POINT COOK SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Point Cook Senior Secondary College, where we design our international student program to provide our students with an enriching and supportive environment to help them succeed.

At Point Cook Senior, we prioritise the wellbeing and success of our students above all else. We specifically design our international student program to provide an inclusive and welcoming space for students from all over the world to thrive academically and socially.

Our teachers value respect, effort and responsibility. They dedicate their experience to teaching. They also demonstrate and reinforce positive social and academic behaviours that promote a harmonious learning environment. By integrating student agency into all aspects of our school's operation, you'll gain empowerment to take control of your own learning journey.

We commit to supporting our international students in every way possible, from providing literacy and numeracy support to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to discover a world of opportunity! Join us at Point Cook Senior Secondary College and start your journey today.

Christopher Mooney
Principal



WHY CHOOSE POINT COOK SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE?

At Point Cook Senior Secondary College, we believe that supporting our students is essential to their success. Therefore, we provide a range of support services to help students thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

At all year levels, we design our student advisory program to provide support and guidance to students throughout their time at the school. Our student wellbeing leader oversees the program and provides extra support to students who may be experiencing personal or social difficulties.

Additionally, we offer welfare support, as well as assistance with homestay, transport, and other practical issues.

At Point Cook Senior Secondary College, we commit to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students. Our student support services help students achieve their full potential and reach their academic and personal goals.



An academic program that maximises student potential

Point Cook Senior's academic program is a well-designed and full curriculum aiming to provide students with a wide range of academic support services. It includes a fast-tracked Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) program. This makes it possible for students to complete their studies in a shorter time, giving them an edge over other students.

Point Cook Senior also offers subject-based masterclasses. In these classes students intensively study specific subjects with specialist support. The masterclasses intend to boost each student's overall academic performance.

Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) program caters for students from diverse language backgrounds. This gives them the language skills and support they need to succeed academically.

The academic program also features academic clubs and homework support sessions. Students can take part in extra-curricular activities. They can also receive additional support to help with their homework and assessments.

We design the academic program at Point Cook Senior to provide students with a well-rounded education. This prepares them for success in their academic pursuits and beyond. We offer a supportive learning setting where students can grow, think critically and also achieve academic excellence.





An exciting range of extra-curricular activities

We encourage students to take part in the wide range of extra-curricular activities we run throughout the year. This includes events like the school art exhibition, talent show, science fair and drama performances.

The college also celebrates events such as Multicultural Week, Reconciliation Week and the diversity and inclusion event, IDAHOT.

Students participate in study camps, the student leadership program, and a wide variety of sports activities. They also have opportunities to compete in regional and state sporting competitions.



Personalised student support

At Point Cook Senior, our international student coordinator is always on hand to look after the welfare of international students and their families. They provide ongoing support and advice about their studies, homestay, or in fact, anything they need an assistance with.

Our experienced careers counsellor helps students explore their career options, plan their academic pathway, and prepare for the workforce. They also provide guidance on university and TAFE applications, job search techniques, and interview skills.

Homestay for international students

Our school provides homestay accommodation with carefully selected families who offer a safe, secure and welcoming place for students to live, fully compliant with the Child Safe Standards. Our homestay families provide excellent support and care for international students. Each student enjoys a separate single room for personal use, three meals a day, seven days a week as well as snacks. Homestay parents also attend our parent/teacher evenings on behalf of the parents of 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.

Everything in easy reach

Point Cook Senior Secondary College, in the western bayside suburbs of Melbourne, is situated close to Point Cook's busy shopping precinct. We are well-serviced by public transport - with frequent train and bus services.

From the school, it's easy to access popular beaches, Werribee Zoo and the Sanctuary Lakes golf club by road or public transport.



A recent success story

Diep Huong Chi (Emma) Dinh from Vietnam studied English as an additional language (EAL); General Mathematics; Mathematical Methods; Health and Human Development; and Vietnamese Language at Point Cook Senior Secondary College.

Emma also participated in badminton, the school's homework club and was a student mentor. She is currently studying a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) at La Trobe University in Victoria.

"I am blessed to have represented the International student community and am thankful to all the teachers at Point Cook Senior as they are a part of my success. Three years at Point Cook Senior passed very quickly as I felt truly welcomed and supported there.

Fortunately for me, Point Cook Senior has become not only a place for study – I have met many friends here and have been introduced to a variety of different people from different backgrounds."

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