

# Melbourne Football Club

## Host Family Expressions of Interest



Melbourne Football Club is committed to supporting the next generation of AFL players as they transition into their professional careers. Each year, we welcome newly drafted players, many of whom relocate from interstate or regional areas.

To ensure they settle into their new environment smoothly, we seek caring and supportive host families to provide accommodation and guidance.

### Why Host a Player?

Becoming a host family is an incredibly rewarding experience. Our young players are embarking on a significant life transition, and your support can make all the difference in their journey. By offering a stable home environment, you help them focus on their training, development, and integration into the club and community.

### What's Involved?

- Providing a welcoming and inclusive home environment where the player feels comfortable.
- Offering a private bedroom and access to household facilities that are smoke-free.
- Providing meals in alignment with the dietary requirements of playing AFL football, while also encouraging the player's independence in cooking and household responsibilities over time.
- Supporting their adjustment to professional football, including structured training schedules and dietary requirements.
- Allowing the player access to utilities, including internet and washing machine facilities.

### Support for Host Families

**Financial assistance:** Host families receive an allowance to help cover costs associated with housing a player, e.g., groceries, rent for the room, utilities etc.

**Club support:** Our Player Welfare team is available to assist with any concerns or questions.

**Nutritional guidance:** Our club dietitian provides recommendations to support the player's dietary needs.

**Assistance with furnishing:** If required, the club can help with necessary bedroom furniture.

If you are interested in becoming a host family for Melbourne Football Club, we would love to hear from you!

Please email [playerdevelopment@melbournefc.com.au](mailto:playerdevelopment@melbournefc.com.au) to learn more and begin the application process.