



LSI BRISBANE

DEMI PAIR & AU PAIR PROGRAMME 2019

Program Overview:

The Demi Pair program is an excellent opportunity for students to study the English language in Brisbane and experience a typical Australian lifestyle at the same time. Demi Pairs are placed with a host family for 12-24 weeks while they study at Language Studies International (LSI).

Demi Pairs receive accommodation in a single room with three meals per day in the family home in exchange for 15-20 hours of childminding and household duties each week, there is no financial exchange during this program. The Demi Pair is required to have two days off per week, while it is preferred that these days are consecutive and on a weekend this may not be an option. The host family and the Demi Pair will agree upon a work roster which will outline the demi pairs days off.

The **requirements** to become a Demi Pair include:

- Age 18 – 27
- Must have childcare experience
- Happy to help the families with household duties (eg. Cleaning, laundry...)
- Minimum level of English: Intermediate
- Minimum course length: 10 weeks of either General 20 or Intensive 24
- Course and placement to be taken simultaneously
- Drivers licence
- Be eligible to apply for either Working Holiday or Work and Holiday
- Demi pair duties: 15-20 hours of childcare and light household work

This **includes**:

- 12-24 weeks unpaid Demi Pair placement with vetted families
 - Au Pair placement available on completion of a 12 week Demi Pair programme

The **requirements** to become an **Au pair** (after the completion of Course + Demi Pair program) are:

- Minimum level of English required: Intermediate
- Minimum course length: 10 weeks of either General 20 or Intensive 24
- Drivers licence
- Visa type: Working Holiday, Work and Holiday
- Ages: 18 – 27
- Au pair duties: Up to 38 hours of childcare and light household work per week for 12 weeks

This includes:

- Income: \$200 – 250 per week during the Au Pair placement
- Various accommodation options available for the study period

When deciding on arrival dates, please ensure that the Demi Pair arrives at least two days prior to the class starting date. The Demi Pair can start classes any Monday for General English and therefore it is recommended that the Demi Pair arrive either the Friday or Saturday before.

The Host Families:

Our host families are chosen with care. The approval process includes an in depth application form outlining the family values, an interview, and a home visit to ensure that the Demi Pair has the best possible experience during placement. Host families live within a 50-minute bus trip from LSI, which is at the heart of Brisbane City.

Upon Arrival:

Demi Pairs receive an airport arrival transfer. The transfer company collects the Demi Pair upon arrival in Australia and transports them to their new home.

On the first day of school the Demi Pair must arrive at 8:30am for placement testing and an orientation session. During their first week at LSI, the Registrar who coordinates the Demi Pair Programme has a private meeting with each new Demi Pair to clarify any questions, to assess the weekly work roster to ensure the work is balanced and fair and to apply for a Queensland Working With Children Blue Card. There will be regular meetings between the Demi Pair and the Registrar to ensure a successful placement.

The enriching cultural exchange is a wonderful experience for both the Demi Pair and the host family. The Demi Pair will be treated as part of the family and will further benefit by speaking English every day with the family, improving their own English language throughout the placement.

For more information, please email bne@lsi.edu



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