RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Ringwood Secondary College, we are a truly dynamic, vibrant and globally engaged school. We are located at the gateway to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Our College has a long and successful tradition of academic excellence and innovative learning practices.

Our staff take great pride in providing a safe and secure learning environment, whilst at the same time providing a full range of dynamic and challenging academic and extra-curricular programs.

Ringwood Secondary College fosters a learning community catering for the unique academic, social and emotional needs of all our members. This is underpinned by three core values:

- respect
- resilience
- achievement.

Ringwood's core objectives are to ensure that students have all the skills, knowledge and attributes that would be expected after 13 years of schooling.

This is so that the personal growth of our students enables them to have the capacity to participate as responsible and productive citizens in a global community.

Rosina Fotia
Principal



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WHY CHOOSE RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE?

A globally aware college, Ringwood Secondary College enjoys a small number of international students from China, Hong Kong, Korea, Vietnam, India, Thailand, and Taiwan.

Our primary purpose for welcoming international students is to contribute to the College's ethos and culture.

The College focuses on a students' sense of belonging and cultural diversity. This allows students to develop a cultural awareness assisting them to be active members of our global society.

International students studying at Ringwood Secondary College have access to:

- an orientation program to the school, homestay, and the surrounding community
- a 24-hour emergency contact for students and parents
- individual language support
- after-school homework clubs
- educational subject selection assistance and guidance
- wellbeing support
- communications being delivered to students, homestay families, and parents
- university pathways and careers counselling
- a collaborative international student support network.

Ringwood Secondary College is proud to announce that, in 2025, 17% of eligible students received an ATAR above 90, placing them in the top 10% in the state.

2025 International Students Andia Amini and Van Nguyen Anh (Harry) Phan achieved outstanding ATAR scores of 98.90 and 96.50 respectively, placing them among Victoria's top-performing students.

An academic program which encourages students to excel

We offer the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). This includes a curriculum program in all learning areas; rich in challenges and experiences to stimulate and engage students.

Students can select from a wide range of VCE and Vocational Education and Training (VET) studies.

Our key VCE subjects include English as an Additional Language (EAL); General/Further Maths; Maths Method; Specialist Maths; Accounting; Economics; Business Management; Legal Studies; Chemistry; Biology; Psychology; Physics; Visual Communication Design; Food Studies; Drama; Dance and Music Performance.

Ringwood Secondary College also offers after-school homework clubs for students who need extra assistance in maths or other subjects.





A great choice of extra-curricular activities

Students have many extra-curricular opportunities including:

- regular camps and social events
- college formals
- a music program and performance, including solo, bands and vocals
- a variety of local and national competitions in academia, sport and music
- support for students writing their annual prefects' applications
- public speaking opportunities.

Making welfare and support a priority

Ringwood Secondary College actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students. All school staff are committed to work together in protecting students from abuse, or harm in the school environment.

Students have access to a range of support services, including:

- a highly committed team of professionals who work together to ensure the best outcomes for our community members
- a complete wellbeing support program
- a careers resource centre and counsellors
- a house program with student support mentor groups
- multiple online wellbeing resources and services.

Homestay for international students

The College understands that accommodation and welfare arrangements are vital for international students. Whilst these students are living and studying away from their home countries, Ringwood Secondary College recognises that they may require extra special care and support.

We choose only the best suited homestay providers to ensure international students' welfare and accommodation are carefully looked after.

We closely monitor our homestay families. They receive annual visits to ensure the safety and mental health of our students.

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 the student's personal use
- three meals a day, seven days a week, including snacks
- facilities including a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- utilities including gas, electricity, heating and water costs, as well as internet
- cleaning services of common living areas
- the use of living areas within the residence
- study facilities such as a desk, study light and bookcase
- attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of each student's parents.

One of our homestay parents, since 2015, Wen Wang, has this to say about our program:

"Meeting a new international student is like welcoming a new family member, each and everyone has a unique and pleasurable experience. We wish all international students can improve and grow their own personality to succeed in the future."

Easily accessible location

Ringwood Secondary College is in the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne, at the gateway to the Yarra Valley.

Features of the local area include:

- easy school access by trains and bus
- walking distance to Eastland Shopping Centre and the business precinct
- convenient access to Melbourne's city centre and the multicultural hub of Box Hill.



A recent success story

Fanwen Zheng, from China, studied EAL, Accounting, Economics, Further Maths, Maths Method and Chinese as First Language; achieving a high ATAR score of 93.75.

Fanwen participated in the school prefect team, representing the international student cohort and was our Year 12 Cultural & Linguistic Diversity Prefect for 2021.

Fanwen is currently studying a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Secondary Education (Honours) at Monash University.

"Ringwood Secondary College (RSC) has always been a great platform for students to expresses themselves in different areas. With the capricious lockdowns along with uncertainty and unknown future, the year of 2021 has been full of difficulties for students, teachers and all the incredible support staff that keep RSC alive and thriving," says Fanwen.

"The teachers have been extremely supportive for my peers and I for academic study and mental wellbeing. While we've been getting accustomed to and adapting quickly with remote learning, Year 12 has been extremely challenging. It has been a great experience for me to study at RSC and meet exceptional teachers and fellow students. These memories will help me to embrace any difficulties throughout my journey ahead and life in general."

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