DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have been a part of Dandenong High School for 24 years and I enjoy coming to work every day. I am proud to serve such a multicultural and rewarding community.

The school's vision is to create an environment where all our students can achieve success. Our innovative house structure, state-of-the-art facilities and collaborative learning model empower our students in their learning. To then follow their higher education and career pathways.

I am extremely proud to lead such an outstanding school community.

Susan Ogden
Principal



WHY CHOOSE DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL?

At Dandenong High, our international student program is a valuable part of our school's multicultural community. For many years, the program has welcomed students from countries including Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; France; India; Malaysia; Thailand; Turkey and Vietnam.

Programs we've developed especially for international students include a team of dedicated international student coordinators; weekly international student meetings; as well as special lunches and activities which run throughout the year.

A high quality academic program

Dandenong High School offers a wide range of subjects for students in Years 10, 11 and 12, under the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Vocational Major.

Our course counselling process fully supports each student. We help them to become successful in their chosen areas of study - and as they choose their career path beyond school.

Senior Studies Program

At Dandenong High School, we've created an environment which empowers students to become independent, motivated learners with the determination to do well.

We have a holistic learning program for senior students. This balances face-to-face teaching with a personalised learning excellence program. Each student has study support to develop the essential study skills to become independent, successful and resilient young people.

Accelerated and enhanced learning program

Our accelerated and enhanced learning program brings together like-minded students. They are in an environment where they experience intellectually stimulation, enrichment and challenges every day.

The program is fully personalised, so it caters for each learner's different strengths. A team of teachers work with a group of 50 students, allowing for greater flexibility and targeted teaching. More teachers in the classroom means greater opportunities to extend our high achievers in all aspects of their learning.

STEM Program

Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) program includes:

- core subjects in Years 7 to 9
- Year 10 Stem Innovators and Robotics
- and VCE offerings including Computing Science, Systems Engineering and Software Development. Studies in this academy include cyber security, computational thinking, data analytics and psychology of artificial intelligence.

Homework club

Our homework club offers extra academic support. Teachers and university students provide this for all students who need it. The club runs every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5pm, with refreshments provided.

Extra-curricular activities which enhance learning

The many extracurricular activities at Dandenong High School are a great way to make friends with students who have similar interests. They let young people follow their passion, improve their English and develop valuable life skills.

Our extra-curricular program includes leadership; music; sport; chess; debating and public speaking; camps; and productions.





We're committed to student welfare

We have a team of international student coordinators who provide day-to-day support for all international students.

There's also a dedicated staff member responsible for taking care of students' wellbeing. They help with students' orientation and transition into the school, and check in with them during weekly international student meetings.

The school also has a doctor, nurse and lawyer on site during the week, available to all students.

Our student coordinators make regular contact with parents and homestay providers, providing immediate answers to questions and delivering important information. Each semester, parents receive a translated report which outlines what their children have achieved.

Homestay for international students

In Victoria, all 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, and 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

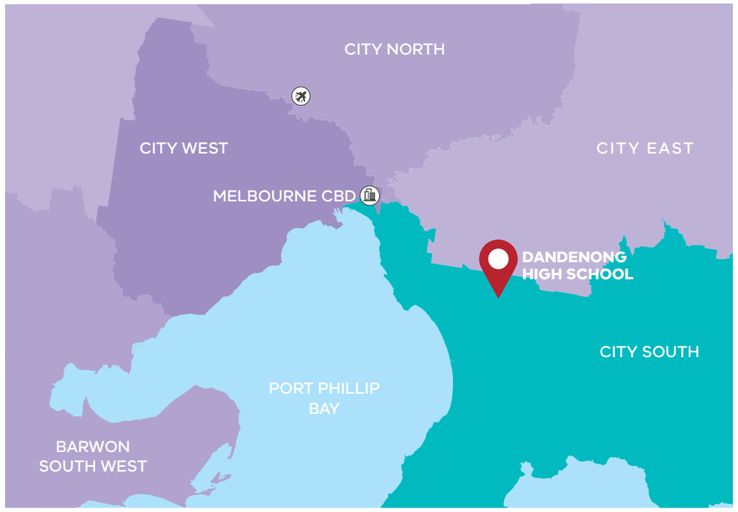


A thriving, multi-cultural precinct

Dandenong is a busy, multi-cultural suburb of Melbourne, around 30 kilometres south-east of the Central Business District (CBD).

The area features a huge range of shopping facilities; an iconic local market; extensive parklands; and sporting facilities; as well as excellent public transport.

The community is vibrant and welcoming, hosting annual events such as the Dandenong Show and Carols in Harmony Square. Professional stage performances also take place regularly at the Drum Theatre.



A recent success story

Danny Nguyen studied at Dandenong High School and recently qualified to study for a Bachelor of Radiography and Medical Imaging at Melbourne's Monash University.

" Dandenong High School is a diverse, vibrant, and resilient community. One that thrives above hardship to nurture and allows students like me the opportunity to manifest their dreams.

As a recent migrant to Australia who barely spoke any English, I have been fortunate to be able to study in a multicultural school in Victoria. One that not just allowed me to adapt to Australia, but also enabled me to ignite my passion in healthcare.

Moreover, I am also grateful for the selfless commitment and support from my teachers, because of their fervent belief in education in giving life-changing support to those who need it most."

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