



International Student Program

Highvale Secondary College is a Year 7 – 12 co-educational college with a strong reputation for the academic success of its students. A strong sense of community is noted in the school with a relatively small population. This is a choice made by the school in order to provide all students with a caring and supportive environment. We place high expectations on our students and promote values of academic success, leadership and personal development in order to ensure all of our students are able to effectively operate as global citizens in an ever changing world.

Highvale Secondary College is located in the inner eastern suburb of Melbourne, Glen Waverley. It is close to public transport, cultural venues, churches, libraries, world recognised universities and major shopping centres. Our school gardens are noted for their Australian landscape and have won many awards.

Our school has been providing an International Program since 1996. Our college embraces the program, recognizing the importance of cultural exchange and enriching the lives of our local students by bringing cultural awareness from many countries around the world. We are fortunate to have students from many countries from around the world including China, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.

Highvale Secondary College has a dedicated International Student team to support students during their stay with us. The program is staffed by an International Coordinator of the program as well as mandarin speaking assistants. One of our College's Assistant Principal oversees the program. In addition, students have access to other services including Welfare and Career Guidance Officers.

Resources and facilities

- Laptops for classroom use with wireless connection
- Specialised computer laboratories for information and communications technologies
- VCE Student Study Centre
- Extensive musical and performing arts program, including individual and group pursuits
- Modern library
- Award winning landscaped gardens
- Debating and public speaking opportunities
- Leadership programs
- Academic competitions
- Scholarship programs
- Study skills assistance
- Mentor program
- Specialist rooms for all subject areas
- Fully equipped gymnasium and extensive sports fields
- Canteen facilities
- Headstart VCE program
- Camps and tours

English Language

Many of our students take advantage of the twenty week Intensive Language Course that is offered through a number of local institutions. Blackburn Language School and Hawthorn College are our main providers. Enrolment at these institutions gives international students an opportunity to develop their understanding of English prior to coming to our school.

Application for enrolment in this program should be directed through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

On their arrival to Highvale, students have the benefit of a comprehensive ESL program at all year levels, 7 – 12. Students participate in both specialised ESL classes as well as receiving additional support for mainstream subjects. Extra tuition is provided to Junior students through Homework Club and Tutorial classes for Senior students.

Academic success

Students at Highvale Secondary College achieve high academic success. The results they achieve have been in the high 90's which has enabled the International Students to commence their tertiary studies in courses such as Business and Commerce, Environments, Science, Engineering and Architecture. Their enrolments at Melbourne University, Monash University and RMIT is testament to their high academic entry scores.

Homestay

The experience of coming to Australia to study is further enhanced with homestay accommodation. The International Student team works hard to ensure that families are carefully selected to host students and to give them a positive and supportive living environment. We understand the challenges facing students whom, for many, are living away from their families for the very first time. Students are encouraged to be a part of their 'new family' and involve themselves in family events and occasions. Once again, this provides an insight to the Australian way of life. Close proximity of homestays enable most students to walk to school or to take a short bus ride. Arrangements can be made for students to stay with family members or people that the family may nominate as the welfare provider.

Enrolment

If you would like to enroll at Highvale Secondary College, you should contact the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD or via the website: www.study.vic.gov.au where the application form and necessary document requirements are outlined. It is important that when the enrolment is submitted that Highvale Secondary College is nominated as the preferred school.

Once the application has been accepted, the DEECD International Student Program Unit will send a placement offer. To accept, the student should return the signed Offer of Placement and forward a minimum of 50% payment to the DEECD. A Confirmation of Enrolment and a receipt for fees and charges will then be returned to the applicant.

The application for a VISA can then be commenced through the Australian Embassy in the student's home country. This institution will provide information about all requirements before the student embarks on their trip to Australia.

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