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HOMESTAY CATCH-UP - JULY 2016

Dear partners in homestay,

Welcome to our regular catch-up newsletter! We are hoping to make this a regular feature, where we can communicate with our homestay families important news, changes in rules, and latest information.

Please note that this is not marketing material - this forms part of the information that is essential to you as homestay hosts - we hope this helps you enjoy your homestay experience!

***** Important reminder *****

If your household composition has changed - for example, if you have a child who turned 18, or a new adult living at your home - you must inform us as soon as possible!

Furthermore if you have any new household member who is over 18, he/she must obtain a valid Working With Children Check ('WWCC').

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

It is against the law to be engaged in homestay for under-18 students without a valid WWCC. It also breaches your agreement with us, which may result in us no longer able to place students with you. So we do appreciate your cooperation!

Have you checked your students' internet usage?

We are aware that some homestay families share their home internet with their students. I'm sure our students are appreciative of your gesture.

However please note that you may still be responsible for what your students download, as the account-holder of your home's internet - especially with the rise in internet piracy, illegal contents, etc.

To help prevent issues, consider making clear in your house rules that illegal and copyrighted material should not be downloaded using your internet.

As you are aware, our fees to you do not cover students' internet usage, therefore it is up to you to be vigilant with what your students download using your internet.

Don't forget to let us know when you go on holidays!

As schools enter winter break, we understand some of you may go on family holidays.

If you choose not to take your homestay students, please let us know - even (especially!) if you organise for a relative/friend/neighbour to look after the student!

We must verify all persons living at your home, and that includes temporary carers (and of course they must have a valid WWCC).

Find us on Facebook!

Finally don't forget WIN Consultation & Services has a Facebook page - we hope to connect with you there too! <https://www.facebook.com/WIN-Consultation-Services-822385907859187/>

We wish you a safe and happy winter holiday period!

- Winnie and all at WIN Consultation Services