ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Essendon Keilor College, we are committed to nurturing the progress of each student at every stage of their learning journey.

Our commitment to individual growth and success, coupled with a strong emphasis on support and connection, encourages our students to embody our core expectations: “Be Respectful, Be Engaged, Be Aspirational, and Be a Learner.”

Students at our college have abundant opportunities to excel, whether in general academic pursuits, sports academies, visual and performing arts, debating, leadership, or instrumental music programs. We believe in providing a platform for students to showcase their talents, not only to the local community but also to the broader school community. These events serve a dual purpose by bringing the school community together to celebrate the diverse achievements of our students.

We foster a vibrant sense of community, cultivating a robust three-way partnership among home, students, and school. Our belief in high expectations empowers students to take responsibility for their own learning. By emphasising the holistic development of each individual, we have a theme centred around building positive connections and providing our students with the opportunity to be the best version of themselves each and every day.

While this website brochure offers valuable insights, it cannot substitute the firsthand experience of exploring our school. I extend a warm invitation for you to get in touch with us and uncover why Essendon Keilor College is an excellent choice for your child and family.

Adam Potter
Principal



WHY CHOOSE ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE?

For over 25 years our international student program has been welcoming students from Cambodia, Chile, China, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Brazil, Germany, France, Bali, Iran, Türkiye and Vietnam.

Students settle in very quickly and succeed because they feel safe, happy and well supported both at school and at home.

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

- multicultural administrative staff
- an English support program
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Vietnamese first language classes
- a careers resource centre
- a dedicated international student coordinator
- an on-site English language centre
- a dedicated international student's resource space and support staff.

An academic program which encourages students to excel

We are committed to providing quality instruction using consistent approaches across year levels.

We ensure a scope and sequence of curriculum delivery to provide a smooth transition from year level to year level and both of our junior campuses to the senior campus.

In striving for peak performance, achieving excellence in every endeavour remains the goal of our senior (Years 10 to 12) students.

The senior campus provides the ideal young adult learning environment for our motivated students and dedicated staff. They are partners in learning.

The tuition, coaching, targeted feedback and moral support provided helps prepare future-ready students. To therefore become graduates who have the knowledge, skills and mindfulness required to succeed beyond our gates.

Our commitment to delivering a future-focused curriculum includes ensuring all students have access to a full suite of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs. Plus, for these to be accessible in the classroom, across clubs, international tours, as well as state and national competitions.







A variety of extra-curricular activities

All students are encouraged to develop their leadership potential and to demonstrate the growing self-awareness, confidence and skills required to serve others.

Opportunities to lead peers and participate in extra-curricular activities occur formally and informally in the classroom, as well as through our extra-curricular and service programs. These include:

- student leadership
- book club
- our instrumental music program
- our performance and preforming arts program
- visual arts exhibitions
- interschool sporting teams
- community service opportunities
- camps and tours
- clubs and activities
- Sports Academy: Australian rules football, basketball and netball.

Serious about student welfare

The wellbeing of every student at Essendon Keilor College is our highest priority.

It is an important outcome in its own right, but it is also a precondition for learning – making the two inseparable.

Our wellbeing and support services include:

- our orientation program
- extra language support classes
- integration into mainstream classes
- personal and careers/course counselling
- our international student program team consisting of multicultural/multilingual aides and expert staff specifically to teach and care for our international students.

Homestay for international students

We have successfully hosted students through our homestay program for more than 25 years, ensuring the provision of secure, caring, comfortable and culturally enriching experiences.

We are ideally located in a safe, but exciting area between the Melbourne international airport and the Central Business District.

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 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.

Maria, one of our homestay parents, was recently awarded the Homestay Family of the Year Award (Government school) at the 2026 Victorian Global Learning Awards.

"Maria is a source of comfort, guidance and inspiration. From the moment I arrived, she welcomed me with warmth and kindness, and helped me adjust to daily life. I will always be grateful to her for making an unfamiliar place feel like home."

- Homestay student

Easily accessible location

Essendon Keilor College is a multi-campus college located in the north-western metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne but close to the vibrant city centre, and less than 20 minutes from Melbourne international airport.

Our campuses are served by excellent public transport services including tram, train and bus routes.

Our local community offers nearby major shopping centres as well as business and entertainment areas.



A recent success story

Mark Pham came to Essendon Keilor College to study from Vietnam. He received an ATAR score of 94. The subjects he chose to study in VCE were EAL, Vietnamese First Language, Math Methods, Specialist Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

At school Mark was involved in many extracurricular activities including Chess and Badminton. He received a scholarship from Swinburne University and is now studying a Bachelor of Architecture.

"The English Language Centre fully prepared me for mainstream classes and made it easy for me to understand the lessons. The people are helpful and kind. I try to be as independent as possible, but it's reassuring to have the support of staff who speak my language. I would highly recommend EKC to international students. The school genuinely cares about student wellbeing, creating a safe, welcoming environment where you feel supported to thrive both personally and academically."

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