

KURNAI COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education and Training





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kurnai College is a welcoming place for you to come and learn.

I live in Yarram with my wife Jenna, three children as well as our pet dog and cat. We are located about 30 minutes' drive from Kurnai College and near the coast.

All international students will be invited to my house for lunch, and I will show you and our other new students my home and surrounding areas!

We live in a beautiful part of the world, and I would love to meet you, show you our countryside and help you achieve success in your chosen pathway.

At Kurnai College, you will be looked after by our experienced international student coordinator and other staff who speak languages including Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and German.

Our students have access to all of the facilities on offer at Federation University, plus free tutoring from university students. There are also free camps and excursions, including interstate trips, for international students.

Many international students have attended our College and there are many wonderful success stories. I hope your story becomes one of them!

Anthony Rodaughan
Principal

THE SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL THROUGH ITS LEARNING PROGRAM. THIS RECOGNISES THAT EACH STUDENT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN FORWARD FROM THEIR OWN SPECIFIC STARTING POINT.



WHY CHOOSE KURNAI COLLEGE?

Kurnai College is an ideal school for international students to avoid the distractions of big cities and take advantage of the authentic English-speaking environment.

Meanwhile, easy transport to and from Melbourne makes it possible for our international students to explore this multicultural city. They also have the opportunity to visit relatives and friends in Melbourne or interact with other students during the holidays and weekends.

We cap the number of international students at 40 to ensure the best possible support to each and every international student.

In recent years, we have welcomed international students from USA, UK, China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malta, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.

All of our international students have had pleasant and unforgettable experiences during their stay at Kurnai College.

International students graduating from Kurnai College have successfully enrolled in some of the best Australian and international universities. This includes the University of Melbourne, Monash University, Durham University (UK) and the University of Michigan (USA).

We have a range of programs specifically for international students including:

- an on-site English language centre
- an experienced Chinese, Japanese and German international student coordinator; plus, other staff who speak languages
- access to all facilities at Federation University, as well as free tutoring from university students
- free camps and excursions, including interstate trips
- access to gym and leisure centre membership.

An academic program which encourages students to excel

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is the certificate that the majority of students receive on satisfactory completion of their secondary education. The VCE provides diverse pathways to further study or training at university or TAFE and into employment.

At Kurnai College, our core focus is to provide opportunities for students to gain success in their senior studies within an adult learning environment. Our campus is located within the grounds of the Gippsland Campus of Federation University.

We offer a wide range of subjects for VCE students to choose from, covering areas of maths, languages, humanities, economics, science, health, arts and technologies.

In recent years, international students at Kurnai College achieved outstanding results in their VCE exams, with an average ATAR over 85. The highest possible score is 99.95.

From 2009 to 2021, all international students received university/TAFE offers with a 100 per cent enrolment rate. Most of these students have been admitted to prestigious universities in Australia as well as other countries.

Kurnai College is also proud to offer students many opportunities to discover their creative talents and develop their passions. This is through participation in some Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects where students gain hands-on learning through working in their area of interest.

Participating in a VET program often gives students an advantage when applying for employment as they've gained experience in their area of interest.





A great choice of extra-curricular activities

Students in Years 7 to 10 can have the opportunity to participate in the advanced learning program. This enables them to experience the depth and breadth of thinking and learning in maths, English, science and humanities. All by developing an excellent work ethic and being challenged with new ideas and practices.

The College music program offers students the opportunity to be part of a vibrant and engaging extra-curricular activity. Instrumental tuition is available for a variety of instruments including woodwind, brass, percussion and stringed instruments.

In Year 7, all students will engage in a semester of classroom music. Students will learn how to read, write and play music. Elective music classes begin in Years 9 and 10 where students will continue to develop their musicianship skills in preparation for music in VCE.

Other extra-curricular programs include the principal's farm trip. This enables students to experience local culture as well as what it's like to engage fully in a school holiday excursion/trip.

There are also a number of sporting teams where international students participate in local competitions. This includes a wide variety of sports, for example, Australian Rules Football (AFL), basketball, badminton and many more.

Making welfare and support a priority

At Kurnai College, we understand that a high-quality education is important when choosing a school. Yet, we also understand it is important that students are in an environment where they feel safe and supported.

Types of support available for international students include:

- free school uniforms
- carefully handpicked homestay families
- an introduction to school and the surrounding areas
- a buddy program
- extra support and tutoring
- small study groups at lunchtime
- 24/7 emergency access to staff.

At Kurnai College, we understand the joy and stress experienced by international students, as well as the

expectations and concerns of their parents. The support team at school, as well as all the teachers and staff members, are willing to accompany, help and support our international students to make their stay at Kurnai College an unforgettable experience.

Homestay for international students

At Kurnai College, we understand the importance to provide international students with a 'home-away-from-home.'

Living with Australian local families helps international students explore Australian culture, make new friends, and improve their English.

Homestay families carry the responsibility of monitoring a student's study and their welfare out of school hours. They keep in close contact with the school and report any concerns.

To create a more suitable living environment, the school arranges no more than two students to be in any homestay family.

Homestay families provide students with:

- 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, as well as 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.

After international students are settled in their homestay families, international student coordinators keep in regular contact with families to make sure students are well looked after and closely monitored.

Easily accessible location

Kurnai College is located in the centre of picturesque Gippsland in Victoria.

Travelling to Melbourne's city centre by car takes about 90 minutes. You can also take V/Line trains to reach Flinders Street Station in the heart of Melbourne.

The Gippsland region is a famous tourist attraction in Australia, with a pleasant climate and beautifully varied landscapes. It offers vast golden beaches and lakes for people to enjoy the sunshine and water sports in the summer. In the winter, the mountains provide people with skiing fields and resorts.

Our wonderful student city offers:

- easy access to The City of Latrobe, providing excellent modern lifestyle facilities
- close proximity to both the ocean and mountains, yet within 90 minutes of Melbourne
- easy transition for international students to study at Federation University's Gippsland Campus.



Recent success stories

Yuxin Li, from China, is currently studying a Bachelor of Law at Durham University in the United Kingdom.

"Kurnai College was more like a family to me. The environment, students and teachers were very supportive. The courses offered there are flexible, and very different from China's school system. I was able to choose the subjects I was interested in, such as Legal Studies, to boost my future career choices. I'd like to invite you to be one of us."

Pengzuo Jian, also from China, is currently studying a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of Melbourne.

"At Kurnai College, students are passionate about achieving their dreams. It's lucky Kurnai College is located within Federation University. I often study in the university library, with university students. I feel like I'm one of them. International students are well looked after here. We celebrate traditional festivals of different countries, and school even pays to have Chinese food delivered to us every Thursday. I'll cherish the rest of my time studying at Kurnai College."

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