VIEWBANK COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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WE COMMIT TO QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING THAT CHALLENGE STUDENTS TO GROW AS LEARNERS AND INDIVIDUALS, DEVELOPING RESILIENCE, CREATIVITY, CURIOSITY AND A LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Viewbank College, with a current student population of 1,470, is a dynamic and inclusive learning community that welcomes international students in Years 7 to 12 from across the world.

We pledge to continue building a respectful environment that is positive, safe and caring-one that promotes empowerment, strives for equity, and honors the diversity of every background, experience, gender, sexuality, ability, age, culture and religion.

The college is renowned for its high academic standards, achieved through a blend of a welcoming atmosphere, firm discipline and active student encouragement. Our broad curriculum, multicultural environment, and innovative extracurricular choices ensure students have abundant opportunities to excel.

We commit to quality teaching and learning that challenge students to grow as learners and individuals, developing resilience, creativity, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.

Renowned for student success, the college's programs support each individual, nurture the whole person, and foster global awareness and an international perspective.

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Acting Principal



WHY CHOOSE VIEWBANK COLLEGE?

We warmly welcome international students to join our family! We are proud of our international student program. Our international students contribute a great deal to the multicultural diversity we enjoy.

We not only provide first-class academic education but also strongly support students' learning and personal growth.

In recent years, we have hosted international students from China, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, India, and South America. Families select our college for its academic standards and its reputation.

There are two school staff who provide comprehensive and high-quality support including:

- Homestay arrangements
- airport pick-up arrangements for new students
- pre-enrolment guidance
- our orientation program
- Chinese language support within the classroom
- school visits
- an extensive camp and international tours program
- a social and emotional learning program 7-12.

A high quality academic program

The Viewbank College Acceleration and Enhancement (AE) program is for gifted and talented learners identified as very capable, committed and enthusiastic.

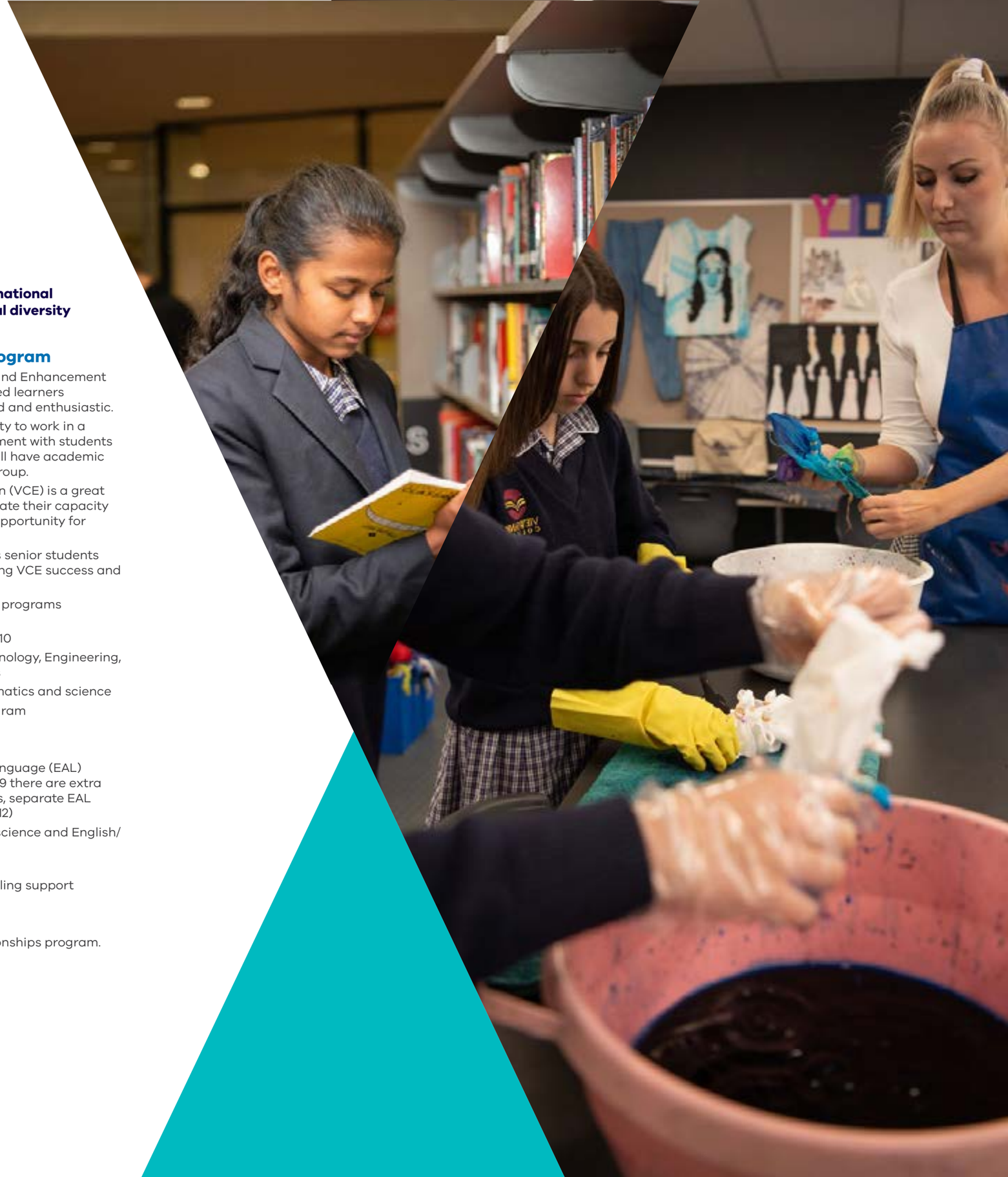
This program provides the opportunity to work in a challenging and stimulating environment with students of similar ability. Suitable students will have academic skills above those of their age peer group.

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is a great challenge for students to really evaluate their capacity as learners and establish their best opportunity for achieving quality pathways.

Viewbank College requires that all its senior students prioritise time and effort into achieving VCE success and being proud of their efforts.

At Viewbank College we offer special programs including:

- access to VCE Subjects from Year 10
- access to a range of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) programs
- extension opportunities in mathematics and science
- extensive instrumental music program
- IT and media studies
- Japanese and German languages
- strong English as an Additional Language (EAL) support (for students in Years 7 to 9 there are extra EAL support lessons per week; plus, separate EAL classes for students in Years 10 to 12)
- Homework clubs in mathematics/science and English/humanities
- a student leadership program
- Pastoral care and student counselling support
- a college nurse
- a work experience program
- a well-developed respectful relationships program.





A variety of extra-curricular activities

Viewbank College has a range of extra-curricular activities for students to get involved in. This is a great way to gain confidence in the English language and meet new friends!

We offer activities in musical instrument tuition and performance, college production and drama performances, a sporting program as well as debating and public speaking.

Plus, we also host a varied lunchtime activities program, world challeneg experience, USA performing arts and cultural tour and sister school exchange trips to Germany and Japan.

Serious about student welfare

Viewbank College commits to providing a safe environment where international students have their voices heard about the decisions that affect their lives.

We ensure the safety of international students, from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds, receives particular attention.

This includes:

Pre Departure:

All students and families receive a number of essential documents which outline the school policies, cost of books and uniforms, and information about living in Australia prior to arrival in Australia.

This also allows communication to take place between the student and the international student coordinator prior to departure.

Airport Pickup:

All students who require airport pickup will be met by a staff member from the international student program and taken to their homestay.

Orientation Program:

We have an orientation session for all students as soon as they arrive. We will provide them with a package including guidelines and school rules, procedures, etc.

Details about Australia, its customs and culture, the local area, and the school community are also incorporated.

Wellbeing Team:

Our college's student wellbeing team works closely with middle and senior school teams in initiating, coordinating, implementing and evaluating the student development and wellbeing programs.

The documentation available via the compass system enables all students to have consistent access to multiple physical, social as well as emotional supports.

Homestay for international students

Viewbank College homestays undergo close monitoring and regular visits by the international student coordinator and international student coordinator assistant.

Both the homestay provider and the student sign a homestay responsibility agreement to ensure each party is fulfilling their responsibilities.

We have strict homestay regulations to ensure the safety of our students.

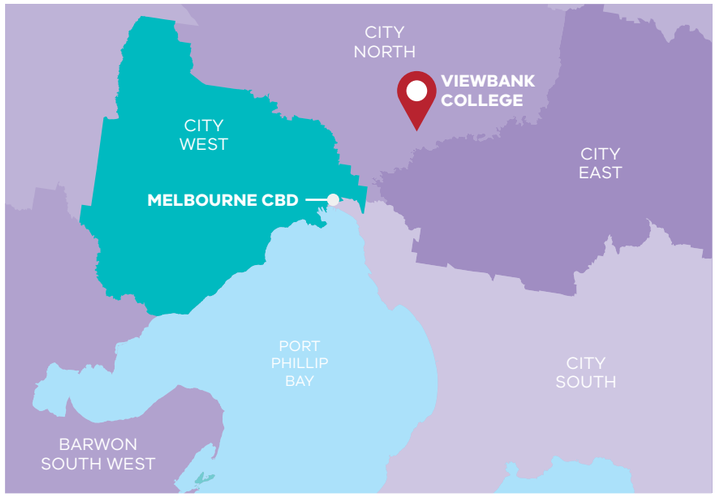
Your homestay family will provide you with:

- a safe, secure, welcoming place to live
- a household compliant with the Child Safe Standards
- a separate single room for your personal use
- three meals a day, seven days a week, including snacks
- facilities – a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- utilities – gas, electricity, heating and water costs, internet
- cleaning services of common living areas
- the use of living areas within the residence
- study facilities – desk, study light, bookcase
- attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of your parents.

Easily accessible location

Viewbank College is located close to a range of native flora and fauna reserves with attractive school grounds. Our school is approximately 17kms from Melbourne's city centre and is:

- close to shopping centres, banking, medical and entertainment amenities
- serviced by regular train lines and bus routes
- a friendly and safe community environment with plenty of parks, walking, and bike trails.



A recent success story

Vu Chau Anh (Jules) NGUYEN, from Vietnam, is currently studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

Jules was also a winner of the Global Community Engagement Award in the 2025 Victorian Global Learning Awards (VGLA).

"It's been an honor being a student at Viewbank College, and I am incredibly grateful for the amount of support that my peers, teachers, and the overall school community has given me.

Studying at this school provided me with opportunities to make meaningful relationships and inspired me to become a leader and change maker within the community.

Most importantly, I am able to see my growth as a person by learning from those around me, whose encouragement gives me confidence in my future endeavors."

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