a safe and enjoyable homestay experience.

Come and experience Queensland's famous hospitality as part of your EQI Study Tour program.

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