

Homestay Newsletter January 2017

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year from RELA.

Thank you for your great support over the summer. Our students have been very happy in their homestays. We are looking for lots of beds in March, mostly single placements for Japanese teenagers. We look forward to any email messages from you saying 'yes'. Details at the end of this message.

It is important that you are not hosting any other Japanese students at the same time.

Homestay Pay

Good news! From the end of this month, there will be \$15 per week extra in your homestay fees. This will begin with your payment on 27 January or 3 February, whichever week your payment falls due.

Xtra

We have been having some problems with xtra email addresses. Xtra customers were asked to modify their settings a few months ago, and those who didn't may have lost their xtra address. Please check for our e-mails, and please remember to check your Junk Box periodically in case our emails start going there.

Health and Safety

We are doing a lot of work to ensure we are fully compliant with the 2015 Health and Safety Legislation. Our commitments include ensuring our Homestays all have safety precautions in place.

All homestays are requested to have First Aid supplies, and all RELA students should know where these supplies are.

Also, an evacuation plan, and your students should know the plan and the family meeting place.

Please follow basic safety rules when driving RELA students, e.g., the driver is always correctly licensed, seatbelt rules are followed closely, and vehicles are correctly registered and warranted.

And some reminders

Please remember that each student bedroom should have a desk, a chair and a reading lamp. This is part of your homestay contract.

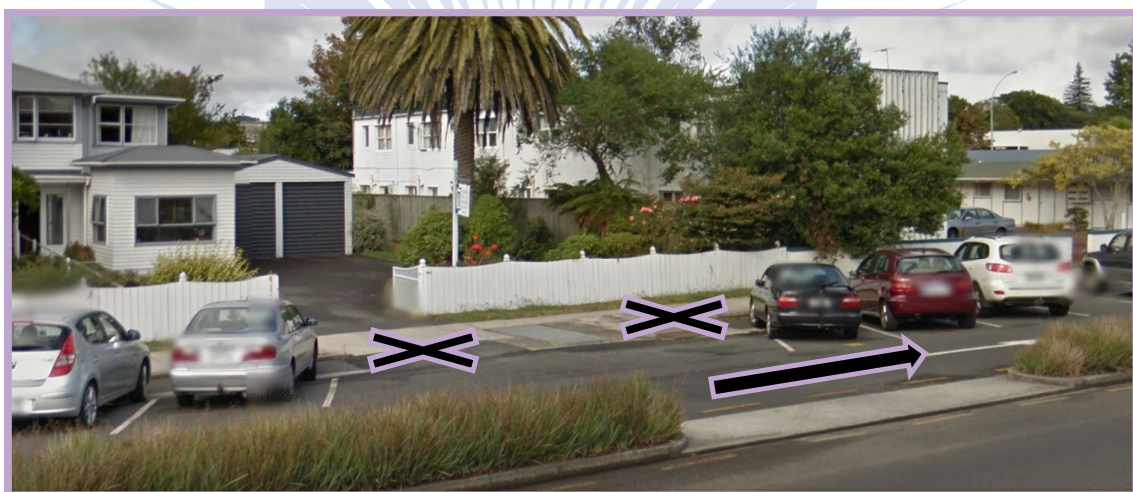
If you are hosting for other schools, we do need to know please, when we ask you to have a student. When we send homestay profiles to our students and their parents, they must know exactly who will be in the home before they arrive.

More and more, students and their families are e-mailing you before they arrive. It is very nice to set up this kind of communication if you can. And if you receive a message from a new student, please reply!

Japanese Groups Coming

Group	Country	Number of students	Homestay Start	Homestay Finish	Gender / placements
Sendai Shirayuri	Japan	18 students + 2	19 March	29 March	Girls single placements
Torei Gakuen	Japan	37 students +3	25 March	06 April	Boys, single and double placements

If you are already hosting a Japanese student for us, or another school we cannot give you one of these students.



Please help us to keep the school driveways clear at all times. Remember to travel in the direction of the marked arrows.

We appreciate your consideration in helping to keep the traffic flowing safely.

Many thanks to you all
Chris and Teri and the RELA Team