EQI International Student Code of Conduct

Under the National Code 2007, EQI has an obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of an overseas student enrolled in an EQI program is paramount. EQI has a commitment to procedural fairness regarding a person’s rights, interests or legitimate expectations unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The following is a summary of the key responsibilities for Students, Schools and EQI. Students should refer to the EQI ISP Application Form for the full Terms and Conditions for an International Student.

Academic Performance
1. Students will maintain satisfactory results in all subjects in order to continue in the program.
2. Students will abide by the School Code of Behaviour and the School Policy on Information Technology and Internet Use.
3. Students who are offered High School Preparation (HSP) program are required to successfully complete HSP before continuing to Secondary School.
4. EQI will monitor the student’s performance, and inform the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) if the student’s results are not satisfactory.
5. The school will provide written school reports to students and parents at least every semester.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
6. Students will maintain OSHC coverage for the duration of their student visa. This cover enables students to seek basic medical advice and assistance. Parents give permission for EQI and School staff to obtain any medical assistance required in the event of an accident or illness and guarantee to meet all costs.

Attendance
7. Students will strive to attend school on every school day of each term. Students who are sick and absent from school will be required to obtain a valid medical certificate.
8. Students who are absent from school for a period of five (5) consecutive days must demonstrate why they should not be reported for failure to meet course requirements in accordance with the National Code 2007 and the EQI International Student Application Form Terms and Conditions of Enrolment.
9. If the student’s attendance falls below 80% for a term, EQI may report the student to the DIAC. If the student’s attendance falls below 70%, EQI must report the student to DIAC for non-compliance of the student visa conditions.
10. Independent travel is not permitted unless accompanied by an adult over 21 years of age and permission is given by the school.
11. Students will obtain and wear the correct school uniform at school.
Contact Details

12. Students will advise the International Student Coordinator of current contact details within seven days of any change.

13. Students will obtain permission from the International Student Coordinator or the School Principal before changing accommodation.

14. Requests to travel in school holidays will be made using the correct form and travel will only be permitted if it has been approved by the International Student Coordinator and the School Principal.

Homestay

15. Students are required to live with an EQI approved or arranged Homestay Family for the duration of their studies, if a parent or blood relative has not been nominated as a guardian.

16. Students will advise the Homestay Family of their emergency contact details.

17. Students will follow and respect Homestay Family household rules and property. These include showing consideration and courtesy, complying with nominated curfews and negotiating with the Homestay Family in regards to outings and visits.

18. Students will negotiate the use of telephone, computer and internet facilities with the Homestay Family and abide by the Homestay Family decision in relation to this usage. Students should not download large files (5MB or more) at the homestay family’s internet expense.

19. Students will not visit pornographic websites or download pornographic material.

20. Students are not permitted to smoke, consume alcohol or use non-prescribed drugs while enrolled in an EQI program.

21. Students will be treated as a respected member of the family, and will be expected to be an active member of the household. There is a minimum stay requirement of four weeks before a student can be moved to a new Homestay Family. EQI reserves the right to move a student in exceptional circumstances.

22. Students must give at least 2 weeks advance notice if leaving the program prior to contract dates.

Australian Law and EQI Policy

23. Students will obey Australian laws and regulations at all times.

24. Students under the age of 18 years are not permitted to be served or consume alcohol in public places.

25. It is illegal to possess and/or use non-prescribed drugs in Australia.

26. Students will not engage in inappropriate sexually explicit behaviour at any time.

27. Students must seek permission from their host school to work in accordance with the Queensland Child Employment Regulation 2006.

28. Students enrolled in an EQI program may only drive a vehicle in Australia if they have obtained an Australian driving licence. Driving lessons to obtain an Australian driving licence must be undertaken with a professional driving school and instructor. Fees will apply to these lessons.

29. Students enrolled in an EQI program must not ride in cars driven by provisional license holders (i.e. P plates) unless prior written approval is provided by their parent.