

MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Mill Park Secondary College, we are proud to welcome international students into a school community that values excellence, opportunity and genuine care.

We have a strong record of successfully supporting students from Vietnam: Helping them settle into life in Australia, achieve academic goals and build the confidence to pursue their future aspirations.

We understand that studying overseas is a significant step for students and their families. That is why student wellbeing, personalised support and a strong sense of belonging are at the heart of everything we do. Our experienced teachers and dedicated staff work closely with each student to ensure they feel safe, supported and connected throughout their educational journey.

We maintain high expectations and encourage students to strive for excellence both inside and outside the classroom, whether in academic studies, the arts, sport or leadership opportunities. Above all, we are committed to helping every student reach their full potential. We look forward to welcoming you to Mill Park Secondary College and partnering with you and your child to help them 'create their future'.

Timothy Natoli
College Principal



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WHY CHOOSE MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE?

Mill Park Secondary College has welcomed international students since 1998 and values the diversity, perspectives and experiences they bring to our school community. Our International Student Program provides personalised support to help students feel settled, connected and confident in their new school and community.

International students have access to an on-site English Language Centre, providing intensive English language support and helping students develop the language skills needed to participate successfully in their mainstream classes.

Students are supported by an International Student Coordinator and dedicated program staff, with language support available where required. Our team works closely with students, families, teachers, homestay families and educational agents to monitor students' academic progress, attendance, wellbeing and adjustment to life in Australia. We also provide a comprehensive orientation program covering school routines, local transport, Australian culture, personal safety, health and wellbeing, and key school policies.

International students also have opportunities to connect with one another and experience life in Melbourne and Victoria through dedicated activities and excursions organised by the International Student Program. Through personalised support, regular communication and a welcoming multicultural environment, our International Student Program helps every student make a successful transition to life and learning at Mill Park Secondary College.

An academic program for advanced learners

Mill Park Secondary College offers a high-quality education that helps students grow, achieve and prepare for the future. In Years 7–10, students build strong foundations across English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Languages, Health, the Arts and Technologies. Our learning programs develop confidence, independence, critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving.

International students receive dedicated English-language support through our on-site English Language Centre and EAL programs, helping them succeed in mainstream classes. Senior students can choose from more than 60 VCE and vocational subjects, with pathways to university, further study and employment. High-achieving students may accelerate their studies and apply to complete a first-year university subject through the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) during Year 12.

Homework Club and learning support help students reach their goals. In 2026, Mill Park was recognised as one of only five high-gain schools in Victoria, reflecting sustained improvement in our senior secondary results over the past decade.

A wide variety of extra-curricular activities

Each year, the International Student Program organises two complimentary excursions exclusively for international students, offering opportunities to explore Melbourne, experience local culture and attractions, and build friendships. Destinations may include beaches, snowfields, zoos, Phillip Island and other popular Melbourne locations.

A selection of activities students can be involved in:

- Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Design and Racing
- Drama and College Annual Production
- Instrumental Music
- Art Exhibition
- Sporting Teams and Competitions
- Debating and Public Speaking
- STEM Activities
- Chess Club
- Language and Cultural Activities
- Leadership Programs
- Homework Club

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities beyond the classroom. These opportunities allow students to discover new interests, develop leadership and teamwork skills, build friendships and become active members of the college community.





The welfare of our students is front and centre

The wellbeing, safety and personal development of every international student is a priority at Mill Park Secondary College. Our dedicated support team works closely with students to help them settle into a new school and culture, manage challenges and develop the confidence and skills needed to thrive.

International students are supported by:

- International Student Coordinator and dedicated program staff
- Year Level Coordinators and Home Group teachers
- Student Wellbeing and Welfare Coordinators
- Youth Workers and wellbeing support services
- Careers and pathway advisors
- English language and EAL support
- Mental health and wellbeing resources and support
- Personalised orientation and transition support
- Assistance with health, safety and community services
- Regular communication with families and homestay providers.

Homestay for international students

Our homestay program provides international students with a safe, supportive and welcoming home environment while they study in Australia. Students are carefully placed with local homestay families who provide a caring family experience and help students become familiar with Australian life, culture and the local community. The International Student Coordinator maintains regular communication with students and homestay families to support positive relationships and ensure students are safe, happy and well supported.

“Our priority is to ensure that every international student feels safe, welcomed and supported, both at school and in their homestay.”

All Victorian government school homestay families provide:

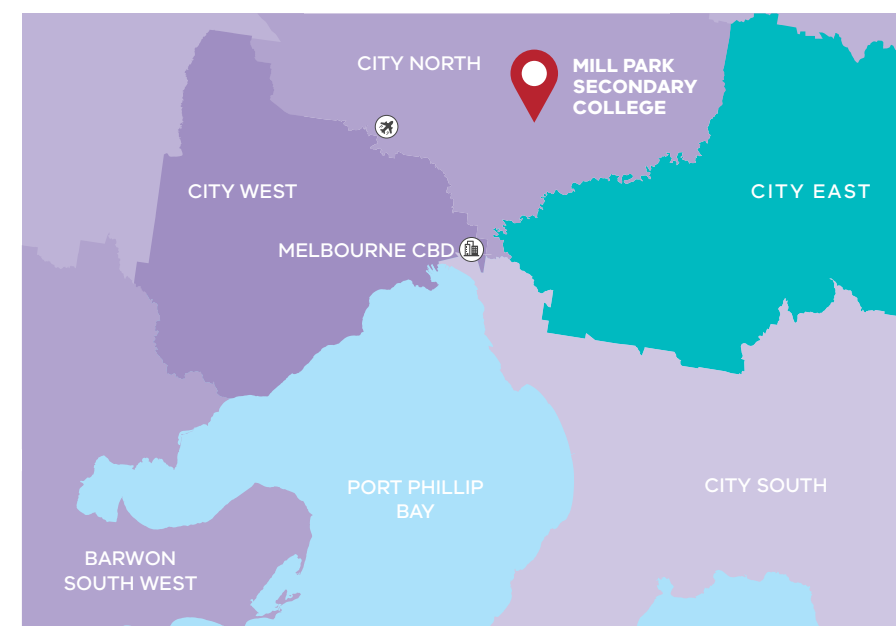
- A safe, secure, welcoming place to live
- A household compliant with the Child Safe Standards
- A separate single room for your personal use
- Three meals a day, seven days a week, including snacks
- Facilities – a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- Utilities – gas, electricity, heating and water costs, internet
- Cleaning services of common living areas
- The use of living areas within the residence
- Study facilities – desk, study light, bookcase
- Attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of your parents.



Two campus locations in easy reach of major amenities

Mill Park Secondary College is located in Melbourne’s north-east, within a welcoming and multicultural community with excellent access to public transport, shopping, sporting facilities and essential services. Our campuses are well connected to surrounding suburbs and Melbourne’s city centre, giving students easy access to the city and a wide range of local experiences.

- **Easy transport connections:** The college is within walking distance of South Morang Train Station on the Mernda Line, with convenient train and bus connections providing easy access to school, Melbourne’s city centre and surrounding suburbs.
- **Shopping, dining and employment opportunities:** The college is within walking distance of Westfield Plenty Valley, providing convenient access to shops, supermarkets, cafés, restaurants and entertainment. The wide range of local businesses may also provide opportunities for eligible students to gain casual or part-time work experience.
- **Sport and recreation:** Parks, sporting clubs, recreation facilities and community activities offer students many opportunities to stay active, make friends and engage with the local community.



Recent success stories

Thuyet Chanh Nguyen, from Vietnam, studied English as an Additional Language (EAL), Chemistry, Physics, Specialist Mathematics, and Mathematical Methods at Mill Park Secondary College. Chanh graduated with an outstanding ATAR of 97.45 and is now pursuing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Adelaide.

Rojan Malekpour, from Iran, is the 2026 International Student Captain. She has shown incredible resilience throughout her journey as an international student, overcoming immense personal and global challenges. Throughout this journey, she has been supported by the International Student Program, her teachers and the Wellbeing Team, who have provided ongoing encouragement, guidance and a strong sense of belonging. Despite these challenges, she has continued to achieve academic success. Based on her outstanding performance, she received the Year 11 Resilience Award at the 2026 Victorian Global Learning Awards.





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