

The Home Front

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WELCOME TO Q4 2019

Can you believe 2019 is almost over? Some of you will be counting down to the last day of term and preparing to say a sad goodbye to your homestay students. Others may have holiday plans with long-term guests or are getting ready to look after the next generation of global leaders in 2020.

In the meantime, please enjoy this quick AHN update and see what's happening in international education in Australia. Read a sample of the lovely stories that make our jobs so worthwhile, check out some industry news and take part in our **Visa giftcard giveaway** by sharing your cracker meal ideas with us.

Be sure to bookmark the feature article to share with your AHN guests and please forward this newsletter to any friends who might have a spare room and a big heart to welcome next year's intake of new students and guests!

If your students prefer to contact us on WeChat, show them the QR code below so they can get in touch!

AHN SNAPSHOT



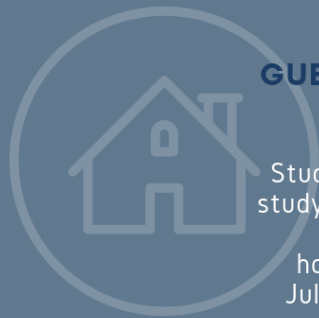
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ACTIVE HOSTS



An "Active" host is one which is currently open to accepting placements.

This means they have completed the initial application and clearance process and confirmed they are available to host on their AHN profile.

2788
GUEST ARRIVALS
IN Q3 2019



Students, interns and study tour groups who arrived into AHN homestay between July and September.

144
STUDY TOUR GROUPS
ARRIVED IN Q3 2019



You hosted a variety of study tour guests from all over the world between July and September. Numbers of guests in the groups ranged from 3 up to 62 and their tours varied in length from 5 days to 22 weeks!

FEATURE ARTICLE

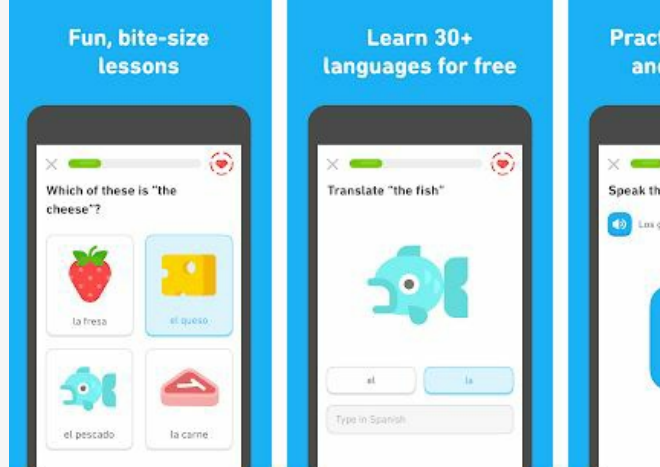
CHECK OUT OTHER RESOURCES ON OUR [BLOG](#) PAGE

10 Useful Apps for International Students

Being an international student can be stressful. First there's all the lectures, tutorials and studying they have to do.

On top of that they're probably getting used to living away from family, finding their way around a new city and trying to make new friends.

It's a lot to deal with, but with the help of some handy apps they'll be able to manage their life with ease. From tracking their spending to keeping fit and more, check out the [top 10 apps](#) we recommend international students download the minute they land.



READ THE LIST and claim your discounts - valid for AHN host families and their guests!

INDUSTRY NEWS

- [How to know if your child is addicted to video games and what to do about it](https://theconversation.com/how-to-know-if-your-child-is-addicted-to-video-games-and-what-to-do-about-it-118038) <https://theconversation.com/how-to-know-if-your-child-is-addicted-to-video-games-and-what-to-do-about-it-118038>
- [QS Top University Rankings Australia 2020](https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings-articles/world-university-rankings/top-universities-australia-2020) <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings-articles/world-university-rankings/top-universities-australia-2020>
- [Why undergraduates are getting in early on MBAs](https://www.studiesinaustralia.com/Blog/life-after-study/why-undergraduates-are-getting-in-early-on-mbas) <https://www.studiesinaustralia.com/Blog/life-after-study/why-undergraduates-are-getting-in-early-on-mbas>
- [Australia is overtaking the UK for international students](https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/university-news/australia-overtaking-uk-international-students) <https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/university-news/australia-overtaking-uk-international-students>
- [How to spot student housing scams](https://www.studyinternational.com/news/university-student-housing-scams/) <https://www.studyinternational.com/news/university-student-housing-scams/>



#WINNING

"While having dinner together, 1 of the 3 students we're hosting exclaimed **"Aah! I feel so happy today"**. I was curious to know why he felt particularly happy so I asked. When he was about to respond, he started crying and mumbling something in his native language. We were perplexed why he was all of a sudden crying, when a second ago he was saying he was happy. The other student reassured us that there was nothing wrong with him and translated that he felt so loved by our family that he will miss our companionship, being cared for and having family dinners together. Apparently his parents are so busy that sometimes he eats alone."

Blanche, Brisbane



Gold Coast host Carolina, really liked the outfit her Bond University student bought. So she went out and bought one for herself!

Ting was so excited and said "we are twins now, but still like Mother and Daughter".

I have been hosting students from all around the world with AHN for a few years now, and have found the staff to be so **friendly and accommodating** to both host and students needs. Homestay has been an amazing experience so far, and has given me a chance to share not only my home, but also my hometown with new friends I have made from all over the globe. I hope to be able to visit some of them in their home country some day!

Naomi, Gold Coast

Want to share your thoughts?

Leave a review of your experience on [Facebook](#) or [Google](#)!

CALLING ALL COOKS!

We need your help! Many hosts ask us for ideas of what to feed their new students. What will they eat? What do they like? While we have some go-to recommendations such as a good Aussie BBQ, it is you on the front line trying and testing what works and what doesn't.



Student meal image provided by Annette - Brisbane

Have you got a fail-proof recipe to knock the socks off any international visitor? We want to know about it! Email us your most popular dish [here](#) and be sure to include your name, city, recipe details and a clear photo of the meal. Feel free to also send through an extra pic of your family enjoying said meal to make our mouths water even more.

One lucky host will receive a \$250 Visa gift card! Get your submissions in by 30 November 2019.

Remember, it doesn't need to be your Grandma's secret recipe (although we know they're often the best), just something that always leaves your homestay guests wanting more. You might even be serving it tonight, so don't forget to take a nice picture before they eat it all.

Going forward, we hope to collate your submissions and provide a handy reference when you are stuck for ideas. We can't wait to see what you're all cooking!

Search #whatsfordinnerAHN on social media to see what others are cooking and click [here](#) to read all the details, terms and conditions.

POLL: What do you want to see most in our newsletter?

What we are doing within AHN

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Industry news relevant to hosting

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Host/student reviews and stories

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Recipes

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Tips and videos on hosting e.g. how to best prepare the guest room

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Ask AHN? Write in a question and have it answered by our team

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