

SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY OF CARING  
KIWI FAMILIES



# KIA ORA HOMESTAY

Safe, Caring, Kiwi Homes for International Students

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# HOST FAMILIES

At Kia Ora Homestay, our host families are the heart of what we do. We carefully select caring Kiwi households who are committed to providing international students with a safe, supportive, and welcoming home environment.

Our families represent genuine New Zealand hospitality. Students are welcomed as temporary members of the household and included in everyday family life. We prioritise warmth, responsibility, and cultural openness in every home we approve.

Kia Ora Homestay maintains regular contact with both students and host families to ensure placements remain positive and supportive. We are responsive, proactive, and committed to resolving concerns early and professionally.

Our Homestay families understand that hosting is more than accommodation, it is mentorship, cultural exchange, and care. We are proud of the warm, responsible families who represent our agency.

# *Our* STORY



Kia Ora from Kia Ora Homestay!

We're Livingstone and Rachael, the founders of Kia Ora Homestay, and we're passionate about creating meaningful, safe, and enriching homestay experiences for international students and host families alike.

Since September 2023, we've personally welcomed and hosted over 70 students from Japan, South Korea, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Indonesia. Through this journey, we've witnessed the meaningful cultural exchange and lasting relationships that make homestay a rewarding experience for Kiwi families.

*We would love for you to join the Kia Ora Homestay family.*

Inspired by our journey, we launched Kia Ora Homestay in 2025 as a caring, professional agency representing Kiwi families and providing homestay support for international students.

We are committed to matching students with families who genuinely care, creating a supportive environment where students feel safe, included, and part of the whānau. Together, we can provide young people from around the world with a memorable and life-changing New Zealand experience.

# What STUDENTS CAN EXPECT

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Each approved host family provides:

- A private, furnished bedroom with dedicated study space
- Nutritious meals (full board unless otherwise arranged)
- A safe, respectful home environment
- Age-appropriate supervision for students under 18
- Inclusion in family activities and daily life



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As a valued Kia Ora Homestay host family...

You are at the heart of each student's experience. By opening your home, you create a safe, caring, and supportive environment where students can settle in with confidence and truly feel part of the family.

*Our host families  
make it all  
possible.*

# *Our* PROCESS



## 1 Apply & Meet With Us

Complete the Host Family Application Form. We'll then arrange a short 15-minute online chat to get to know you, followed by a home visit to ensure your home is suitable and ready to welcome a student.



## 2 Complete Checks

All household members aged 18 and over must complete police vetting, and reference checks are required. These steps help us meet New Zealand safeguarding and pastoral care expectations for international learners.



## 3 Approval & Onboarding

Once approved, you'll officially join our host family community. We'll guide you through the onboarding process and begin matching you with a suitable student, with ongoing support throughout the placement.

# Meet OUR TEAM



Rachael

Founder & Director

Rachael is the heart behind Kia Ora Homestay's welcoming spirit. She shares her homestay journey on TikTok, offering real insights into hosting and life in New Zealand.

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Livingstone

Founder & General Manager

Livingstone is the steady foundation of Kia Ora Homestay, a devoted husband to Rachael, proud dad to Tiare, and a natural leader within both his family and the business.

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Tiare

Chief Welcoming Officer

Tiare, our bubbly only child, is learning hospitality and care for others from Mum and Dad. She loves welcoming international students into her home and helping them feel part of the family.

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Caring Kiwi Families

# KIA ORA HOMESTAY



*let's get in touch*

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