

International Student Program Overseas Parent Expectations

The Burnaby School District and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) require natural parents not residing with their minor child during their studies in Canada to appoint a custodian. While the custodian is responsible for the student during their stay in Canada, **we expect that the natural parent(s) continues to be in regular contact with their child during their studies in Burnaby so they feel well supported.**

This document outlines key expectations of a natural parent(s) residing overseas during their child's studies in Burnaby, essentially that the parent(s):

- has selected a suitable custodian, 25 years of age or older, who is a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
- is confident that their child is living in a suitable homestay where they are supported and supervised.
- is regularly checking in with their child to ensure they are thriving in their learning and home environment.
- screens travel outside of the Metropolitan Vancouver Region, including trips organized by tour companies. In relation to such trips, the natural parent(s) is asked to review the *Non-School Excursion* tab found at studyinburnaby.ca under the Resources link.
- will immediately notify the International Education Department in writing of a change in custodians, either directly or preferably through their overseas agent or local homestay agency.
- will immediately notify the International Education Department in writing of any concerns about their child's wellbeing or academic progress, either directly or preferably through their overseas agent.

We strongly believe that the combined support of both the natural parents and the appointed Custodian can best ensure students have a rewarding and successful experience in Burnaby.