

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.

AIM

- 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 College's 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 appropriate homestay accommodation for international students in accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) International Education Division (IED) guidelines.

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 (or Principal nominee) will provide personal support to all international students and continually monitor their emotional well-being, educational progress and attendance.
- Students' accommodation arrangements include residing with, Option 1: a Parent or Legal Custodian, Option 2: a DHA (Department of Home Affairs) Approved Relative, Option 3: a Parent Nominated Homestay or Option 4: a school arranged homestay. The DET approval process including a site visit and verification of Working with Children Checks for all persons aged 18 years and over residing in Option 3 and 4 homestays, will occur.
- The International Student Coordinator will monitor homestays which will include a twice-yearly visit (one per Semester).

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [MPSC Assessment Policy](#)
- [MPSC Attendance Policy](#)
- [MPSC Child Safety Policy](#)
- [MPSC Curriculum Policy](#)
- [MPSC Homestay Policy](#)
- [MPSC Student Behaviour Management Policy](#)
- [MPSC Student Engagement Policy](#)
- [MPSC Building Positive Relationships Brochure](#)
- [Homestay Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Procedures for Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse for Option 3 and 4 Homestay Providers](#)
- [ISP Risk Assessment Checklist For International Students](#)
- [MPSC International Student Critical Incident Policy](#)

EXTERNAL LINKS

- [Working With Children Act 2005](#)
- [ESOS Legislative Framework](#)
- [Victorian International Student Program](#)
- [CCYP Child Safe Standards](#)

RATIFIED DATE

This policy was ratified by School Council on 19 May 2020.

REVIEW DATE

This Policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle.