

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **International Student Program** Newsletter for **Term 4, 2025**.

We're excited to start by warmly welcoming 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 4 began on the 6th of October, and it's been great to see such a strong and positive return from our students. The most significant event this term was seeing our Year 12 students finish their classes and begin preparing for their final exams. It was an important milestone that marked the end of their school journey and the start of a new chapter.



CULTURAL CONNECT

Cultural Wordplay

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쑈 롭 · 로 · 이 흥 · 춤 르 런 호 · 략



In Term 4, the Cultural Wordplay Club dived into Korean culture, giving everyone a taste of its unique language, food, and traditions. Each session mixed simple Korean phrases with interactive games and teamwork challenges, making learning both fun and engaging. Toward the end of the term, students enjoyed authentic Korean snacks and shared small cultural gifts, creating a lively and heartwarming vibe. The final session was made even more special by the delicious foods which was prepared by our teacher, Ms Doan Hangh



"It was really fun to learn Korean with all the students and club's staffs! I learnt so much about the culture and improved my vocabulary. Trying food and learning how to talk about them was a great experience. The best thing about Korean language club was how welcoming and encouraging everyone was."

-Elizabeth _ local student year 11

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Song and Dance Concert

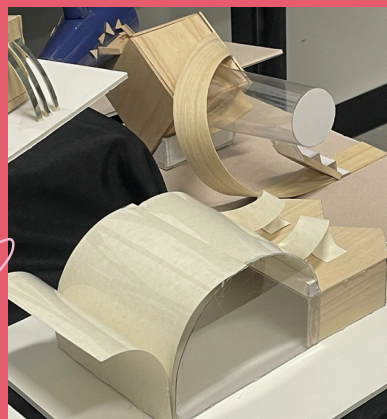
The 2025 Song and Dance Concert lit up the College Performing Arts Centre on Friday, 10 October, with an unforgettable showcase of talent. It was inspiring to see international students deliver such powerful performances, celebrating a year filled with dedication, creativity, and passion.

Our students Rojan Malekpour, Zimeng LIU, and Parham Kazemi contributed to the music performances, while Malika Shams and Yuxuan Song, showcased their skills in dance.



School's Art Exhibition

The school's Art Festival was officially opened on the 14th of November at the Middle Years Campus. This year's exhibition showcases an incredible range of students' artworks, featuring painting, drawing, 3D art, fashion, music, and dance. The gallery space was full of colour and creativity, and it was wonderful to see the impressive artworks created by our international students proudly displayed among the collection.



Fairwell to Class of 2025

The final meeting for Year 12 international students took place on the 14th of October. The atmosphere was warm, emotional, and filled with both excitement and a sense of farewell. During the gathering, our International Student staff, the Year 12 Coordinator, and the School Principal reflected on the students' journey over the past three years, celebrating their dedication, growth, and achievements. They also shared their best wishes for the students' future pathways.

The International Student Captains prepared a slideshow filled with memories from the students' journey, adding warmth and excitement to the event.

Thi Thuy Pham and My Lien Tong gave heartfelt speeches to their friends, recognising their hard work and encouraging them to continue aiming high. Students also received flowers, gifts, and cards, and took individual photos with the School Principal and the Year 12 Coordinator.



Year 12s Celebration Day

Year 12 students celebrated their Celebration Day on the 16th and 17th of October. They enjoyed activities such as dunking their teachers and signing each other's T-shirts, creating unforgettable moments. Students dressed up in fun costumes and spent a wonderful day with their friends and teachers. This was also a special opportunity for our international students to enjoy their final days together, spending time with each other, local students, and school staff.



Year 12s Graduation Day

On 16 December, the Year 12 Graduation Night was held at the Middle Years Campus, celebrating students who successfully completed their education. It was a meaningful and joyful occasion for our international students and their parents, guardians, and homestay families.

Many of our international students were recognised with awards for their academic excellence, leadership, and participation. We are especially proud of **Thuyet Chanh Nguan** and **Kimalpreet Kaur**, who delivered powerful, emotional, and inspiring speeches, sharing their personal experiences and the challenges they faced while living in Australia and studying in Mill Park.

We are also extremely proud to announce that **Thuyet Chanh Nguan** and **Gia Bao Huynh** achieved an outstanding ATAR of 90+, a remarkable academic achievement.

Congratulations to all our students who received awards for their hard work and dedication throughout the years. We are very proud of you and look forward to celebrating many more achievements in the future.

- **Shibaani Thevananth:**
 - 1) International students excellent award
- **Thuyet Chanh Nguyen:**
 - 1) Academic Award: Specialist math
 - 2) Academic Award : EAL
 - 3) Achiving ATAR of 90+
- **Pham Thi Thuy:**
 - 1) Academic Award: EAL
- **Gia Bao Huynh:**
 - 1) Achiving ATAR of 90+



Homestay Annual Training

The annual Homestay Training Session was held on 19th of November, took place at the Wellbeing Centre, Senior Campus. It was attended by homestay providers, the Principal, and members of the ISP team. The session recognised the important role homestay families play in ensuring international students feel safe, welcomed, and supported during their time at the school. The training provided a refresher on the International Student Program (ISP) and outlined key homestay guidelines and expectations. Homestay providers had the opportunity to strengthen their understanding of their responsibilities and discuss best practices for supporting students' wellbeing and adjustment.



HPV Program



Our Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team proudly competed in the Energy Breakthrough event from Saturday 21 November, 12 pm, to Sunday 22 November. The 24-hour challenge tested teamwork, focus, and determination. One of the standout riders was **Parham Khazemi**, an international student in Year 11, who rode as a main rider in our vehicle "Pegasus." Pegasus was the team's primary bike, built and refined for senior students. Parham completed several demanding shifts across the full 24 hours, riding through changing track conditions and supporting the team with impressive endurance.



"Our race at Energy Breakthrough was a difficult but super fun experience. I made so many memories and friends throughout this year from the HPV program and I would recommend everyone to try it out." -Parham



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Headspace Celebration Day

The Headspace Day celebration on the Middle Years Campus took place on the 23rd of October. It was an awesome opportunity for our international students **Shibaani Thevananth** and **Komalpreet Kaur**, to work alongside our school staff and the Headspace team, coming together with a strong sense of team spirit and support. Students enjoyed a range of fun activities such as slime-making, drawing stations, a photo booth, and plenty of snacks. These activities not only created a fun and positive atmosphere but also helped motivate students to make positive choices, focus on their wellbeing, and feel confident about choosing the right path for their future.



30 Years Celebration Of International Student Program

On 21st of November, International students program of Victoria, celebrated their 30 years Celebration. Our international students **Shibaani Thevananth** and **Komalpreet Kaur**, had a great opportunity to attend in this ceremony. It was a beautiful chance for them to learn about the history behind the program, celebrate their achievements, and hear each other's life stories.

"Even though many of us came from different backgrounds, we all chose to take that brave first step out of our comfort zones to chase our dreams. We've faced similar struggles, but with the support of the Department of Education, our schools, teachers, coordinators, and friends, we've all achieved something to be proud of." -Shibaani



ACHIVEMENT AND AWARDS

Year 10 and 11 Awards Night

The Year 10 and 11 Awards Night was held on 4 December. Many students were recognised for their hard work across different subjects and school programs. We are also proud that several of our international students were among the award recipients. We hope to see more achievements and continued success from all our international students in the future.



- **Rojan Malekpour:**

- 1) Academic award - Physics year 11,
- 2) international student captain,
- 3) "Adrian Bennetto" Genuine Endeavour Award 2025

- **Tuyet Ngan Nguyen:**

- 1) Academic award - EAL year 11,
- 2) International student captain,
- 3) School values - responsibilities

- **Jiqi Huang:**

- 1) Academic award - Chinese first language
- 2) International student vice- captain,
- 3) International student excellent award year 10

- **Phuong Huyen Nguyen:**

- 1) international student excellent award year 11

- **Nguyen Bao Ngoc Doan:**

- 1) Academic award - General math year 10

- **Illia Hldchecko:**

- 1) Graduation award from ELC

- **Phuc Bao Uyen Nguan:**

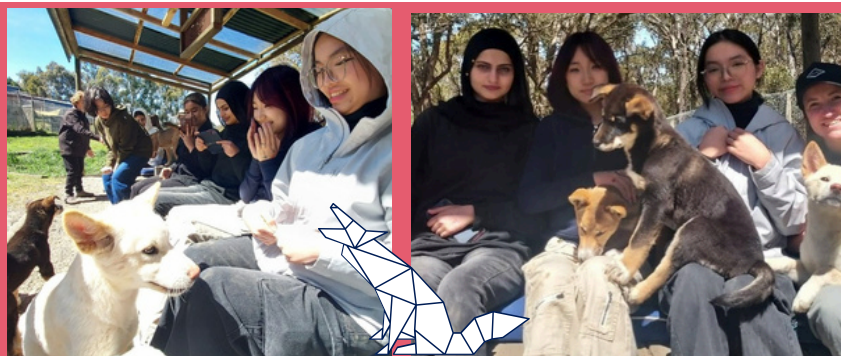
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

Dingo Excursion

on 16th of October, English Language Centre students visited the Dingo Sanctuary and research Centre to deepen their understanding of Dingo conservation and their ecological importance.

Students were excited to know more about the importance of protecting native Australian animals. They learned about dingo behaviour, habitat, and conservation efforts, and were thrilled to get to meet the real Wandjina himself.



"The dingo excursion with my classmates was truly an unforgettable experience. everyone were excited to see the wild Australian dingoes in real life. when one of them came closer, we all held our breath, amazed by it's soft, golden fur and sharp gentle eyes. The excursion not only was fun, but also helped us understand more about wildlife." -Uyen , ELC student

Santa Moment 2025

On ... of Decembe, ELC students enjoyed a festive celebration filled with fun and laughter. Students took part in a Kris Kringle challenge, decorated Christmas cookies with Miss Papa, and took a group photo with Santa.

During the celebration, students shared their Christmas wishes. One student wished for a "volleyball", and the following day, this wish came true with a surprise Christmas gift from the school's **PE team**.

It was a joyful event that brought students and staff together to celebrate the end of the year.



Funfields Excursion

Our ELC students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Funfields on 9 December 2025. They had an amazing day with their teachers, spending time together, playing, and experiencing a range of new and thrilling activities.

Thuy loved the futuristic twists on the bumper cars, while **Bao Uyen** slipped and slid through 130 metres of surprise twists and turns on the Wipeout slide. It was a fun-filled day full of laughter, adventure, and unforgettable memories.



ELC students graduation day

On 8 December, students from the English Language Centre (ELC) celebrated their graduation day together in the ELC room, alongside their teachers, coordinators, and the principal team. The event marked an important milestone, recognising students' growth, perseverance, and success throughout their time in the program.

A special highlight of the day was when students wrote letters to future ELC students, sharing their experiences, the lessons they had learned, and the challenges they had overcome on their journey. These messages offered encouragement and reassurance, reminding new students that success is possible with determination and support.

We are also pleased to announce that the ELC Student Coordinator position for 2026 has been awarded to **Ms Philip**. We look forward to her leadership and continued support of ELC students in the coming year.

Congratulations to all ELC graduates on this wonderful achievement. We wish them every success as they move forward in their educational journey.



This brings us to the end of our International Students Newsletter.

We hope it has given you a glimpse into the diversity, achievements, and experiences that shape our international community at school.



We look forward to sharing more stories and updates in our next edition.



We also want to take this moment to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a wonderful holiday break. May the coming year be filled with good health, new achievements, and meaningful moments. See you in term 1, 2026