

# TRAVEL Rules and Guidelines

## Student Program



### In general:

- Travelling is only permitted **during holidays** but never during school term unless you get written permission from the school.
- All travel **must be approved** by host family, AFS volunteers, AFS national office and natural parents. **DON'T BOOK BEFORE YOU HAVE APPROVAL!**
- Travel **must not interfere** with compulsory AFS events or with participation in activities arranged by host parents.
- All applications for travel need to be made **at least 1 month before** the desired travel date.
- Once we receive a valid travel application, AFS national office will send a **Travel Waiver** to your national family to sign.



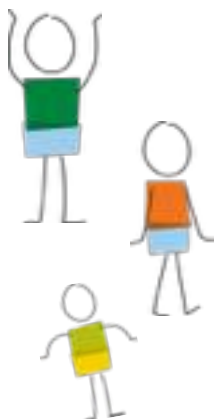
### Allowed:

- Travelling with host family within Australia (no Travel Waiver needed)
- Travelling with host family to approved countries (Travel Waiver needed)
- Travelling with school (no Travel Waiver needed)
- Travelling with a trusted youth/ community group (Travel Waiver needed)
- Staying over night with another AFS family or trusted family (e.g. relatives of your host family) (depending on the case Travel Waiver needed)
- AFS organised travel (no Travel Waiver needed)



### Not allowed:

- Travelling alone or with another minor is considered unsafe and therefore not allowed.
- Travel to non-approved (unsafe) countries (please contact AFS for details)



## Visits from family or friends

- AFS Australia discourages visits from relatives and friends during the program as it can disrupt your exchange and may cause difficulties for host families and the local support structure
- Relatives and friends can not visit unless they have obtained prior consent from AFS.
- Any visits that are approved by AFS should only take place at the end of the program.

## I want to travel, what do I need to do?

1. Read these guidelines and check if your travel plans can be allowed
2. If so, seek verbal approval from your host family and host school
3. Seek verbal approval from local AFS volunteers
4. Complete travel application form and send to AFS
5. Wait for the final approval of AFS National Office (AFS will ask your parents to sign a Travel Waiver)
6. Book your trip and enjoy your travels :)