KEILOR DOWNS COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am so proud of Keilor Downs College for so many reasons. It is a calm, respectful school which is well known for its excellent wellbeing programs. Our vertical house structure means that, even in a big school like this, students are known and connected to Keilor Downs College.

Our curriculum is extremely consistent and well planned, catering for the needs of our very diverse range of students. As a result, we achieve excellent learning outcomes, from strong NAPLAN results to high performance in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and strong vocational outcomes.

Another aspect of Keilor Downs College that I value is catering to such a wide range of student needs. Therefore, ensuring that every student has the greatest opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We offer a wide range of special programs. These include our gifted education program; a strong program for students with disabilities; our language support program; and many electives in later years to cater for every interest and aspiration.

One of the most positive features of the school is our extensive extra-curricular program where our students can explore their strengths and talents in music; sports; chess; debating and; of course, our elite soccer program. I love being continually surprised by the amazing achievements of our students in such a diverse range of activities.

Choosing a school for your child is a significant decision and parents can be assured that their child will be guided through their secondary years by professional, committed and caring staff.

I love that we serve the community of Keilor Downs College so well and look forward to welcoming your family.

Linda Maxwell
Principal



WHY CHOOSE KEILOR DOWNS COLLEGE?

Keilor Downs provides a dedicated international student coordinator; homestay coordinator; modern facilities; peer support (provided by an international student committee); and English language support for new students.

International students also have access to specialised in-class student support, extensive student leadership programs and individual course and careers counselling.

Keilor Downs College has multilingual staff that speak Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese that can help student learning and wellbeing.

A program focusing on the needs of each year group

We provide students with a combination of academic and hands-on subjects to provide a well-rounded balanced education. This also exposes students to a wide range of experiences.

Students who participate in the Victorian high-ability program can further extend their maths and English abilities.

While many of our high-achieving students start their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) studies in Year 10, giving them a head-start on boosting their tertiary entrance score.

Select entry accelerated learning (SEAL)

Students who have a high level of maturity and commitment and are capable of independent learning are suitable for this program.

The features of this program include:

- differentiation based on student skills, aptitude and interest
- elimination of repetition and the practice of already mastered skills
- accelerated pace of learning
- higher order thinking is an integral component
- opportunities for in-depth learning and inquiry based learning.

Senior school (years 11 and 12)

Collaborative partnerships between staff, students and their families are strengthened as students are supported in their journey toward tertiary education, further training or employment.

Our College is sensitive to the stresses of senior years and provides special programs of academic and personal support. These include study camps; educational workshops; holiday revision; and exam preparation programs.





A great choice of extra-curricular activities

We encourage students at Keilor Downs College to participate in the wider school community. They have access to a wide array of opportunities, including:

- a specialised soccer program
- musical productions
- maths and science competitions
- curriculum and year-level based camps
- a music program and performance – including band; solo groups; and vocals
- debating teams, a book club and a chess club
- team sports and a fitness club.

Looking after every student's welfare

We take great pride in our ability to create a safe and secure learning environment. This allows for all students to maximise their academic and social growth.

To ensure that all students feel safe and supported, Keilor Downs has a range of specialist wellbeing services. These include student welfare coordinators; a mental health practitioner; psychologists; a school nurse; a youth worker; and regular access to a GP through the Doctors in School program (and even a wellbeing dog!).

Our school wide positive behaviour support framework contains three core expectations known as the 'Keilor Downs College 3':

1. fair learning
2. fair treatment;
3. safe and secure.

These form the basis of our student behaviour and expectations matrix.

Our College has a strong social curriculum which explicitly teaches and models respect; gender equality; healthy relationships; diversity; and resilience.

The result of these programs and resources is the calm, positive and happy learning environment that we are so proud of at Keilor Downs College.

Homestay for international students

Our homestay program strictly complies with department standards. We thoroughly monitor our homestays. They must hold valid Working with Children Checks, receive induction and annual trainings in the school's chid safe practice.

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 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.

One of our students experiencing homestay, Duong Thong (Justin) Nguyen, has this to say about our program:

"Living in a school homestay is not as bad as I imagined. Honestly, I have to say I feel so lucky to be with this family. Although the parents are from China, most of the time they speak English which helps me a lot in my communication skills.

Also, I am able to explore Australian Culture besides Chinese-Australian culture. The foods are so great, I have both Asian and Aussie dishes and all of them taste so delicious and I always have second dishes. It is such a great opportunity to stay here and a special thank you to Mrs Angela."

Easily accessible location

Keilor Downs College is a single campus secondary school located on the north-western edge of metropolitan Melbourne.

The surroundings offer quiet leafy suburban areas and parklands, and our school is close to large shopping centres. We are well-serviced by buses and trains for effective and safe travel.

The campus is also within easy access of Melbourne international airport.



A recent success story

Hoang Duy Khang Nguyen, from Vietnam, studied English as an Additional Language (EAL); Data Analytics; Maths Methods; Specialist Mathematics; Physics; and Vietnamese.

Hoang also joined the Keilor Downs College team and participated in three chess competitions.

Hoang has been accepted into the University of Adelaide to study a Bachelor of Computer Science.

"As an international student, I would like to appreciate the effort of teachers and staff at Keilor Downs College in guiding me through the right path. Thank you all for your wonderful works and for inculcating me with indispensable knowledge and preparing me with the skills to stand out in life!"

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