



Victoria International High School Programs Wants You to Host an International Student!

Students from around the world come to The Greater Victoria School District to study at our schools and enjoy Victoria's safe, beautiful environment. The District's **Victoria International High School Programs (VIHSP)** has its own registered homestay program, designed to promote friendship and language acquisition and to provide an opportunity for cultural exchanges between families and foreign students. The benefits of sharing and learning in the home go far beyond the academic education a student receives. Families living in our school neighbourhoods provide supportive homes for international students and are essential partners in the continued growth and development of the program.



Your family will enjoy gaining knowledge about different cultures, languages and people. You will also have the opportunity to establish lasting friendships and create lifelong memories by hosting a student in your home. Host families provide parental guidance and support for the students in a safe and nurturing environment. They provide a private room, as well as three meals a day and healthy snacks. In return hosts are compensated \$825 per month. Students are responsible for all other costs, such as transportation, school supplies, clothing and recreation.

Victoria International High School Programs strives to provide the highest quality of support for both students and host families, and has developed a successful model for homestay. An expert marketing team visits the countries of our student applicants and explains what students can expect when they come to Victoria. Students must also meet certain criteria to ensure that only quality students who really want to come to Victoria have the opportunity to do so. VIHSP has homestay placement officers who not only strive to find the best homestay matches for each student, but also provide cultural and language support for both students and host families while the student is part of our program.

VIHSP assures the highest quality homestay program. Leadership, global awareness, compassion and parenting are some of the most important qualities of our host families. We recognize that the strong commitment of our host families plays an invaluable role in the success of our programs.

We are always looking for VIHSP homestay families in your neighborhood. If you have considered hosting a student or would like to offer your family an international experience in your home, please visit our website to learn more about VIHSP, our homestay program and to apply on-line.

Web: www.studyinvictoria.com

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