BRUNSWICK SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia
Department of Education

BRUNSWICK
SECONDARY COLLEGE



VICTORIA
State Government
Australia

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Brunswick Secondary College is a multicultural school community that welcomes international students from many different countries.

International students and their families are attracted to Brunswick Secondary College for a variety of reasons, including our:

- attractive and safe environment
- proximity and links with the cultural heart of Melbourne
- reputation for supporting students to achieve their best.

At Brunswick Secondary College, international students are fully integrated into the life of the college. This assists them to make rapid progress with English speaking and comprehension skills, develop supportive relationships with other students and staff, and meet the challenges of transitioning into a different culture and education system.

SHane Gemmola
Principal



YOU WILL SEE A SCHOOL WHERE STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED AND WHO ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. ABOVE ALL, YOU WILL FIND A SCHOOL THAT IS WARM, WELCOMING AND BOUND BY A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY.



WHY CHOOSE BRUNSWICK SECONDARY COLLEGE?

We've been welcoming students from more than 50 countries since 2001. International students are supported by a dedicated International Student Program (ISP) Coordinator, who is on hand to guide students at enrolment and throughout their time at our college.

The coordinator's focus is to ensure that our students integrate into college life, and that their school experience is one of academic and social success.

The International Student Program Coordinator regularly checks in with students on an individual basis, following their academic progress, and social and emotional wellbeing.

International students also attend regular group meetings, celebrations and excursions as well as school-wide activities and events. The International Student Program Coordinator also manages any homestay arrangements for students when required, engaging with hosts and maintaining a strong and collaborative relationship between staff, student and homestay host.

The coordinator tracks academic progress and arranges for any additional support, such as enrolment in extra-curricular programs, including English study club or maths study club to enrich and extend student learning.

An academic program which sets free students' potential

Brunswick Secondary College offers a core curriculum for the junior years, a combination of core and elective curriculum for the middle years and an extensive range of subjects at the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) level.

The college offers multiple subjects across VCE English, maths, humanities, science, art and design, languages, and health and physical education.

College staff are committed to excellent teaching practice across all learning areas, with a focus on creating a caring, supportive and dynamic learning environment for all students. As a result, Brunswick Secondary College celebrates outstanding VCE results.

In 2025, our top academic student achieved a 96.8 ATAR, while 15% of VCE graduates attained an ATAR above 90. This sees Brunswick Secondary College students achieving results above the state average.





A variety of extra-curricular activities

Brunswick Secondary College boasts a varied and dynamic extra-curricular program designed to complement, enrich, enhance and extend student academic learning.

International students are encouraged to participate in the many extra-curricular opportunities we offer at the college such as the student leadership program, performing arts clubs, debating, digital technology club, visual arts clubs, as well as academic support groups such as English study club and maths study club.

Student welfare is at the forefront

Brunswick Secondary College provides a range of welfare and support services for international students, including:

- fortnightly welfare sessions with the International Student Program Coordinator
- access to a dedicated student wellbeing team
- individual meetings with the school careers team to assist with subject selection, study and career pathways and work experience program.

Homestay for international students

Many of our international students elect to reside with extended family when they attend our college, however others engage a homestay provider. Our International Student Program Coordinator has an active role in maintaining homestay arrangements, facilitating communication and understanding between hosts, students and families. The coordinator also completes regular inspection and assessment of any accommodation to ensure suitability as a duty of care for our 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
- the use of living areas within the residence
- study facilities such as a desk, study light and bookcase
- monitoring school attendance and attending emergency meetings on behalf of each student's parents.

An accessible location close to the city

Brunswick is located 5km from the Melbourne city centre. Brunswick is known for its diverse and vibrant multicultural community, and strong arts and live music scenes. Features of the Brunswick area include:

- close proximity to the city and to the airport
- excellent public transport options (trains, trams, buses)
- many diverse restaurants, recreation and retail shopping opportunities.



In a students words

"In my time at Brunswick Secondary College I found many individuals who helped me to settle in and to enjoy my stay.

At first, I was quite introverted, and lost in the new environment.However, thanks to the dedicated help from the International Student Co-ordinator and my teachers, I found myself fitting in very quickly.

Every time I had a problem, they were always happy to help, and it didn't take long for me to grow attached to staff and students at the school."

~ 2025 Graduate



SHARING OUR HOME WITH OUR HOMESTAY STUDENT WAS A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR MY WHOLE FAMILY. NOT ONLY DID WE ENJOY THEIR COMPANY, BUT THROUGH THIS FRIENDSHIP WE INCREASED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HIS NATIVE HOMELAND AND CULTURE. WE TOOK MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT SIGHTS AND LANDMARKS AROUND VICTORIA WITH HIM. SHOWING OFF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND INTRODUCING HIM TO THE AUSTRALIAN LIFESTYLE WAS REALLY REWARDING.



CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Brunswick Secondary College

47 Dawson St, Brunswick, Victoria 3056

Acting Principal: Shane Gemmola

International student coordinator: Chelsea Zhou

Tel: +61 3 9387 6133
Email: brunswick.sc@education.vic.gov.au
Website: www.brunswick.vic.edu.au

Victorian Government Schools International Student Program

200 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Victoria 3002, Australia

Tel: +61 3 7022 1000
Email: international@education.vic.gov.au
Web: www.study.vic.gov.au

Published by the International Education Division

Department of Education, Melbourne June 2026

© State of Victoria (Department of Education) 2026

CRICOS Provider Name and Code: Department of Education, 00861K