



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Edition 2 - Term 3, 2025



Welcome to the second edition of the International Student Program Newsletter for Term 3, 2025. We're excited to start by warmly welcoming six new international students who have joined us this term. It's wonderful to have you at Mill Park, and we hope your time here will be full of learning, new friendships, and exciting opportunities. Term 3 began on the 21st of July, and it's been great to see such a strong and positive return from our students. One of the most exciting things this term has been the launch of our Buddy Program. Lots of students have volunteered to support our new arrivals, helping them settle into the school, make connections, and feel more at home at Mill Park. It's been really encouraging to see this kindness and leadership across our community.



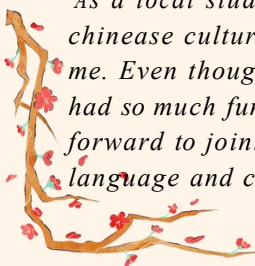
Cultural Wordplay

In Term 3, the Cultural Wordplay Club turned its attention to Chinese culture, giving students the chance to experience both the language and traditions of one of the world's oldest civilizations.

Instead of focusing only on word games, this term's sessions introduced practical Chinese phrases that students could use in everyday life, along with fun challenges that tested their memory and teamwork. To finish on a high note, students enjoyed tasting traditional Chinese snacks and exchanging small cultural gifts, which created a warm and memorable atmosphere. In the last session, we enjoyed the beautiful performance of our student leader with traditional instrument from China.

CULTURAL CONNECT

"As a local student, the idea of being able to connect with my Chinese culture in the language club was really exciting for me. Even though the club has only run three times so far, I had so much fun attending the sessions. I'm really looking forward to joining again next term to learn about a new language and culture." -Kelvin, year 11



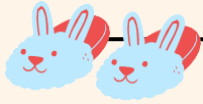
CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



Overseas Marketing



Between 4 and 12 July, the College Principal, Mr Natoli, travelled to Vietnam and Cambodia on a recruitment trip. During this productive visit, he attended several education expos, visited local schools, and met with current and prospective international students and their families. Mr Natoli represented our school exceptionally well and we believe that his efforts will help attract more students from Vietnam and Cambodia.



Pyjama Day

On the 25th of July, we celebrated Pyjama Day. Having a relaxed and fun event where students came to school dressed in their Pyjamas and comfortable clothes. The atmosphere was cheerful, with colourful outfits and plenty of smiles throughout the day. It was great to see so many students getting involved, showing both school spirit and generosity.



Lake Mountain

On Friday, 15th of August, our international students went on an exciting excursion to Lake Mountain for a fun-filled day of tobogganing and snow play. For many students, it was their first time experiencing snow, which made the trip even more memorable. The day was filled with laughter, adventure, and the joy of trying something new. Students enjoyed racing down the slopes, building snow figures, and simply soaking in the beauty of the snowy landscape. It was truly an unforgettable day for everyone involved!



"The excursion was an enriching experience. As it was my first time visiting the snow, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to explore such a unique environment and take part in enjoyable activities. This experience was meaningful for me as a year 12 student in my final year of high school, making it special way to create lasting memories with my peers."

-T.Thuy year 12



"The excursion was incredibly enjoyable. I had the chance to relax, spend quality time with my friends, and make special memories together. Since it was our last excursion of 2025, the day felt even more meaningful."

-Phoung Huyen Year 11





ACHIEVEMENT



Whittlesea Regional Badminton Competition

On the 31st of July, our hardworking international students **Thuyet Chanh Nguyen** and **Jinxiang Luo** competed in the regional round of the inter-school badminton tournament. Both students played with great determination, giving their very best against tough competition.

A huge congratulations to Chanh and Jinxiang for their outstanding effort – your perseverance and teamwork truly shone through, and you represented Mill Park Secondary College with pride.



Northern Metropolitan Region



On Wednesday, 10th September, students from across the college competed in their selected events against peers from the Northern Metropolitan Region. The competition was held at Meadowglen International Athletics Track. Our international student, Tuyet Ngan Nguyen, proudly represented Mill Park Secondary College in the 400m relay race.

"During the regional round, although the waiting time was quite long, I had the chance to watch many impressive performances from other participants. However we felt a bit disappointed that we didn't win, we still had a fun and memorable experience with our friends."
-Tuyet Ngan



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



BBQ Fundraiser for Mill Park Primary School

On Saturday, 13th September, our international students, Shibaani Thevananth and Khue Phuong Hoang Luong, along with our international staff member, Mrs. Hang Doan, had the wonderful opportunity to be part of the Mill Park community by helping run a BBQ fundraiser for Mill Park Primary School at Bunnings Mill Park. It was a fun-filled day of cooking, serving, and meeting many friendly faces. We were truly inspired by the dedication and commitment of our students and staff towards supporting such a great cause!





ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE



Conversation Club

This term, we launched the **Conversation Club**, a fortnightly program designed to support our ELC students in developing their English oral skills while also making social connections which runs on Mondays (Yellow Week, Session 10)

What made the club even more special was the involvement of other international and local students as volunteer, creating an inclusive space where everyone could contribute, learn, and build friendships.

Throughout the term, students enjoyed activities that encouraged teamwork, boosted confidence, and strengthened the sense of community at our school. The Conversation Club has quickly become a highlight for many, showing how even a short time spent together can make a big difference.



“Every session, we learn something new from everyday life—not just school-related topics. I like Conversation Club because we get to communicate with people who have adapted to local life.” - Ilia



R U OK Day



In Week 8, our Conversation Club focused on the theme of RUOK and mental health through an interactive Bingo game. Students discussed 12 questions about wellbeing and connection before matching them with the correct answers on their bingo sheet. To make the event even more engaging, other international students as well as local students were invited to join in, creating a lively and supportive environment for our ELC students. The session was filled with teamwork, laughter, and learning while sharing the important message of looking after ourselves and checking in with others.



This brings us to the end of the second edition of our international students newsletter. we hope this has given you a glimpse into the rich diversity, achievement, and experiences that shape our international community at school. we look forward to sharing more stories, updates, and opportunities, in our next edition, coming out in Term 4.

Thank you for reading, and see you next term.