WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO DELIVERING SPECIALISED MIDDLE YEARS TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BE COMPETENT AND LIFELONG LEARNERS.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Wodonga Middle Years College.

Our College, along with Wodonga Senior Secondary College, provides students with a seamless Year 7 to 12 pathway. This has the largest subject offering for students to fulfil their chosen career and follow their interests.

Our three campuses at the Wodonga Middle Years College allow students to develop a positive learning partnership with their teachers in a smaller school environment. We work really hard to enable students to be happy, healthy and resilient at school.

We are committed to delivering specialised Middle Years teaching and learning strategies that empower students to be competent and lifelong learners.

Our excellence across the curriculum and the promotion of additional learning experiences outside the school, prepare students for making strong community connections.

We have a strong commitment to developing students for their career pathway. We also ensure that our students are fully equipped to make full use of the largest subject offering in the region when they transition to Wodonga Senior Secondary College.

We strongly believe in every student, every opportunity and welcome you to become an important part of our school community today.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal



WHY CHOOSE WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE?

Our international student program has welcomed students for four years, with many students coming to us from China and Vietnam. Our international students are a valuable part of the school's multi-cultural community.

We have a range of programs created specifically for them, including:

- specialist teachers in English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- a careers and work placement program, and a work experience resource centre
- a strong and supportive homestay community
- a dedicated team of international student coordinators
- strong links to Wodonga Senior Secondary College
- an English language centre close to the school campus

A carefully curated academic program

At Wodonga Middle Years College, we follow the Victorian F-10 Curriculum.

Our Year 7 students are enrolled in English; Maths; Science; Humanities; CARE; Health; and Physical Education. They also gain different experiences by rotating through additional fields including art, languages and technology.

In Year 8, they continue these same core subjects as well as choosing four subjects they're interested in, each semester.

In Year 9, we start to prepare students for their transition to the senior college. Like Years 7 and 8, students stay in their home group for core classes of English; Maths; Science; Humanities; and CARE. They also choose one elective. They can also select two subjects from the vertical group.

Our Academic Advancement Program is an accelerated learning program for students with high aspirations. Our aim is to help all students in the program achieve their learning goals in a supportive yet challenging environment.





A wide variety of extra-curricular activities

Music

The instrumental music program gives students an opportunity to learn an instrument during school hours and participate in a wide range of ensembles.

As well as voice coaching, we offer these instruments:

- woodwind – flute, clarinet, alto and tenor saxophone
- brass – trombone, trumpet, euphonium
- guitar
- bass guitar
- drum kit & percussion.

Sport

Our health and physical education program encourages lifelong participation in physical activities by developing students' positive attitudes, skills and movement competence.

The program investigates the factors - including nutrition - which promote and protect the physical, social and emotional health of individuals.

Sports include:

- athletics
- swimming
- gymnastics
- korfball
- tennis
- soccer
- netball
- European handball
- softball
- minor games.

Camps

Our Camps Week program aims to provide students the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with peers, experience unique activities and visit many tourist destinations in Victoria!

A real focus on student welfare and wellbeing

All our teachers and house leaders have an active role in building relationships with students. We have case managers within all our wellbeing teams who work very hard to build relationships with community services and agencies to support our students.

We also have a dedicated student welfare program which includes social workers and a psychologist.

Homestay for international 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
- 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.

A place perfectly suited to learning

The spectacular snowfields, mountains and rivers of Victoria's beautiful north-east are easy to access from Wodonga. This extraordinary natural environment makes this the perfect location to maintain a healthy lifestyle which benefits learning.

Wodonga, and its neighbouring city Albury, are home to many of the activities and attractions found in major cities. Albury/Wodonga is a vibrant, cosmopolitan twin city of 100,000 with annual growth of approximately 2,500 people per year. The area is home to a vibrant community which embraces the diversity of local and international artistic and cultural talent.

Wodonga Middle Years College - a medium-sized, co-educational secondary school is located in an attractive, safe residential area near central Wodonga.

The region is easily accessible by air, road and rail from Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.



A recent success story

Christine Yu, from China, is studying English; Humanities; Science; Maths; Cooking; Textiles; and Art, Technology at Wodonga Middle Years College.

"There are many reasons for an international student like me to study here at Wodonga Middle Years College, but one thing that I appreciate the most is that everyone feels welcomed here.

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