Resources for Parents of International Students

What types of living accommodations are available for my son/daughter?
http://students.sfu.ca/isap/handbook/student-life/find-housing.html

What are the tuition fees for my son/daughter?
http://students.sfu.ca/fees.html

What are estimated living costs for my son/daughter?
https://students.sfu.ca:8443/financialaid/costs/international.html

What support services do you have to help my son/daughter transition successfully at your university?
- Orientation & Welcome services/events
  http://students.sfu.ca/orientation.html
- Clubs
  http://www.sfss.ca/
- International Student Handbook
  http://students.sfu.ca/isap/handbook.html
- SFU International Mentorship Program
  http://students.sfu.ca/isap/mentorship.html
- International Student Advising services
  http://students.sfu.ca/isap/current/advising.html

What programs/services do you offer to help my son/daughter if they experience culture shock?
- International Services for Students – International Student Advisors
  http://students.sfu.ca/isap/current/advising.html
- SFU International Mentorship Program
  http://students.sfu.ca/isap/mentorship.html
- Heath & Counselling Services
  http://students.sfu.ca/health.html

What religious/interfaith services do you have for my son/daughter?
http://students.sfu.ca/interfaith.html

Can my son/daughter work while being an international student?
http://students.sfu.ca/isap/handbook/employment-options.html

Is there any assistance available for my son/daughter to find a job?
http://www.sfu.ca/career.html

Why can’t I get any information on my son/daughter when I call your office?
SFU is bound by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP). This Act prevents us from releasing information to anyone except the student in question without written permission from that student. If you would like to be able to act on behalf of your child, or receive information on your child, we will need written consent from him/her indicating that he/she grants permission for us to release information to you.

This information may change without notice. This document was last updated on December 14, 2012.
My son/daughter may have difficulties with their studies. What types of academic support services are available?
To aid in difficulties with your student’s study, Student Learning Commons, Academic advisors, TA & Instructor office hours are great resources to improve academic standings.

What if my son/daughter gets sick?
In Canada, there are generally two types of medical insurance: primary and secondary. Primary medical insurance typically covers visits to doctors, hospital stays and diagnostic medical testing. Primary medical insurance is mandatory for all SFU students. Secondary medical insurance generally covers vision care, prescription drugs and dental care. Further information is provided at international student orientation and may also be found at http://www.sfu.ca/medical-insurance.html.

How can I prepare to visit my son/daughter?
Depending on your citizenship, you may require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to enter Canada. To assist with your visa application, your son/daughter may provide a letter of invitation along with a current letter of enrollment and photocopies of his/her immigration documents.

Can my son/daughter stay in Canada after graduation?
If your son/daughter is graduating from a degree, diploma or certificate program (of at least eight months’ duration) at SFU, he/she may apply for a Work Permit that will allow work off campus for up to three years after graduation. Post-graduation work permits are issued as “open” work permits; once your son/daughter successfully applies for and receives a post-graduation work permit, he/she may work for ANY employer.
http://students.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/students/isap/Advising%20Handouts/Applying%20for%20a%20Post-Graduation%20Work%20Permit.pdf

Can my son/daughter apply for permanent residence?
There are a number of different categories of Permanent Residence applications and each has specific requirements as they relate to employment requirements, labour market trends, education and language abilities.

International Student Advisors are able to provide general information on the various categories. For further information on the different types of Permanent Residence Categories, please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/index.asp