WESTALL SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“There are no secrets to success. Success is the result of preparation and hard work.”

This is the attitude we try to instil in our students at Westall Secondary College.

We want our students to be well prepared when they take on any challenge in life and know that hard work is the only sure way to succeed in life.

Our focus in Year 7 is to build sound habits in our students that will be the cornerstone of successfully completing the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

We want our students to receive the best educational opportunities and that is why we have a bring your own device program across the school.

This is to make sure our students are immersed in the technology that is changing the way we all live.

Our educational program is designed to identify areas of improvement and to respond quickly to our students’ needs. So that by the time our students reach the VCE in senior high school, we are confident that they have the skills and the knowledge to achieve great things.

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Tristan Lanarus
Principal

WHY CHOOSE WESTALL SECONDARY COLLEGE?

We have a well-established international student program, whereby students complete their secondary education in Australia. The College welcomes students from China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia and India.

Our brand-new international centre provides international students with a full-time coordinator and several assistants. They are all available to support students throughout their time at the school.

International students have access to:

- experienced international Chinese and Vietnamese program assistants
- a weekly program, 'iCreate' where students select an area of interest or a passion of theirs
- 'Aim', a program for high achievers at all year levels
- a homework support program, available twice a week
- extra English as an Additional Language (EAL) support for international students.

An academic program which encourages students to excel

At Westall, our teachers encourage students to have high expectations of themselves and to best support this, we have a set of learning behaviours.

A reward system is in place to encourage students to adopt the learning behaviours and reflect them in everything they do at school.

Students in the senior school are able to select from a wide range of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subjects, which we are committed to assisting students to achieve success in.

Monash university and community partnerships offer our students enhanced opportunities to pathways beyond secondary schooling.





A variety of extra-curricular activities

Students can participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities including:

- international student excursions, birthday/festivity celebrations
- academic subject competitions
- numerous sporting clubs
- a camp program
- our Year 12 formal
- various lunchtime activities.

Serious about student welfare

Students have access to the following wellbeing and support services:

- Chinese and Vietnamese international student aides
- a careers counsellor and a resource centre
- a full-time student counsellor and a part-time nurse
- a breakfast club
- a Year 12 examination revision program
- a study skills program for Years 11 and 12.

Homestay for international students

The school is fortunate to have a large number of regular and supportive homestay families. Many of our international students are placed with homestay families.

Staff members from the international student program regularly visit all homestays and provide clear guidelines and expectations to support their students.

International students who require homestay during their study at Westall Secondary College have access to a range of local families who can provide caring and supportive homes.

The local community is multicultural, and students are matched with the best possible homestay provider, based on individual preferences.

Homestay families will 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.

One of our homestay parents, Kim Nguyen, has this to say about our program:

"I've had many years of experience looking after students when they first arrive in Australia. I treat them like my children, always care about their study and friends. Thank you, Westall Secondary School, for giving us the chance to look after their students."

Easily accessible location

Our College is located in the suburb of Clayton South, just 20 km south-east of Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD). We are well-serviced by train lines and bus routes, Westall train station is only 400 metres, a 5 minute walk away.

Other features of our school's location include being:

- a short train or bus journey from a variety of Melbourne's university campuses
- close to Chadstone shopping centre, Dandenong market, Springvale and Clayton shopping malls and Monash Hospital
- there are also many culturally diverse eateries and grocery shops in the area.

Students also have access to the Westall Hub, which is in close proximity to the school. Students can use the library and computers with internet facilities after school hours.



A recent success story

Linda LY came to Westall Secondary College from Cambodia. She studied EAL, Math Methods, Specialist Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese as a Second Language and Health achieving an ATAR score of 95.45. Linda received our Dux of the School award for 2021.

Linda is currently studying a Bachelor of Vision Sciences, Master of Optometry at Deakin University.

Linda participated in our mentoring program, organised breakfast club and was also a member of our student representative council (SRC).

"I really enjoyed my time at Westall and the friends I made. The culture at Westall was the most important thing. In our most busy year the culture between students and teachers became more like friends. The new international centre was so good, and the international staff are all friendly and helpful. If you have anything, you can always ask."

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