CHECKLIST FOR HOMESTAY FAMILIES

Questions your International Student may need answered about living with you:

1. What may I call the members of the household? Mr, Mrs, First names etc.
2. What else can I expect to do other than:
   - Make my bed
   - Keep my room tidy at all times.
3. What is the procedure about dirty clothes? Where do I keep them until wash day?
4. Must I wash my own clothes? If so, when and how.
5. What is the procedure about ironing clothes?
6. May I use the iron and washing machine at any time?
7. Where can I keep my bathroom accessories?
8. May I use the family toiletries, shampoo, soap toothpaste etc?
9. What is the most convenient time to bath/shower?
10. What time limits should apply in the shower?
11. What time are meals?
12. What can I do to help at meal times?
   - Set the table
   - Clear the table
   - Wash the dishes
   - Dry the dishes
   - Empty the rubbish bin.
13. May I help myself to food and drink or must I ask first?
14. Where do I store my suitcase?
15. Can you supply me with coat hangers?
16. What areas of the house are strictly private and out of bounds?
17. May I use the household electrical items eg. blender, toaster, frying pan?
18. May I put up pictures or posters in my bedroom?
19. May I move the furniture in my bedroom?
20. What time must I get up on weekday mornings?
21. What time must I leave to go to school?
22. What time must I get up on weekends and holidays?
23. At what time should I be in my bedroom asleep or doing things quietly on my own?
24. What time will others in the house go to bed?
25. What time must I be in at night if I go out? Must I ask permission to go out?
26. How will I get in if the door is locked?
27. May my friends come around during the day?
28. What are the rules about using the phone?
   - Must I ask first?
   - May my friends phone me?
   - What are the rules about local calls?
   - What are the rules about STD (Australia Long Distance) calls?
   - What are the rules about IDD (Overseas) calls?
   - Must I keep a log of my calls to pay you?
29. What is the procedure about posting letters? What is the family’s postal address?
30. Does my homestay family have any dislikes eg. chewing gum, wearing hats inside, loud music?
31. How much advance notice must I give if I am asking to go out?
32. If we go out together as a family, should I pay my own entrance or meals?
33. What is the procedure about local transportation and transporting me?
34. May I use the Sound System & TV/DVD whenever I want?
35. What arrangements have been made to transport me to and from school?
36. What do I do for school lunches?
37. When will the members of the household be going to Church and other meetings? Do I have to/when will I need to accompany them?
38. Do you expect me to phone if I am going to be late home?
39. Are there any other things you would like me to know?
40. If I have a problem, how would you like me to handle this with you?
41. What are your contact numbers?