Students under 18 years of age intending to study in Australia must have acceptable arrangements for their accommodation, support and general welfare for the duration of their student visa or until they turn 18 (whichever happens first). Before they are issued a visa they must show that they will either:

1. Live in Australia with a parent or legal custodian
2. Live in Australia with a relative over 21 years of age who is nominated by their parents or legal custodian.
3. Live in Australia under a welfare arrangement that has been approved by the education provider (in this case Curtin English)

1. Welfare provided by a parent of legal custodian.

Parents or legal custodians of students under 18 years of age may be able to accompany the student to Australia by applying for a Student Guardian Visa. This visa would allow them to live in Australia for the same length of time as the student for whom they are a guardian, or until the student turns 18 years of age. For more information on this visa please visit the following web page: http://www.immi.gov.au/students/student_guardians/.

2. Welfare provided by a relative

Parents or legal custodians may also nominate a relative living in Australia to provide welfare for a student under 18 years of age. The nominated relative must be one of the following:

- Brother or sister
- stepbrother or stepsister
- step-parent
- grandparent
- step-grandparent
- aunt or uncle
- step-aunt or step-uncle
- niece or nephew
- step-niece or step-nephew
- spouse.

The nominated relative must also be:

- be aged over 21 years of age
- be eligible to remain in Australia until the student’s visa expires or they turn 18 (whichever happens first)
- be of good character. A police clearance will be required as evidence of this. Details on how to obtain a Police clearance can be found at: www.eletter.com.au/npc/index.php.

Curtin English requires that the relative lives in Perth full time and can provide appropriate accommodation in their home until the students turns 18 years of age. They must also
ensure that the student’s health, overall well-being and pastoral care needs are met and that financial and legal assistance is available as required

3. Welfare provided by an approved local carer.
Parents or legal custodians can give their permission for accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements to be provided by a local carer approved by the education provider (in this case Curtin English). Curtin English’s approved local carer is:

Mr Paul Tann
Tann Advisory and Management Services
38 Hatherley Parade
WINTHROP WA 6150
Tel: 61 8 9310 3218
Mobile: 61 0419 911 932
Fax: 61 8 9310 3218
Email: tann.pd@bigpond.com.au
Web: www.tann.com.au

Tann Advisory and Management Services act as the Non Residential Local Carer and monitor the student’s welfare throughout the period agreed with the parents of legal custodians. They will also place underage students in approved homestay accommodation which they are required to stay in until they turn 18 years of age.

Tann Advisory and Management Services Fees:
Carer fees (per year): A$2400.00
Additional Services:
Homestay placement fee: A$240.00
Weekly homestay fee: A$240.00
Airport pick-up fee: A$ 90.00

Please note: Curtin English is not able to organise homestay accommodation for underage students.

On campus living arrangements:
Depending on availability, underage students who have turned 17 years of age can apply to live in Curtin University’s on-campus accommodation. They must have appropriate local carer arrangements in place, either through a nominated relative or an approved local carer like Tann Advisory and Management Services. Please note applications for on-campus accommodation need to be made well in advance as demand is very high.

How to Apply
All students who will be under the age of 18 years when commencing studies with Curtin English must complete the Local Carer Form before they can be enrolled. A copy of the form can be downloaded from: http://english.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/carer_form.pdf.
Please ensure that all information is completed, i.e. both sides of the form are signed by all parties and all required documentation is included. Once the form is completed please send it to the Curtin English Admissions Team at: english.admissions@curtin.edu.au

Once the required documents are received, our Student Advisor will contact the nominated relative or Local Carer to confirm the living and welfare arrangements made for the student – this may include a visit to the home where the student will be living. The student’s Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) will only be issued when the Student advisor is satisfied with the arrangements. Where the student is using the services of the approved local carer a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) will also be issued.