

Under 18 students at Monash

Monash University and Monash College welcome international students who are under the age of 18. We specialise in helping younger students settle in to life in Melbourne. It is important for student's and their parents to consider the Monash approved welfare arrangements and the expectation placed on these students. For example, regular check-ins with dedicated support staff, returning to the student's approved accommodation each night before the designated curfew.

Under 18 students must have adequate welfare arrangements in place when applying for a student visa. There are two options:

- Nominate a parent, legal custodian or relative* over 21 years of age as your student guardian. This person must have a visa to stay in Australia for the duration of your student visa or until you turn 18. You must attach a completed [Form 157N Nomination of a student guardian to your application \(207KB PDF\)](#). If your nominated guardian is applying for a student guardian (subclass TU-590) visa, both applications should be made at the same time. The guardian cannot leave Australia without the student, unless alternative arrangements are put in place.
- Arrange for Monash to issue a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) with a welfare start and end date.

Monash approved arrangements

Monash will only issue a CAAW if arrangements are in place with the [Monash College Guardianship Service](#) and Monash approved accommodation. **All arrangements must be confirmed and paid for before the CAAW will be issued.**

Monash University approved accommodation options are:

- [on-campus accommodation](#) at Clayton
- Homestay with a local family, arranged by [Monash Homestay Accommodation Services](#)
- approved [off-campus accommodation](#) (City and Parkville students only).

Monash College approved accommodation options are:

- stay at [City-campus student accommodation](#). We have a number of preferred partners. Currently accommodation is guaranteed at [Urbanest Swanston Street and Melbourne Central](#)
- Homestay with a local family, arranged by [Monash Homestay Accommodation Services](#)
- [on-campus accommodation](#) at Clayton

After receiving the Monash offer, please complete and return the [form](#)

Students must not enter Australia before the start of their welfare arrangements.

Students must not travel to Australia until the start date of their welfare arrangements and they must not change their arrangements without the written approval from Monash. This is a student visa condition.

For further information, please refer to the [Monash University website](#) or the [Monash College website](#)

* A relative is defined as a parent, spouse, de facto partner, a child, brother or sister of the applicant, step-child, step-parent, step-brother or step-sister of the applicant, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, or a step-grandparent, step-grandchild, step-aunt, step-uncle, step-niece or step-nephew of the applicant.