NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I welcome you to North Geelong Secondary College (NGSC). I hope you will develop an insight to our school but also develop a feeling for the school community.

North Geelong Secondary College is a creative, caring and diverse environment, where young people grow into autonomous learners by engaging with our imaginative and intellectually rigorous programs.

Our students develop into mature and independent individuals, fully prepared for a life of meaningful achievement and active participation in our local and global communities.

You can be assured that at North Geelong Secondary College your child will be embraced in a unique school community that nurtures academic success and a positive identity.

We tailor programs to suit each and every student's individual needs and help students to develop their confidence, to follow their interests and reach their full potential.

Our community is a friendly and supportive environment, underpinned by the values of respect, excellence, achievement and diversity.

We believe in our students and have high expectations of them. We support them in the pursuit of academic excellence and in the development of a belief in self-worth, acceptance of others and a strong sense of community.

The College also hosts the Geelong English Language Centre for English as an Additional Language (EAL) students.

Paul Dawson
Principal

WHY CHOOSE NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE?

We value the cultural diversity of our student population and believe that all students, regardless of their abilities, needs and backgrounds, should be actively supported in achieving their personal best.

The College promotes the values of respect, excellence, achievement and diversity. We uphold the belief that every student can succeed.

A positive and responsible approach towards education fosters exemplary life at North Geelong Secondary College.

Our international student program was established in 2010 and has been welcoming students from Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Iran, China, Malaysia, Japan, and India. We welcome students from many more countries wishing to study with us.

Our international student program is a valuable part of our school's multicultural community. Please view our international student program and virtual tour of the College at: https://ngsc.vic.edu.au/international-students-program/

We run several programs, roles and spaces specifically for international students including:

- an on-site English language centre
- an after school literacy class
- a broad multicultural experience amongst staff and students
- specific EAL curriculum programs that have been extensively refined over the years
- well-sourced and respected homestay families, guided by our full-time homestay co-ordinator
- qualified staff providing regular assistance for in-classroom tasks
- term activities including cuisine cooking from different cultures
- external excursions around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula and beyond, taking in the breathtaking views
- pre-arranged holiday activities..

Please visit our website for a "virtual tour" of the College

Virtual College Tour

An academic program which encourages students to excel

The College provides high quality education in a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment that enables all international students to do their personal best.

International students develop knowledge, skills, capabilities and personal characteristics. These provide the foundation to optimise opportunities in academic, vocational, personal, physical and social aspects of their lives.

North Geelong Secondary College understands the challenges of international students both academically and developmentally. With this in mind, the College takes great pride in being able to offer students a holistic and varied education.

In addition to the academic success, our international students also show leadership skills. This is in a range of sporting as well as cultural activities and events and throughout their years studying with us.

STEM room

North Geelong has a dedicated Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) room with easy access to technology.

This allows classes to integrate technology in a meaningful way. It also gives students a sense of ownership as student work can be displayed. Some STEM programs include:

- Sphero's: a dedicated unit where students program the Sphero's to navigate a maze
- NOA robot: cutting-edge robots are used to teach programming
- Drones: these teach students real life skills like navigation and coordinates. The drones are also programmable by the students to fly set paths
- LEGO Mindstorms: these make numerous and varied robots that can be programmed to solve real world problems
- 3D printer: to support students operating 3D printing which is fast becoming useful in a wide variety of STEM careers.





A variety of extra-curricular activities

North Geelong Secondary College values extracurricular activities and how they positively affect students' social development, instilling values, pride, school connectedness and peer support.

Our students are given the opportunity to develop important life skills and build leadership capacity.

The College offers instrumental music and singing lessons. Musical performing groups such as choirs, bands and ensembles have many opportunities to showcase their talents at whole school assemblies, school celebrations as well as the annual college production.

Other extra-curricular opportunities, include:

- debating and public speaking teams representing the College
- highly regarded student leadership programs
- a human powered vehicle program, available to all year levels
- outdoor education from Year 9
- elite specialised soccer, AFL and volleyball programs with professional coaches
- house competitions, lunchtime sport, coaching and inter-school sport
- an athletics carnival
- participation in state, national and international academic competitions
- a school swimming program
- camps and excursions
- extensive involvement in community and fundraising activities.

Multicultural festival

We are very proud of our multicultural student body and the harmonious interaction that occurs within its grounds.

We hold an annual multicultural festival where students and the wider community celebrate cultural diversity through art, food, language, dance and drama.

We are committed to providing a dynamic and diverse learning environment, allowing our students to reach their full potential.

There are a number of lunchtime groups available for all students to get involved, including international students. This gives our international students the opportunity to make new friends and become a further part of our college community.

Activities include the following:

- a chess club
- an anime club
- our 'bust a move' dance group
- karaoke
- 'CALM' (come and liberate the mind)
- dungeons and dragons
- 'the cave wood' working group
- macrame and yarn groups.
- computer building
- jewellery making

Homestay for international students

North Geelong Secondary College truly believes that a more peaceful world comes from an increase in cultural understanding and acceptance.

International students that arrive from another country are able to build a bridge between cultures and our school community who strongly believe in multicultural connections.

We offer homestay accommodation with caring and carefully selected families. They each provide international students with a safe and comfortable home during their time in Australia.

Our homestay families understand that hosting an international student brings new life from other cultures into their home, breaking down the borders to create an extended family community.

Your homestay family will provide you with:

- a safe, secure, welcoming place to live
- a household compliant with the Child Safe Standards
- a separate single room for your personal use
- three meals a day, seven days a week, including snacks
- facilities – a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- utilities – gas, electricity, heating and water costs, internet
- cleaning services of common living areas
- the use of living areas within the residence
- study facilities – desk, study light, bookcase
- attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of your parents.

Easily accessible location

North Geelong Secondary College is located near the pristine coastline of Port Phillip Bay.

Geelong is at the entrance to the Bellarine Peninsula which is home to some of Australia's best tourist attractions and beaches. Geelong is also known as a university city and has a strong history in learning, research and innovation.

See more about the region at: http://www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/Geelong-and-the-Bellarine

Other features of our school's location include being:

- approximately 5 kms from Geelong's city centre
- easily accessible by local public buses and trains
- only a 50 minute drive from Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD) and a 20 minute drive from world-famous surf beaches.



I ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA IN 2019 WITH LIMITED ENGLISH AND LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE HERE. MY FOUR YEARS AT NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS PROFOUNDLY SHAPED MY LIFE AND I PROUDLY GRADUATED YEAR 12 IN 2023.

A recent success story

Haisong Qi from China studied Chemistry, EAL English, Physics, Systems Engineering, Mathematics (Methods) and Mathematics (Specialist).

Haisong is currently studying a Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Physics) at The University of Melbourne.

Achievements include:

- 99.70 ATAR score
- 5 x awards, Australian Mathematics competition
- 2024 Top Designs Systems Engineering Exhibitor, VCAA and Melbourne Museum

Scholarships

- Hansen Scholar & Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar, The University of Melbourne Future Innovators Award, Australian Defence Force
- Scholarship Recipient, Western Chances
- Scholarship Recipient, Skyline Education Foundation Australia

"My Maths teacher recognised my strengths and accelerated me into Mathematical Methods in Year 9. Being part of the College community gave me opportunities to engage in activities like the Australian Mathematics Competition, debating, and volunteering.

The special programs for international students helped me integrate, build friendships, and achieve my goals while encouraging personal growth. The supportive team ensured my success, guiding me through both everyday and complex challenges. The College's diverse environment and ideal location provided a perfect balance of city life and tranquility, fostering a relaxed yet vibrant atmosphere."



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