# LILYDALE HEIGHTS COLLEGE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**We aim to give every student the very best possible education in order to prepare them for life beyond school.**

We teach more than subjects. We educate for life and work to inspire lifelong learning.

I warmly welcome you to visit the College; and discover firsthand what makes a Lilydale Heights College education so distinctive.

**Shane Kruger**
**Principal**

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# WHY CHOOSE LILYDALE HEIGHTS COLLEGE?

**For over 15 years our international student program has been welcoming students from countries including Singapore; China; Vietnam; Germany; Italy; Japan; and Cambodia.**

Our international student program is a valuable part of our school's multicultural community. We have a range of roles, programs and spaces specifically for international students.

These include:

- a specialist international student tutor
- a careers resource centre
- an English language centre located in close proximity to our school campus
- a dedicated international student coordinator
- a homework club.

## A formal academic curriculum tailored to each student's talents

Every individual is given the opportunity to exceed their expectations in the classroom and beyond. Lilydale Heights prides itself on developing respect for the qualities and strengths of each young person.

We instil our students with the capacity to take responsibility for themselves and their place in society.

## Specialised Years 7 and 8 support

To assist students with settling in and getting to know their teachers and peers, all our Years 7 and 8 classrooms are located in the one area. This area also houses the relevant teachers' offices, all student lockers and facilities. This designated area enables students to quickly feel confident in familiar surroundings and gradually work towards independence.

## Access to Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) studies

The middle school (Years 9 and 10) vertical program allows eligible students access to studies up to two years ahead of their expected level. This includes access to Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) studies where suitable.

## Knowledge and skills for success

Middle school units include inquiry-based elements which challenge students to think and plan independently. These units, through their design, explicitly teach students the knowledge and skills they need for success in senior school.

## Senior school Years 11 and 12

We offer the VCE that includes a challenging curriculum program. Students can select from a wide range of VCE studies in all learning areas. In addition, students at Lilydale Heights College also have access to a range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects.





## Extra-curricular activities to enrich students' lives

Learning is not restricted by formal curriculum. It takes place beyond the classroom and traditional school day. Informal and extra-curricular activities contribute substantially to learning outcomes.

Our College offers activities including:

- music enrichment
- visual arts
- performing arts
- sport
- our one-to-world program
- sustainability
- the Duke of Edinburgh Compass awards.

## Taking care of students' welfare

Lilydale Heights College ensures the student learning journey provides a supportive, safe and welcoming environment.

Welfare support includes a psychologist; an adolescent health nurse; a peer support program; a supportive friends program; and a mentoring program.

## Homestay for international students

All Victorian 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, 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
- attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of your parents.

One of our Lilydale homestay parents has this to say about our program:

*"We see being a homestay family as a fun opportunity to learn from the students as we engage them with our Aussie culture. The language barriers are big but it is such a delight to see the progress that each student slowly develops. We like to think that our encouraging support makes a great impact on them whilst staying with us."*

## The best of city living with access to Australia's natural beauty

Our College is located in the leafy eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The suburb of Lilydale is a gateway to tourist destinations in Victoria, for example, the beautiful Yarra Valley.

Lilydale Heights College is:

- close to shopping centres and facilities
- well serviced by public transport
- a 60 minute train ride to Melbourne's city centre
- within easy access to tertiary institutions and universities such as Melbourne University and RMIT University.




## A recent success story

Yuxuan Huang, from China, studied English as an Additional Language (EAL); Further Math; Health and Human Development; Chinese (First Language); Psychology; and Food Studies.

Yuxuan also gained a place as an exchange student to Japan whilst studying at Lilydale Heights College.

*"As an international student who studied in Lilydale Heights college, it was a very special experience for me. When I first came here, I could barely speak English but all the teachers and staff in Lilydale Heights were being absolutely patient friendly and helpful. They showed respect of cultural differences and they understand how international students would feel homesick sometimes.*

*I remember there was an excursion to Chinatown during Chinese New Year that the school organised. The teachers took us to the dumpling house for lunch and we saw a special lion dance as well. It was really sweet and thoughtful to have such a special excursion at that time."*

> ALL THE TEACHERS AND STAFF IN LILYDALE HEIGHTS WERE BEING ABSOLUTELY PATIENT FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL.



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