AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Auburn High School is a high-performing government school of first choice in our school zone. Outstanding student learning growth data is testament to the effective, research-based teaching and learning practices used at our school.

We educate students to become global citizens by equipping them with skills and attributes to communicate clearly, collaborate and think critically.

Our positive and welcoming school culture creates positive relationships and a safe learning environment. This culture is underpinned by our school values of diversity; aspiration; respect; and excellence (DARE). Combined with consistent, high academic expectations, and excellent student conduct, this value-based approach has produced an outstanding whole-school program with excellent student outcomes.

The teaching and learning culture at Auburn High School is focused on challenging all students to improve and expand their knowledge and skills. Our teachers are exemplary, passionate educators who participate in weekly professional learning to engage each individual student.

We work closely with universities to ensure our teachers use highly effective, research-based practices. Teachers collect evidence from students and colleagues to inform planning and teaching. This results in a highly personalised program ensuring differentiation and individual tasks.

Learning languages is a significant academic and cultural aspect of the school and our language programs have received national and international recognition. There are French programs at all different levels, including bilingual, immersion and beginner classes. Spanish is an emerging language program. Senior school students have the option to accelerate in French or study alternative languages at external language schools.

We have numerous scheduled school tours where parents and students can observe first-hand the innovative and exciting programs that are happening in our school. Please check our website for dates and times.

Ross Pritchard
Principal



WHY CHOOSE AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL?

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- The program's designed to help international students thrive academically, socially, and culturally.
- To foster this, we've created a personalised education program tailored to their needs and goals.
- Although our curriculum is rigorous and challenging, our school's small class sizes, individualised attention and dedicated teachers help every student to reach their full potential.
- To further develop their interests and talents, we encourage students to be part of a variety of extra-curricular activities.
- Programs specifically for international students include:

Orientation

Studying overseas is not easy, and we aim to make it as smooth as possible for students and their families. Our program offers a comprehensive pre-departure, airport pick up and orientation program.

We provide students and families with a pre-departure package including information to help students get ready to travel and prepare for life and study in Melbourne.

New students arriving at Auburn High School enjoy an attend an orientation program that is age-appropriate and culturally sensitive. This includes information about the school; our code of conduct; the local environment area; school support services and extra-curricular activities; emergency and health services; health care and wellbeing; and child safety standards.

We also introduce students to aspects of their new home through excursions to places of cultural and historical significance. For example, the Melbourne Museum; the Botanical Gardens; the National Gallery of Victoria; and the Shrine of Remembrance.

Onsite language centre

The English language centre has cosy classrooms. These are fitted out with overhead projectors, a small library, and access to dictionaries as well as class set texts.

Our language centre curriculum develops students' English language skills. This is in the areas of reading; writing; speaking; and listening. Each unit incorporates specific vocabulary, grammatical focus, and study skills. The units also aim to provide some Australian cultural knowledge, cross-cultural comparisons, and language to assist newly arrived students to adjust and settle into their new home.

International student leadership

At Auburn, we aim to develop a strong 'student voice' and our student leadership model is based on a vertical House system. International students also have the opportunity to take part in the School Leadership Program, with their perspectives highly valued by the school community.

An academic program dedicated to the pursuit of excellence

Auburn High School is a results and data driven academic college. In 2021, two of our international students received an outstanding ATAR above 99+.

Our rigorous academic program has a particular focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program brings together like-minded, high-achieving students, giving them a sense of belonging and extending them to fulfil their potential.

We also offer a specialist French program - the only Victorian government high school offering a program accredited by the French Ministry of Education.





Where student welfare is everything.

We strongly support our international students right throughout their journey at Auburn High School.

Wellbeing services are available to all students. These help them to grow academically, socially and personally. Our principals; teachers; school counsellors; friends; and homestay families are all on hand to care for students. Our expert and caring international student coordinator is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our welfare team helps students with sessions on hygiene; heathy sleep patterns; accessing the Australian health system; fire safety; water safety; and travel on public transport.

We also monitor students closely to ensure that they are settling into their home living arrangements and managing their daily routine.



Homestay for international students

At Auburn, we take great care in matching international students with compatible homestay families. We provide our students with high quality homestay accommodation. We also screen all homestay providers to ensure our international students live in a safe, comfortable and caring home environment.

We monitor homestays closely and our international student coordinator visits regularly to oversee students' life outside of school.

Homestay families assist students with their English proficiency; cultural adjustment; social integration; and support students to make the most of their international education experience.

One of our staff, Linda Sheng, has this to say about our program:

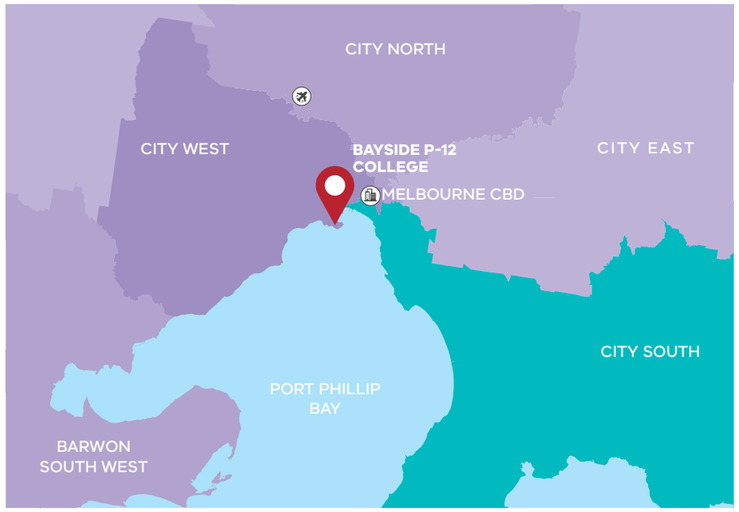
"Auburn High School truly puts people first, cares for every student and enables them to study and live in a relaxed and happy environment."

- 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.

Close to the city, with easy access for students

Auburn High School is just 6 kilometres from Melbourne's city centre, in the leafy inner-eastern suburb of Hawthorn East. The region features many green spaces and amenities. These include Fritsch Holzer Park - a large open space popular for recreational activities. Anderson Park is another significant park in the area, with panoramic views of the Melbourne skyline.

The school is well-serviced by public transport: train, tram and bus services are nearby. There's also a dedicated bicycle path through local parklands which many students use to cycle to school.



A recent success story

Dohun Yun from South Korea studied English as an Additional Language (EAL); Specialist Maths; Physics; Psychology; Maths Methods; and Chemistry at Auburn High School. He won a scholarship to study for a Bachelor of Biomedicine at Monash University.

"During my time at Auburn High School, the community focused on diversity and student growth in a welcoming environment for staff and students. Everyone motivated each other to learn and improve - not just academically. Overall, a great community with friendly and respectful people."

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