

Conditions for UWSCollege Students Under 18 Years: GUARDIANSHIP

All international students under the age of 18, who are not residing in Australia with a parent, or legal custodian, must have a guardian under one of the following three categories.

1. A Relative Nominated by the Parent / Legal Custodian

* A relative eligible to be nominated as a guardian includes a brother, sister, step-parent, step-brother, step-sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, step-grandparent, step-aunt, step-uncle, step-niece or step-nephew.

* Where a relative is to be guardian, please apply directly to DIAC (see Application for Student Visa form 157A, questions 63, 65 and 66).

* The guardian must be at least 21 years old

* The guardian must also have the right to remain in Australia for the period that the student is under 18 years of age

* The guardian must be of good character. To establish that a nominated guardian is of good character, the applicant will be required to provide evidence of police clearance in the country or countries in which the nominated carer has resided for more than 12 months in the past 10 years after the age of 16. Please provide evidence of police clearance to UWSCollege.

2. Care Arrangements Approved By The Education Provider – Arranged by UWSCollege

UWSCollege is able to arrange guardianship using the services of two contracted guardianship / homestay organisations. Please contact the UWSCollege Admissions team for more information.

3. Care Arrangements Approved by the Education Provider – Non-relative, nominated by the Parents / Legal Custodian

For UWSCollege to approve of the guardian the following conditions must be met:

* The guardian must be over 21 years of age

* The guardian must be resident in Australia for the entire duration of the student's stay in Australia (whilst they are still under 18). If the guardian is going to be overseas, the guardian must inform UWSCollege

* The guardian cannot be the student's education agent, nor can the guardian work for the student's education agent

* The guardian cannot be guardian for more than five students at UWSCollege at any one time

* The guardian must be able to provide UWSCollege with a residential address and 24 hour contact details in case of emergency

* The guardian must be aware of and understand the UWSCollege guidelines and responsibilities for being a guardian (see attachment). The guardian will be asked to sign an agreement that they will undertake these responsibilities.

* The UWSCollege Student Adviser must speak to the guardian and be convinced that the guardian is concerned about the welfare of the student

* UWSCollege must receive a copy of photo identification documents eg. passport, drivers license, showing the guardian's current address

* It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply to be a guardian. Relevant criminal history, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders and prior employment checks, including relevant employment proceedings will be conducted on nominated guardians. UWSCollege must receive the following NSW Commission for Children and Young People "Working with Children Check" forms, signed by the nominated guardian: 1) Employment Screening Consent form, and 2) Prohibited Employment Declaration form.