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Note

This document is included in the Heaton Enrolment Contract Terms & Conditions signed at the beginning of enrolment.

Refund Policy (Schedule Three)

Requests for a refund of international student fees

1. The School will consider all requests for a refund of international student fees. Requests should be made in writing to the School as soon as possible after the circumstances leading to a request. All refunds will be settled under the terms of this policy unless otherwise agreed by the School.
2. A request for a refund should provide the following information to the School:
 - a. The name of the Student;
 - b. The circumstances of the request;
 - c. The amount of refund requested;
 - d. The name of the person requesting the refund;
 - e. The name of the person who paid the fees;
 - f. The bank account details to receive any eligible refund, including bank address and swift code where relevant; and
 - g. any relevant supporting documentation such as receipts or invoices.

Non-Refundable Fees

3. The School is unable to refund some fees. The following fees relate to expenses that the School may have paid or will incur as a result of receiving an application for enrolment and cannot be refunded:
 - a. **Administration Fee:** Administration fees meet the cost of processing an international student application. Administration fees exist whether an application is accepted or not or whether a Student remains enrolled after an application is accepted.
 - b. **Insurance:** Once insurance is purchased, the School is unable to refund insurance premiums paid on behalf of a Student. Students and Parents may apply directly to an insurance company for a refund of premiums paid.
 - c. **Homestay Placement Fee:** Homestay placement fees meet the cost of processing a request for Homestay accommodation by the Student. Costs incurred for arranging Homestay accommodation for the Student before the refund request cannot be refunded.
 - d. **Used Homestay Fees:** Homestay fees paid for time the Student has already spent in a Homestay cannot be refunded. Used Homestay fees may also include a notice period of two weeks.
 - e. **Portion of Unused Tuition Fees:** The school may retain a portion of unused tuition fees. Amounts retained will relate to costs that have been incurred or committed by the school and may vary.

Requests for a refund for failure to obtain a study visa

4. If the Student fails to obtain an appropriate visa, a refund of international student tuition fees will be provided less any non-refundable fees as set out in this policy. Evidence must be provided to the School of Immigration New Zealand declining to grant a visa.

Requests for a refund for withdrawal from enrolment of one term or less:

5. Where a Student is enrolled for one term or less and withdraws early, either before or after the start date of enrolment, other than where they have failed to obtain an appropriate visa and have provided evidence of this, there will be no refund of tuition fees or other relevant non-refundable fees.
6. Where the School terminates the enrolment of a Student enrolled for one term or less, there will be no refund of tuition fees, or other relevant non-refundable fees.

Requests for a refund for voluntary withdrawal from enrolment of more than one term:

7. If the Student voluntarily withdraws **21 days or more before the start date of enrolment**, a refund will be provided less any non-refundable fees as outlined in this policy. The 21 days will be counted from the day after the School receives written notice of the Student's intention to withdraw from enrolment.
8. If the Student voluntarily withdraws **less than 21 days before the start date of enrolment**, other than where they have failed to obtain an appropriate visa and have provided evidence of this, a refund will be provided less a minimum of 10 weeks' tuition fees and any other relevant non-refundable fees as outlined in this policy. The 21 days will be counted from the day after the School receives written notice of the Student's intention to withdraw from enrolment.

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9. If a Student voluntarily withdraws after enrolment has commenced, a minimum of 10 tuition weeks' notice is required. The notice period will begin the day after the School receives written notice of the Student's intention to withdraw from enrolment and the student may continue to attend school during the notice period.

Requests for a refund where the School fails to provide a course, ceases as a signatory, or ceases to be a provider:

10. If the School fails to provide the agreed course of education or is no longer a signatory to the Code or no longer operates as an international education provider, the School will negotiate with the Student or their Parent to either:
 - a. Refund the unused portion of international student tuition fees or other fees paid for services not delivered, or
 - b. Transfer the amount of any eligible refund to another provider, or
 - c. Make other arrangements agreed to by the Student or the Parent and the School.
11. For the avoidance of doubt, this clause does not apply where the format of the education provided by the School changes (for example delivery by remote learning), but where the School continues to offer education for international students.

Other circumstances where a refund request may be considered

Where a student's enrolment is ended by the school

12. In the event a Student's enrolment is ended by the School for a breach of the contract of enrolment or as a consequence of a Welfare Issue, the School will consider a request for a refund less:
 - a. Any non-refundable fees set out in this policy;
 - b. A minimum of ten weeks tuition fees from the date of termination; and
 - c. Any other reasonable costs that the School has incurred in ending the Student's enrolment

Where a student changes to a domestic student during the period of enrolment

13. If a Student changes to a domestic student after enrolment has commenced, a minimum of 10 tuition weeks' notice is required. The notice period will begin the day after the School receives written notice that the Student has obtained a visa permitting them to change to domestic-student status.

Where a student voluntarily requests to transfer to another signatory after the start of enrolment.

14. If a Student requests to transfer to another signatory after the commencement of their enrolment, a minimum of 10 tuition weeks of prior notice is required. The notice period will begin the day after the School receives written notice that the Student requests to transfer to another signatory.

Refund of other fees

Requests for a refund of homestay fees

15. If for any reason, the Student withdraws after their stay in a School Homestay, any unused Homestay fees will be refunded, less any relevant non-refundable fees set out in this policy.
16. Where the Student moves from a School Homestay and requests a refund of any unused Homestay fees, these will be refunded less any non-refundable fees set out in this policy.

Requests for a refund of fees unused at the end of enrolment

17. Except by written request from the Student or their Parent, prepaid fees unused at the end of enrolment greater than NZD\$500 will be refunded to the Student in cash. Sums greater than NZD\$500 will be refunded into a nominated bank account.

Outstanding activity fees or other fees

18. Any activity or other fees incurred by the Student during enrolment and owed to the School at the time of withdrawal, will be deducted from any eligible refund.

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Refunds to be made to the country of receipt

19. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all eligible refunds of fees of NZD\$1000 or more received from outside of New Zealand will be refunded to a nominated bank account in the source country.

Rights of families after a decision regarding a refund has been made

20. A decision by the School relating to a request for a refund of fees will be provided to the Student or Parent in writing and will set out the following information:
 - a. Factors considered when making the refund decision
 - b. The total amount to be refunded
 - c. Details of non-refundable fees
21. In the event the Student or the Parent is dissatisfied with a refund decision made by the School or is dissatisfied with the process the School followed when making the refund decision, they have the right to have the refund decision reviewed by the International Student Disputes Resolution Scheme or to make a complaint to the Code Administrator.

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PART THREE:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AGREEMENT ONLY IF THE STUDENT WILL BE LIVING IN A HOMESTAY WHILE ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AGREEMENT

(When placing a student in a School Approved Homestay)

Terms and Conditions:

1. For the purposes of this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Student relating to the Accommodation will be kept confidential, except disclosure:

 - Accommodation** means the residential accommodation provided to the Student pursuant to this Agreement.
 - Accommodation Requirements** means the rules and requirements of the Accommodation as set out in Schedule One.
 - Agreement** means this Accommodation Agreement between the Student, School, and Parents which governs the Student's Accommodation arrangements.
 - Application Form** means the standard enrolment application form.
 - Code** means The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 as updated from time to time and available online at www.legislation.govt.nz under Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.
 - Contract of Enrolment** means the agreement between the Student, the School and the Parents which governs the Student's Tuition.
 - Homestay** has the meaning as set out in the Code.
 - Parents** means the Parents referred to in the Application Form.
 - Residential Caregiver** means the person responsible for the Student at the Accommodation.
 - Residential Caregiver Agreement** means an agreement between the School and the Residential Caregiver.
 - School** means the school referred to in the Application Form.
 - Student** means the International Student residing at the Accommodation as referred to in the Application Form.
 - Tuition** means the education of the Student at the School or, in appropriate circumstances, education provided to the Student by the School through online, remote or distance learning.

All other terms have the same meaning as in the Contract of Enrolment.
2. The School is a signatory to and complies with the Code. Unless living with a parent, every international student is required to live at an Accommodation approved by the School in line with the requirements of the Code.
3. The Parents agree to the following terms and conditions of the Accommodation:
 - (a) The School agrees that all information regarding the Residential Caregiver, the Parents and the
4. If the Parents provide misleading information or fail to disclose information about the Student before placement with the Residential Caregiver and during the term of the Homestay the School may (in its sole discretion):
 - (i) To the Student, the Parents or Residential Caregiver (as the case may be);
 - (ii) To any professional consultant or such person where it is in the interests of the Student to provide the information;
 - (iii) According to any statutory or other legal duty.
 - (b) The Parents agree that if behaviours or conditions of the Student emerge after placement with a Residential Caregiver such that the Residential Caregiver is unable to provide the level of accommodation or care required for the safety and wellbeing of the Student, the School may terminate this Agreement.
 - (c) The Parents or the Student have the right under the Privacy Act 2020 to see and request corrections of any personal information held by the School concerning them in relation to the Student's placement with a Residential Caregiver.
 - (d) Under the Privacy Act 2020, any information collected may be provided to education authorities.
 - (e) These terms and conditions may be changed by the School (acting reasonably) upon reasonable notification from time to time and will continue to apply until notified otherwise.
5. The initial appointment and ongoing engagement of the Residential Caregiver is subject at all times to:
 - (a) Charge the Parent such fees as required to pay for extra requirements due to providing misleading information or the lack of disclosure; or
 - (b) Terminate this Agreement.
6. The School will ensure that to the best of its ability:
 - (a) the Residential Caregiver and the School entering into a Homestay Carer Agreement or a Designated Caregiver Agreement; and
 - (b) the School's usual requirements and policies relating to the Accommodation.

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- (a) The Accommodation provides a safe, positive and healthy environment for the Student and complies with the Code;
- (b) The Residential Caregiver's appointment has not involved any form of gift (financial or otherwise) to or from a third party;
- (c) The appointment of the Residential Caregiver does not represent any actual or perceived conflict of interest, and that any possible conflict of interest has been notified to the School;
- (d) The Residential Caregiver will take all reasonable steps to ensure the Student's compliance with New Zealand laws (including, where appropriate, informing the Student of such laws), and will immediately report any possible legal breach to the School; and
- (e) The Student only engages in lawful, responsible and positive recreational activities outside of School.

7. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, the Parents agree for the Student to travel and stay overnight within New Zealand in the care of their Residential Caregiver for not more than seven days where the travel does not involve the Student participating in any adventure activities or extreme sports, or result in the Student missing any scheduled school days.

8. The School will seek specific written agreement from the Parents for leisure travel or overnight stays of more than seven days or results in the Student missing any scheduled school days.

9. The Student will seek specific written agreement from the School before the Student, being a Student of any age, participates in any activities which are considered to be adventure activities or extreme sports. The School will only give such Agreement where approved by the Parents.

10. The School may take such measures as it considers appropriate (acting reasonably) to monitor compliance with the Code. This may include, without limitation, regular check-ins with both the Student and the Residential Caregiver.

11. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Student will be entitled to start their Homestay at the Accommodation 5 days before the Period of Enrolment (as that term is defined in the Contract of Enrolment) commencing and 5 days following the end date of the Period of Enrolment (as that term is defined in the Contract of Enrolment). Should this Agreement be terminated before the expiry of the Period of Enrolment the Student will be required to move out of the Accommodation immediately. The School may, at its sole discretion, and without being required to do so, extend the time for the Student to vacate the Accommodation. Any such extension shall be given in writing and shall be without prejudice to the School's right to later insist that the Student immediately move out of the Accommodation.

Expectations

- 12. The Student will comply at all times with the Accommodation Requirements and the Parents shall work with the School to ensure such compliance.
- 13. In the event that the Student is removed from a Residential Caregiver for any reason, the School will take all reasonable steps to find, over a reasonable period of time (as decided by

the School in its absolute discretion), appropriate alternative approved Accommodation for the Student.

- 14. The Student will treat the Accommodation with due care and respect and the Student is liable for costs associated with repairing any damage caused to the Accommodation by the Student. For avoidance of doubt, the School is not responsible for any damage caused to the Accommodation by the Student.

Fees

- 15. The Parents must pay all accommodation fees to the School according to the School's fee schedule as defined in the applicable Contract of Enrolment.

Termination

- 16. The School reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if the Student is in breach of the Accommodation Requirements.
- 17. If the Student is suspended, expelled or excluded from the School, the parties agree that this shall constitute a breach of the Accommodation Requirements and this Agreement may be terminated as a consequence.
- 18. Where this Agreement is terminated, fees may be refunded in line with School Policies.

General

- 19. This Agreement shall be construed and take effect according to the non-exclusive laws of New Zealand. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the Parents:

- (a) submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of New Zealand; and

- (b) agree that proceedings may be brought before any Court including any forum constituted under the Arbitration Act 1996 within New Zealand, and waive any objection to proceedings in any such Court or forum on the grounds of venue or on the grounds that the proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

- 20. Notices given under this Agreement must be in writing and given to the addresses set out in the Application Form. Those sent by post will be considered to have been received ten (10) days after posting. The Parties agree that email correspondence is a suitable means of communication and emails will be considered to have been received when acknowledged by the party or by return email.

- 21. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and overrides any prior promises, representations, understandings or agreements.

- 22. The parties acknowledge that before signing this Agreement, they have had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice about its content and effect.

Disputes

- 23. The parties agree that any dispute in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in line with the Code and the School Policies.

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Accommodation Requirements

(Schedule One)

While living in a School approved Homestay, the Student agrees:

1. To comply with all laws of New Zealand.
2. Not to engage in any social or leisure activities that may place them, other persons, in undue danger or risk of harm. This includes the Student putting himself or herself in a position which may give rise to suspicions or allegations of such activities.
3. To obtain written permission from Parents and the School before obtaining any tattoo, piercing or other bodily embellishments.
4. To comply with all Homestay rules, expectations and curfews set by the School and Homestay parents, including any policies of the School which apply.
5. To not use or do anything which may cause damage to the Accommodation, including applying hair dyes, or smoking cigarettes or engaging in any other activity that may cause damage to the Accommodation.
6. To keep the Homestay parents informed of their whereabouts at all times.
7. To stay at the Homestay address daily and not to travel overnight outside of the town or city (as defined by the School) where the Student is living without prior written permission of the School. This clause shall not prevent the Student travelling between the Homestay and the School.
8. To respect the privacy, values and property of the Homestay.

SIGNING

Parents

By signing below, the Parents confirm that they have read the Agreement and agree to be bound by it in all respects (initial each page):

Name(s): _____

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

School

By signing below, the authorised signatory of the School confirms that they are authorised to sign on behalf of the School, and confirms that the School will be bound by the Agreement in all respects:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PART FOUR:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER AGREEMENT ONLY IF THE STUDENT WILL BE LIVING WITH A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER WHILE ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL.

DESIGNATED CAREGIVER AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the Parent/s, the Designated Caregiver/s and the School (the **Agreement**).

School name: _____ (the **School**)

Student's name: _____ (the **Student**)

Name of parent one: _____

Name of parent two: _____ (together the **Parents**, each a **Parent**)

Name of caregiver one:
(relative or close family friend): _____

Name of caregiver two:
(eg partner of relative or close family friend): _____ (together the **Designated Caregivers**, each a **Designated Caregiver**)

Address: _____

(the **Residence**)

AGREEMENTS

1. The Student and the Parents are parties to a Contract of Enrolment with the School. All definitions contained in that Contract of Enrolment are considered to form part of this Agreement so far as they are relevant.
2. The Parents agree that the Designated Caregiver/s will provide residential care for the Student while enrolled as an international student at the School.
3. The School has provided, and the Designated Caregiver/s have read and understood, the sections of The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 (the **Code**) relevant to residential caregivers and the School's Information for Designated Caregivers and agree to act as Designated Caregiver/s to the Student according to these requirements.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, The Designated Caregiver/s agree that the accommodation provided is caring, safe, positive, is a healthy environment, and supports the Student to achieve their academic goals.
5. The School agrees that all information regarding the Designated Caregiver/s relating to the Agreement will be kept confidential, except disclosure to the Student or their parents, to any professional consultant or such person where it is in the interests of the Student to provide the information or according to any statutory or other legal duty.
6. Approval is required from the School before the Student is placed with the Designated Caregiver/s.
7. The Designated Caregiver/s agree that approval will be provided only after appropriate safety and other checks have been completed by the School in accordance with the Code and School policies.
8. Failure by the Designated Caregiver/s to provide the residential care required by the School and the Code may result in the School's approval of the Designated Caregiver/s being withdrawn.
9. The Designated Caregiver/s agree to support the Student to abide by all rules and expectations set by the School.
10. In the event the School withdraws its approval of the Designated Caregiver/s, the Agreement is terminated, and the Student will be placed in alternative accommodation approved by the School at the full cost and expense of the Parents.
11. The School may take such measures as it considers appropriate (acting reasonably) to monitor and review the quality of residential care by the Designated Caregiver/s and this may include regular visits to the Designated Caregiver/s and meetings with both the Student and the Designated Caregiver/s.
12. The Designated Caregiver/s will provide the School with fourteen days (14) days prior notice of any change in circumstances that may affect the Agreement. This includes

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any change of Residence or any change to the number of adults living at the Residence. For the avoidance of doubt, an adult is a person 18 years of age or older.

13. The Parent/s agree that the School is not responsible for the Student's day-to-day care while in the care of the Designated Caregiver/s.

14. The Student will treat the accommodation provided by the Designated Caregiver/s ("Accommodation") with due care and respect and the Student is liable for costs associated with

repairing any damage caused to the Accommodation by the Student. For avoidance of doubt, the School is not responsible for any damage caused to the Accommodation by the Student.

15. The parties agree that any dispute in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in accordance with the Code and the School policies.

16. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so signed and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of signed counterparts may be delivered by email or facsimile transmission.

SIGNING

By signing this agreement the Student, the Parent/s and the Designated Caregiver/s declare that the Designated Caregiver/s are eligible to be a Designated Caregiver under the Code (being someone who is personally known to the Student and/or Parent(s) as a relative or close friend and meets the other requirements of the Act and the Code).

PARENT/S:

By signing below, the Parent/s confirm that they have read the Agreement and agree to be bound by it in all respects: (please initial each page)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS:

By signing below, the Designated Caregivers confirm they have read the Agreement and agrees to be bound by it in all respects:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL:

By signing below, the authorized signatory of the School confirms that they are authorized to sign on behalf of the School and confirms that the School will be bound by the Agreement in all respects:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____