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Australia Awards Students Acknowledgement of Family Entry Responsibilities

I understand and have read the “Information for Students with Family” below, regarding the Conditions of Entry for Family Members. I have considered the issues about bringing my family to Australia.

In proceeding with my Family Entry request, I agree that I am responsible for:

- The cost of providing for arranging my family’s travel, reception, accommodation and schooling;
- Where child care will not be provided by my spouse or family members, I will be required to show evidence, to the institution, of alternative care arrangements;
- Providing details about my family members (names, DOB, etc) to the OSHC insurer; and paying for the gap between single and family cover, directly to the OSHC provider.
- Bringing the passports of my family members to the La Trobe International Office for a copy to be made by the Student Contact Officer, shortly after their arrival in Australia.
- Notify the Student Contact Officer if any my family members return home, once the travel arrangements are booked and within 5 days of their departure.
- Implementing a savings plan now so that the cost of return airfares for family members and other expenses will be sufficiently provided for.

Student Signature _____ **Date:** / /

(Printed Name) _____

Information for Students with Family

Entry of Spouse and Children

While having your family with you can be a wonderful opportunity for them to share in your experience, you will need to be more organised and more prepared to accommodate the needs of your family. It is important that you consider the following issues when bringing your family with you to Australia.

You will be responsible for:

- The cost of providing for arranging all of your family's travel, reception, accommodation and schooling requirements. For information about Living Costs, please visit: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/living-in-australia/costs>
- Where child care will not be provided by your spouse, you will be required to make alternative care arrangements;
- Providing details about family members (names, DOB, etc) to the OSHC insurer; and paying for the gap between single and family cover, directly to the OSHC provider.
- Bringing the passports of family members to the La Trobe International Office for a copy to be made by the Australia Awards Contact Officer, shortly after their arrival in Australia.
- Notifying the Australia Awards Contact Officer if any family members return home, once the travel arrangements are booked and within 5 days of their departure.
- Implementing a savings plan now so that the cost of return airfares for family members and other expenses will be sufficiently provided for.

You will need to consider:

- The cost of living in Australia is significantly higher than what you may be used to. Although the Australia Awards Stipend rate may sound generous, careful budgeting will be required. The stipend is paid at a fixed rate, regardless of numbers of dependents in the family. Where there are several dependants, students may need to have access to additional funds in order to meet the costs of living and study.
- The cost of airfares for your family to and from Australia;
- Possible higher rent for a larger home for your family while in Australia.
- Limited employment opportunities for your spouse, extra costs for food, clothing and other necessities;
- The effect on you and your studies if your family has challenges adjusting to life in Australia. For example, if members of your family do not speak English very well they may feel unhappy and restricted in their activities outside the home. Family members may also have needs which considerably distract awardees from their academic program;
- Whether your children will adjust to school in Australia and readjust on return home.
- La Trobe University recommends families to arrive a minimum of 3 months after Australia Awards awarded student arrives in Australia to allow time for student to adjust to new environment.

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