

# A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO HOMESTAY ENHANCING GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS

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## HISTORY

How it all started?

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## OUR PHILOSOPHY

What do we believe?

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships

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## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Sense of belonging

## CHALLENGES

Lack of communication

## FUTURE DIRECTION

Growth & expansion

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## HISTORY

- Need for safe, affordable housing
- Family orientated
- Current Director initiated the program in 1998



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## OUR PHILOSOPHY

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Our Homestay Program believes that each person can make a positive difference in the life of another.

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- Procedures and policies
- Families are valued partners
- Over 200 families registered
- Annual events, newsletters and web site
- Networks promoted

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY 2012

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Students come together to experience an Aussie Christmas



True essence of Christmas is family



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Cultural similarities are recognised and diversity celebrated

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## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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- Over 500 students per year
- Building relationships
- Focus groups
- 24/7 support
- Underage care



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## CHALLENGES

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- Unrealistic expectations
- Cultural differences
- Communication
- Mediation
- Workshops & support for families

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## FUTURE

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- Ourimbah campus
- Students from rural and remote areas
- Growth and expansion
- Holistic approach
- Nurturing environment



Guess what they are eating?

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## HOW DO WE DO IT?

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- Working together
- Enhancing cross-cultural awareness
- Building Friendships
- Providing a supportive network

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## QUESTIONS?



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