Mill Park Secondary College International Student Program 2026

Welcome to the **International Student Program Newsletter** for Term 1, 2026.
We are excited to begin by warmly welcoming the new international students who have joined us this year. It is wonderful to have you at Mill Park, and we hope your time here will be filled with learning, new friendships, and exciting opportunities.
Term 1 began on the 28th of January, and it has been great to see such a strong and positive return from our students. For our Year 12s, this marks an important year filled with new experiences and challenges, and we wish them all the very best as they begin their final year.

CULTURAL CONNECT

Language Club

This term, the Language Club began the year by diving into Persian culture, giving everyone a taste of Iran's unique language, food, and traditions. Each session introduced simple Persian phrases through interactive games, teamwork, and engaging challenges. Students also had the chance to try traditional Persian snacks, adding a cultural element to each meeting. As their understanding of the rich language of Farsi grew, they gradually began exploring and reading its unique and meaningful poetry, deepening their connection to the culture.





"It was an enjoyable experience. Not only I got to learn a new language, but I also had the opportunity to explore a culture that is new to me"
-Cat , International student year 12



Year 12's Harmony Week Celebration

On the 20th of March, Year 12 students celebrated Harmony Week by painting their hands in the colors of their national flags and pressing them onto a piece of fabric, which will be displayed in the Year 12 common room. The activity brought students together in a meaningful way, allowing them to proudly represent their identities. For international students, it was a great opportunity to introduce their unique backgrounds and share their cultures with others.

Harmony Day



On the 17th of March, students celebrated Harmony Day by embracing their cultural backgrounds.
Many dressed in traditional costumes and took part in cultural sports and performances, creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere across the school.
The International Student Captains were actively involved with other captains to organise coin collections for donations.
Vietnamese students presented an energetic and graceful traditional dance, while a student from China delivered a captivating performance on the "Pipa", a traditional chinease instrument. These performances allowed students to share their heritage through music, making the celebration even more memorable.





Zimeng LIU



Tuyet Ngan Nguyen
Pham Hoang Vy Nguyen
Phuong Huyen Nguyen
Phuc Bao Uyen Nguyen
Nu Thuc Doan Troung

"This was my first time perfoming during Lunar New year In Australia. At first, I extremely nervouse, however thanks to everyone's engagement I grasually become more confident. I felt truly happy and proud that i was able to successfully represent my culture! "
-Doan, performer

Performancers:
Tuyet Ngan Nguyen
Nam Khanh Phung
Jinxiang Luo
Jiqi Huang
Chun Tang TU
Zhihua Huang
(special local student guest)

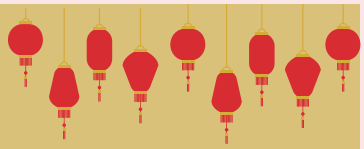








Lunar New Year



On the 20th of February, the International students program celebrated Lunar New Year, marking the beginning of a new year with joy and cultural appreciation. International students did performances that included singing, enjoying the lively atmosphere. The event brought everyone together, creating a strong sense of community and celebration. Students also shared a special lunch and received red packets in the presence of the school principal, adding a meaningful cultural touch to the day.



"Our Lunar new year celebration made me feel warm and included. It is a very preciouse moment for me to celebrate with people from different countries and cultures. As a participator of the performance, I can feel the vibe. For me, it does not have any difference between celebrating with my family back home. I love that!"
-Jiqi, international students vice captain

CAMPUS UPDATE



Athletics Carnaval

On the 19th of March, students took part in the Athletics Carnival. Mill Park Secondary College hosted the 2026 Athletics Carnival, where international students also had the opportunity to participate, challenge themselves, and represent the school with pride. Many students competed across a range of events, achieving excellent results, with several earning first, second and third place awards as well as ribbons for their efforts.
Year 12 students added to the vibrant atmosphere by dressing up and enjoying the event together.



Ribbon Winners:

Jiqi Huang
Phoung Huyen Nguyen
Phuc Bao Uyen Nguyen
Nu Thuc doan Troung
Howard Hong Ming
Tuyet Ngan Nguyen





Global Learning Awards Filming Day

Our International Student Captain, Rojan Malekpour, was nominated for the Resilience Award at the 2026 Global Learning Awards of Victoria. She proudly became a finalist for this award, marking a significant achievement. On the 27th of February, she took part in her official filming day.
The filming day highlighted her contributions across a range of activities and subjects, showcasing her dedication, leadership, and active involvement in the school community. It was a proud and memorable moment, reflecting her commitment and the positive impact she has made.

International Women's Day celebration

On the 6th of March, Mill Park Secondary College proudly hosted students from neighbouring schools for a warm and welcoming breakfast in the Senior Campus library for celebrating International women's day. The event brought together the college's female captains, along with dedicated staff members, creating an atmosphere of support, highlighting the importance of celebrating women's achievements, empowering young female leaders, and promoting equality. The International Student Captains also actively engaged with others, sharing their perspectives, and representing the diverse voices of reslience women within the school community.









"We all came together as representatives of resilient women, celebrating our bravery. For me, this day was very special and a valuable opportunity to connect with captains from other schools, understand their unique experiences, and learn from their life stories."
-Rojan, International studens Captain



Showcase Night

On the 31st of March, the International Student Program proudly participated in the Showcase Evening and SEAL Information Night at our Middle Years Campus. This event provided a valuable opportunity for our ISP Team to connect with families and showcase the support, achievements, and diversity within our international student community.
Our International Student Captains played a key role throughout the evening, welcoming families and answering questions. To make the night even more special, the captains also prepared and served warm, delicious tea, with a beautiful music background which was played by one of our chinaese stdents helping to create a friendly atmosphere.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

Dingo Excursion

On the 27th of March, a trip to the Dingo Sanctuary and Research Centre gave our ELC students a hands-on opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning and deepen their understanding of the ecological importance of dingoes. This experience allowed students to go beyond textbooks and improve their English skills through real-life interactions.
During the excursion, students also celebrated their friend Thuy's 16th birthday, making the day even more memorable.



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.

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