



Hai Ying Pan

Hai Ying was born in Jiujiang City in the south east of China. She came to Australia 13 years ago as an international student and went on to complete a teaching degree at Monash University. Six years ago Hai Ying returned to China and taught English at a University in her home town. Hai Ying enjoys travelling, karaoke and watching movies. She also likes to try new things and living in Australia has given her the opportunity to try hot air ballooning, canoeing, snow skiing, deep sea diving, and horse riding. Hai Ying has been to most Australian states and now with her five year old daughter Yanzi, spends most weekends exploring Victoria. So far Melbourne Zoo and Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, are their favourite places to visit.

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Do you know the current population of these countries?

China	Saudi Arabia	Sri Lanka
Vietnam	Malaysia	Australia
	India	

You will find the answer on Page 4

Hello everyone and welcome to my first International News for quite a long time. Some of you will remember when my newsletter was a regular thing, for others it will be something new. I'm hopeful that I'll be able to publish a newsletter every couple of months and keep you up to date with what is happening in our program.

I intend to include articles about or from the students, the process of applying to study in Australia, some of the Visa conditions that students must comply with, to remain in Australia, and lots of other interesting information. I hope you enjoy reading our International News and if there is something you would like me to include, let me know. I would especially like to know of any festivals or celebrations in your culture, that are coming up, so that I can include them.

Our International Student Program has been growing and we now have almost 40 students in years 7 to 12. With this growth, it made it impossible for me to manage the Program alone, so I now have an assistant. It's nice to have someone else in my office as I've been working alone for a long time. Hai Ying Pan started in January and her main role is looking after our Homestay Program. As our numbers increase, so does the demand for host families, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in hosting a student, please pass on our contact details.

Most international students come to Australia when they are at year 10 level, however we do have students as young as 13 who are living with a homestay family. They require lots of care, and support being away from their families and friends but usually adapt quite quickly, especially when living with a local family. Homestay families are a very valued part of our International Student Program and hosting a student can be a very rewarding experience for everyone concerned. We have produced a Homestay Handbook to assist families understand and follow the very clear guidelines.

Each year, the International Education Division travels to many different countries recruiting students through fairs, visiting agents and meeting parents. Schools have the opportunity to go on these trips and Ms Trish Horner, our College Principal, recently went to China on one of these trips. Trish is planning to join a recruitment trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2018. Colin Burke, the Senior Campus Principal, is also planning on joining his first recruitment trip to China later in the year. These are exciting times, as having an International Student Program has many benefits to the College.

In the next issue of I will introduce all of our students.

See you next time.



Marilyn



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Prior to commencing mainstream classes in Australia, most international students complete a two term Intensive English Language Program (IELP)

We are lucky enough to have our own English Language Centre (ELC) at Mill Park and although it's located on the Senior Campus, international students from all year levels are able to complete their English language here. Up until now we have run only one class in our Language Centre with class sizes varying each term. The maximum number of students in the ELC is 12 and this term, we have a class of 7. However the number will increase in Term 3. At Mill Park, students are able to commence their English language course at the start of any term.

Our centre is a warm and friendly environment where students feel safe and comfortable, which is especially important when they first arrive in the country and it doesn't take long for them to settle in and start making friends.

There are lots of advantages for students doing their English course at the school they will attend. They can be placed into classes of interest while learning English, they are able to meet subject teachers and most important, they receive a personalised intensive introduction and orientation, to school in Australia. The alternative to completing their English Course at school, is to enrol with a private language provider in the city.



I have been at Mill Park for 11 years, teaching Years 10, 11 and 12 English and EAL. Although it can be challenging, I enjoy teaching students in the English Language Centre and take great pride in their achievements in mainstream classes.

I have three daughters and I am happiest when spending time with my family and friends.

Ms Geeta Philip, English Language Centre Coordinator



I have been at Mill Park for 20 years and teach English as an Additional Language. I am also a German and Humanities teacher. I love working with students from different countries and learning about them and their cultures. I also love dancing and going to see musical performances and films.

Ms Penny Gillard, Teacher



I started teaching at Mill Park Secondary College more than 24 years ago and have enjoyed my time here very much. I currently teach year 10 English and History as well as working in the English Language Centre.

In my spare time I enjoy scuba diving, playing acoustic and electric guitars and in the past, I have enjoyed travelling overseas.

Mr Andrew Antich, Teacher



I started work at Mill Park Secondary College in 1994, when we only had students in year 7, 8 and 9. I have taught Accounting, Business Management, German and more recently I have been assisting students to learn the English language through Information Technology classes.

In my free time I like to play the acoustic guitar, do some photography and enjoy going for walks in the Australian bush.

Mr Josef Breinstampf, Teacher



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Thi Tuong Vy VO who is 13 years old, is from Vietnam. She has been in Australia for 5 weeks and is living with a local homestay family. She is happy to be here and likes living in Melbourne, however she misses her parents very much. Vy likes table tennis and plays with her homestay dad on the weekend. In her free time, she likes to read, listen to music and watch movies. After completing her English course in June, Vy will commence year 7. Her favourite subjects at school are Music and Art and she hopes to become a chef.



Gia Han HO is from Vietnam and lives with her aunt and uncle in Epping. She's very happy to have the opportunity to study in Melbourne and is excited to see some Australian animals. However she doesn't like the crows at the Senior Campus. Han will commence year 7 in Term 3. She likes school and thinks the students and staff are all very friendly at Mill Park. She enjoys studying, always wanting to do her best and because she likes to help people, Han hopes to become a nurse. She also enjoys swimming and running, and was excited that she was able to participate in our recent Athletics Day. In her free time, Han likes to listen to music.



Tuong Lam NGUYEN has been in Australia for 5 weeks and is from Vietnam. He lives with his aunt and uncle in Epping and is very happy living in Melbourne, because everyone is so friendly. He has made friends since being here, however he misses his family and friends very much. Lam really likes the Gym at the Senior Campus. At school, Maths is Lam's favourite subject but he is unsure about his career at this stage. When Lam completes his English Language Course he will commence in Year 10 at Epping Secondary College. In his free time, Lam likes to work out in his home gym and to play games on his phone. His favourite food is chicken kebab.



Yihao QU is from China and has been in Australia since January this year. He is living at Mernda with a homestay family. Yihao thinks Australian people are friendly, that the air is lovely and clean and that our skies are very blue. He enjoys drawing and playing soccer with his friends. Yihao's favourite subjects are Biology and Chemistry and his goal is to study at Melbourne University.



Vu Ngoc Lan DANG is from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and lives with her sister and brother in law in Doreen. Lan is enjoying living in Melbourne, and prefers our cooler weather to the heat and humidity of Vietnam. She also thinks Australian people are very friendly. Lan commenced in the Language Centre in January and is very happy to be at Mill Park because she says, the teachers are very kind. Lan will commence year 10 in Term 3. After her studies Lan's career goal is to be a business woman running a chain of fashion stores. In her free time she likes to watch movies and hopes this will help to improve her English.



Yihui ZHU is from China and will commence year 10 in Term 3. He is not enjoying the cold weather in Melbourne but does like that there's lots of green grass and fresh air. Yihui doesn't play sport but enjoys karaoke in his spare time. He is enjoying studying with students from different countries and his favourite subject is Maths however he hasn't made a decision on a career path at this stage.



Baowei SHENG is from China and has been in Australia for 5 weeks. She will complete her English Language Course in September and commence year 10 in Term 4. Baowei lives with a local homestay and has adapted very quickly to life with her Australian family. Last year Baowei and her brother were lucky enough to visit several Australian states and Baowei chose Melbourne as her place to study, because of our cooler weather, the clean air and the environment in general. Something Baowei does not like about Melbourne, are the spiders and insects. She likes school and her favourite subjects are Maths and Physics. Baowei does yoga and spends her free time painting and drawing. Baowei's goal is to be a successful businesswoman designing, buying and selling jewellery around the world.



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Happy Birthday to:

Alwaleed Alghamdi who turns 14 on 19 May

Baowei Sheng will be 16 on 26 May

and congratulations to:

Minghua Yang who turned 18 on 4 May

Casual day 19th May



School Uniform

International students must comply with all Visa conditions on their 500 Student Visa, previously known as 571.

Any breach of their Visa is reportable to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection DIBP. This can result in students having their Visa revoked and them having to return to their home country.

One of the visa conditions, is that students must follow School Rules and the College Code of Conduct. This includes wearing the correct school uniform every day.

With the warm weather gone and winter on its way, students will be starting to feel the cold. Please remember that hoodies are NOT part of the uniform and that all school clothing should have the College logo on it.

It's important that students feel proud to wear the uniform correctly, representing the College in a positive way.

PSW School Uniforms

4/5 Danaher Drive South Morang

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am - 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00 - 1:00 pm

Phone: 9768 0386

Homework Club

Please encourage students to go to homework club every week. This is a great opportunity to catch up on unfinished work, to get some extra help from subject teachers and other volunteers or to just to get their homework started before going home.

Middle Years campus: Wednesday after school

Senior Campus: Thursday after school

The library staff very kindly provide snacks and drinks for students who attend Homework Club.

Cultural Event

The Chinese Dragon Boat Festival is celebrated on the 5th day of the 5th Month according to the Chinese calendar. In 2017 it will be celebrated on May 30.

The day, is to commemorate Qu Yuan a scholarly and very respected Government official.



The festival is celebrated by Chinese world wide and lasts for three days. During this time Chinese people eat Zong Zi which is glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo leaves and shaped into a pyramid.



Dates to remember in Term 2

Wed 31 May	Curriculum day No classes on this day
Fri 9 June	Report Writing Day No classes on this day
Mon 12 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday No classes
Mon 19 June	SEMESTER 2 STARTS
Fri 30 June	Last day of term 2. Student will be dismissed at 12:35pm



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Alwaleed Alghamdi came to Australia with his parents from Saudi Arabia and commenced at Mill Park in January 2016. He enjoys living in Melbourne, but says he doesn't like how the weather 'always changes'.

Alwaleed is currently in Year 8 and his favourite subject is PE. He hopes to become a doctor after completing his studies. Alwaleed says one of the things he likes about Mill Park, is that the teachers are all very nice.



Zhiying HE is from China and arrived in Australia with her mother in July 2016. She completed 21 weeks Intensive English Language Program on the Senior Campus before commencing year 7 in 2017. Zhiying likes living in Melbourne, and especially likes our blue sky. She is also enjoying that where she lives, is very quiet at night compared to where she lived in China, amongst the city shops which stay open until late in the evening.

Zhiying plays badminton and basketball at school and likes that we have lots of activities for students to participate in. Her favourite subject is Maths and although she's not sure about her future, she has an enquiring mind and likes to know how things work.



Khalid Al Mutairi came to Australia from Saudi Arabia with his family, in July 2015. He likes living in Melbourne and there is nothing he doesn't like.

Khalid is in year 8 has made a lot of friends at school. He likes to play soccer both at school and on the weekend, with his dad. Khalid's favourite subject is English and he would like to be a teacher when he finishes his studies.



Duy Tran came to Australia in July 2016 and completed his English Language Course at the Senior Campus before commencing year 8 this year. Duy likes living in Melbourne and lives with his sister and her family in Mill Park.

He enjoys coming to school and one of the things that Duy likes about Mill Park, is that he can play Chess in the Library and badminton every Thursday at lunchtime.

Duy's favourite subject is Maths and he hopes to become a Lawyer.



Ghada Alanizy is from Saudi Arabia and came to Australia with her family in 2015. She is in year 7 at the Middle Years Campus. Her favourite subject is Art.

Ghada likes living in Melbourne, especially the cooler climate. On the weekend she likes to play soccer with friends and in her spare time she likes to draw. Ghada hopes to go to Japan when she completes her studies.

Do you know – were you close?

The population of:

- China is 1.37 billion
- India is 1.3 Billion
- Australia is 24.6 million
- Vietnam is 91.7 million
- Sri Lanka is 20.9 million
- Saudi Arabia is 31.54 million