

# GOLDEN RULES OF HOSTING



1. **Your student must never** be left at home over night by themselves regardless of their age.
2. **Overnight stays** – It is okay for your student to stay overnight at a friend's house. However, as you would your own children we would expect that you contact the other family to ensure that they are aware that your homestay son is staying overnight and exchange contact numbers. This only applies if the sleepover is in Tauranga.
3. If your student intends to **travel outside of Tauranga**, he must **ALWAYS** complete a **permission to leave form** (this **MUST** be authorized by the International Director.) This form requires your signature as homestay parent. If you are taking your student outside Tauranga on a day trip this form does not need to be completed. However, it is good practice to send me a text advising that you will be out of town for the day.
4. If your student needs to go somewhere at night please ensure that if you are unable to take them, they are **not walking or biking** around the streets after dark. The safest options are you drop off and pick up or they catch a taxi home, buses cease at 8pm. We would hope in most instances you would be able to help them with transport. Carpooling is okay as long as the driver has a **full license**.
5. **Weeknights** we do not want your student on the **internet** all evening. Please as you would with your own children be aware of what your student is doing and encourage them to use the internet in your dining room or a communal area where you have more control. If they are in their room do not be afraid to knock and go in and ask what they are doing.
6. Your student is not allowed to travel in a car with anyone who does not have a **full driver's license**.

If your student has a **serious accident or is very unwell** you need to contact us:

Director **Mrs Annette Roff on 027 284 9378.**

If you are unable to reach Mrs Roff call myself

**Mrs Maryann Grainger on 022 560 7104.**

**DO NOT CONTACT STUDENTS PARENTS DIRECTLY OR LET YOUR STUDENT CONTACT THEIR PARENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO EITHER MRS ROFF OR MRS GRAINGER.**

**Please do not call us during the weekends for minor issues only genuine EMERGENCIES. Office hours are 8:00am – 4:00pm.**

8. If someone new moves into your home and is over the age of 18 they **MUST** be police vetted. This is a code requirement!
9. **Homework:** It is expected that all year 9 and 10 students' study for a minimum of 1 hour per night. Years 11, 12 and 13 a minimum of 2 hours.
10. If your student wishes to partake in any extreme sport activities e.g. white-water rafting, sky diving, bungee jumping, paragliding. They **MUST** request permission from the International office and complete some paperwork. Students are also **NOT** allowed to drive ANY farm vehicles or use a firearm (e.g. for hunting). We must protect and keep all of our students' safe at ALL TIMES.

We hope you enjoy your time as a host parent and please do hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you again for choosing to host for Tauranga Boys' College.