ASHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Choosing a school where your child will thrive and be happy is one of the most significant and considered decisions we, as parents, can make.

We understand that you are looking for a high quality school, with excellence in teaching and learning; a safe environment where your child will feel supported, connected and happy at school; and a school that offers diverse co-curricular programs in which your child will discover and enhance their interests and talents. A school where it is possible for your child to reach his or her full potential and be known as an individual, a person and a learner.

Although we are situated on an enormous 15 hectare site, with a newly built Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) centre opening in 2023, we pride ourselves on knowing each and every single student. A highlight for me as principal is greeting our students in the yard each day before school, at recess and at lunchtime. I pride myself on knowing all their names as well as their strengths, interests and challenges. Observing their progress through the years and watching them grow into confident and well-rounded young people is one of my greatest rewards.

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I hope that you would like to learn more about the respect students and staff have for one another. Through our culture of respect our CHOIR values come to life:

C for Community

H for High Expectations

O for Optimism

I for Innovation

R for Respect.

Yours faithfully,

Brett Moore
Principal

2021 Australian Education Awards finalist for Government School Principal of the Year

2022 Victorian Education Excellence Awards finalist for Colin Simpson Outstanding Secondary Principal

WHY CHOOSE ASHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL?

Ashwood High School welcomes international students from across the world and we value the contributions they make to our school community. We currently host students from Chile, China, Greece, Indonesia, Korea, USA and Vietnam. Of our almost 800 students, 36 are international students.

Our international students trust us to prepare them for a successful future, with a high proportion of students completing their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) studies and gaining entry to university.

The International Student Program at Ashwood High School focuses on personalised support for each student. We make every effort to help international students develop academically and in their personal lives.

The services and support we provide include:

- Comprehensive orientation program
- Student buddy program
- After-school homework club
- Holiday revision program
- Course counselling for subject selection
- Additional English as an Additional Language (EAL) support
- Translation and interpretation service

A high quality academic program

At Ashwood High School, we're proud of our academic traditions and history. Our core curricular programs include Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM), English, humanities, arts, music, sports, and other languages (French and Chinese).

High-performing, highly motivated students who are ready for the challenge of a complex, fast-paced and integrated program of learning can join our specialised ACE educational program. ACE testing is open to all Year 6 and Year 7 students, including international students.

We aim to help all students improve their English skills. We provide intensive English language programs for international students in Years 7-10 to build a solid foundation for their VCE studies. We also offer English as an Additional Language (EAL) as a VCE subject for international students in Years 11-12.



A variety of extra-curricular activities

Ashwood offers a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities for students, and we encourage everyone to take part. Students have many opportunities to take on leadership roles. There are regular debating and public speaking competitions. We offer student camps and orientation tours. Additional highlights of the school calendar include our annual gala performance, drama productions and music performance evenings.

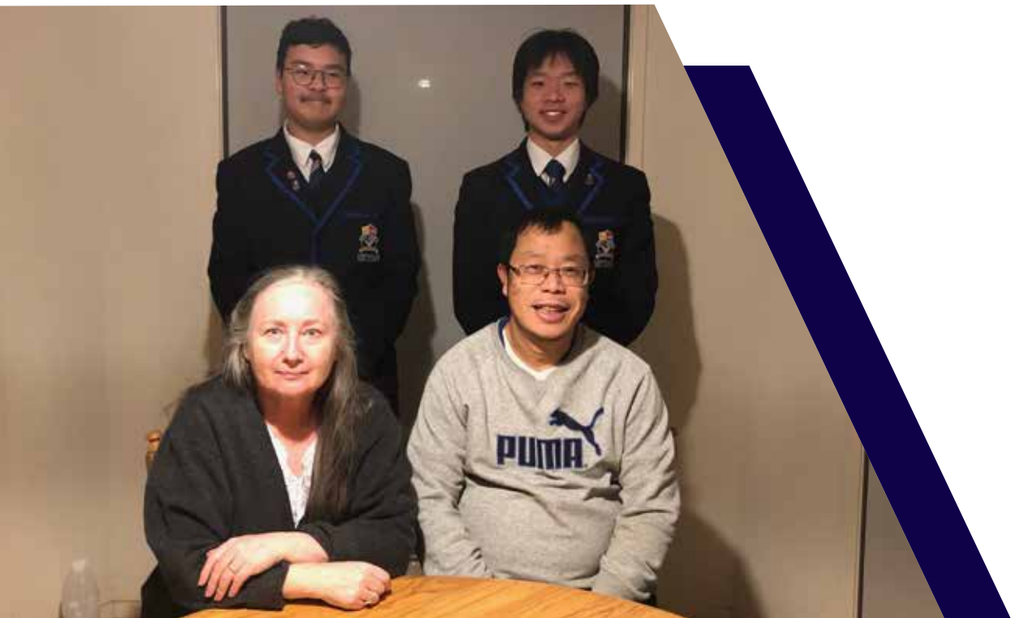
Serious about student welfare

At Ashwood, we take our responsibility for the care and support of every student seriously. From the day of arrival, we actively support each international student, with our student buddy program helping new students to feel at home. We also provide career and pathway counselling, pastoral care (emotional and social support) and counselling, and we regularly communicate with parents about their children's welfare and progress.

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 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

Ashwood High School is just 15 kilometres from the Melbourne's Central Business District, in the city's leafy eastern suburbs. The school is serviced by excellent public transport, with frequent buses and trains easily accessible by students. The school is also located close to Chadstone Shopping Centre, the largest shopping centre in the southern hemisphere.



A recent success story

Chi Lap (Andy) Kuok, from Macau, China, studied EAL, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Physics and History at Ashwood, and he also participated in the Student Leadership program, and was nominated for the national program, Lions Youth of the Year 2021. He now studies for a Bachelor of Engineering at Monash University.

"I am so proud to have studied at Ashwood High School. The teachers at Ashwood have always been my role models as they are always kind, respectful and with high expectations of us. Ashwood High School provides a safe and welcoming environment which encourages students from different cultures to integrate, grow and reach their full potential. Over my time at Ashwood, I learned not only knowledge from the textbooks, but also important life skills as well as developing my overall capabilities."

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