



## International Student Program Policy

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### Preamble

Mill Park Secondary College recognises that the International Student Program profoundly enriches the day-to-day lives of all students. The contribution of international students is recognised, welcomed and celebrated.

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### Aims

- To enhance the cultural diversity of Mill Park Secondary College and to provide local students with the opportunity to engage with international students and share learning experiences.
  - To provide rich and educationally rewarding experiences for school aged international students which reflect the culture and values of Mill Park Secondary College and Australia.
  - To promote a harmonious environment where international students, teachers and parents co-operate to ensure that the Colleges educational goals can be successfully met.
  - To provide a pathway to further education and training for international students in a safe and stimulating educational environment.
  - To teach English as an Alternate Language to international students
  - To promote the International Student Program within its community as a positive, beneficial arrangement leading to better cultural understanding and greater cultural tolerance within the whole school community.
  - To arrange caring and appropriate homestay accommodation for its international students (see Homestay Policy)
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### Implementation

- All arrangements made for international students being educated in the College will be according to DET directives and guidelines
  - The placement of international students will be undertaken provided there is benefit to the college community and will not occur if it either interferes with the schooling of any of our local students, or is financially disadvantageous.
  - The International Student Coordinator will provide personal support to all international students and continually monitor their emotional well-being, educational progress and attendance.
  - In all cases students will be placed in a school-sourced homestay accommodation unless enrolled as; residing with a Parent or Legal Custodian, a DIBP (Department of Immigration and Border Protection) Approved Relative, or Nominated Third Party Homestay. The DET approval process including a site visit and verification of Working with Children Checks for all persons aged over 18 years residing will occur for all home-stays including third party. The College maintains welfare responsibility for all students in homestay accommodation.
  - The International Student Coordinator will monitor home-stays which will include a twice yearly visit (one per Semester)
  - Undertake an annual self-assessment of the program via student feedback and adopt recommendations.
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### Related Documents

[Assessment Policy](#)  
[Attendance Policy Curriculum Policy](#)  
[Child Safety Policy](#)  
[Homestay Policy](#)  
[Positive Relationships Policy](#)  
[Student Behaviour Management Policy](#)  
[Student Engagement Policy](#)



**External Links**

**International Students in Schools**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/curriculum/pages/international.aspx>

**Working With Children Act 2005**

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/resources/legislation/working+with+children+act+2005>

**ESOS Legislative Framework**

<https://aei.gov.au/regulatory-information/Pages/Regulatoryinformation.aspx>

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**Ratified Date**

This Policy was ratified by School Council on 28 March 2017

**Review Date**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three year review cycle

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