FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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WE OFFER OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS SO THEY CAN ENJOY THEIR TEENAGE YEARS AND DEVELOP INTO SUCCESSFUL ADULTS.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Fairhills High School, the growth of each individual student is our primary focus.

Through transformative programs such as the school-wide positive behaviour program, we challenge students (and all members of the school community) to be the best version of themselves. As a result, students experience high learning growth and graduate as a responsible and confident 21st-century learner.

We offer outstanding educational programs and provide students with the best opportunity to achieve success so they can enjoy their teenage years and develop into successful adults.

The extremely positive Year 12 destination data reflects the excellent education students experience at Fairhills High School.

If you require more detail, please feel free to contact the school directly. Our professional and dedicated staff will help you with your inquiries.

I am certain that you will find Fairhills High School to be an excellent choice for your child.

Ian Van Schie
Principal



WHY CHOOSE FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL?

Our international student program has welcomed students from China, Germany, Japan and other south-east Asian countries for more than 15 years.

The program is a valuable part of our school's multi-cultural community, and we offer a dedicated suite of benefits to help international students have a wonderful experience. These include:

- intensive personal tutoring, free of charge
- a school leadership program
- support staff who speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Japanese
- a supportive English as an Additional Language (EAL) program;
- a dedicated, fully integrated student program to support close connections
- the THRIVE program, which focuses on social and emotional development, career support and 21st century skills.

One measure of the success of our international student program is that an international student from China was the Dux of the School in 2021.

A program focusing on the needs of each year group

The school is structured to create the best possible learning experience for every student at every point of their learning and wellbeing journey.

Fairhills High School implements a wide range of evidence based high growth strategies that support and challenge each student at their point of need. These include:

- Fairhills LEARN instructional model
- Individual education plans
- High ability programs
- Accelerated learning Year 9-12
- Comprehensive EAL program

In Year 7 & 8, students study a core curriculum with a major focus on literacy and numeracy to support readiness for the later years at Fairhills High School. Students focus on their emotional and social development via the THRIVE program.

In Year 9 & 10 core subjects are English, maths, physical education and CONNECT (Year 9 only). Approximately 65% of subjects are electives and are chosen exclusively by the students. Electives include, algebra, coding, criminal investigation and outdoor education.

The Senior School at Fairhills consists of students in Year 10-Year 12. Year 10 students have the opportunity to begin their VCE journey by completing one to two VCE Year subjects. All Year 11 & 12 students complete the VCE full time. The school places great important on course counselling to support students to select subjects and a study pathway which best meets their strengths, interests and career aspirations.





Extra-curricular activities to help students thrive

We offer a rich and varied program of extra-curricular activities. Participating is a great way for students to make friends and gain confidence - especially in their use of the English language. Activities include:

- international student tours
- year level camps (destinations include Phillip Island, Central Australia)
- the annual musical
- a chess club
- a philosophy club
- homework clubs/tutoring
- an art club.

The Fairhills specialised basketball program aims to develop the leadership, athletic and academic potential of our players. Players have an opportunity to participate in an elite basketball development program, compete in two major school competitions and be invited to try out for state school sports teams.

Taking care of students' welfare

We know that for students to do well academically and develop socially, it's important to nurture and enhance their wellbeing. At Fairhills, we offer a wide range of wellbeing supports to our students and their homestay families. Our activities and support staff include:

- counselling at our careers resource centre
- a dedicated peer support program
- a trained mental health practitioner
- our Fairhills school chaplain
- a specialist pathways manager
- a well-being manager
- a dedicated international student coordinator.

Homestay for international students

Homestay living is an important and valuable part of the Australian study experience for international students.

Living with a homestay family gives students a wonderful insight into the Australian lifestyle and our experienced hosts are comfortable with - and welcoming of - students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Homestay hosts embrace international students as part of their family. They encourage and care for students, and stay in regular contact with their parents.

All homestay families are hand-picked from the school and local community.

In Victoria, all government school homestay families provide:

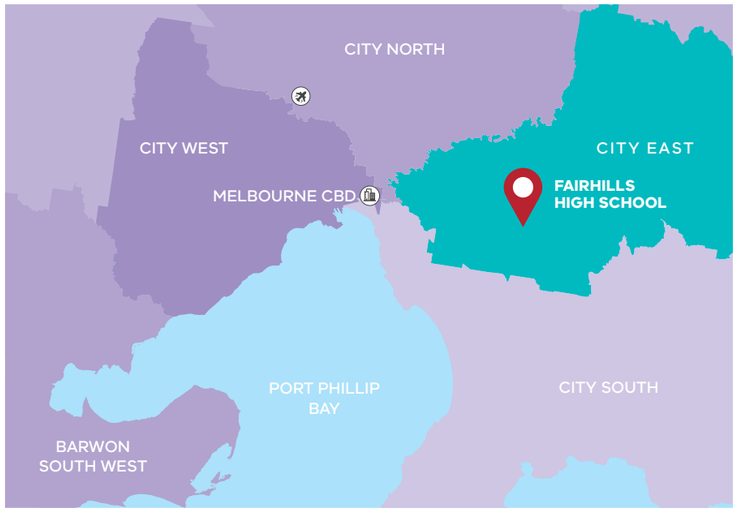
- a safe, secure, welcoming place to live
- a household compliant with the Child Safe Standards
- a separate single room for the student's personal use
- three meals a day, seven days a week, including snacks
- facilities including a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- utilities including gas, electricity, heating and water costs, and 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.

The best of city living with access to Australia's natural beauty

Fairhills High School is in Melbourne's eastern suburbs at Knoxfield, 32 kilometres from the city centre. The school is close to the beautiful natural surrounds of the scenic Dandenong Ranges National Park.

Knoxfield is well serviced by public transport. There is easy access to the Central Business District (CBD) and the major universities e.g. Melbourne and Monash universities.

The local area also has excellent amenities including Knox Shopping Centre (with over 400 shops) , and high quality sporting and leisure facilities.



A recent success story

Guangyun (Lionel) Yu from China studied English as Additional Language (English); Maths Methods; Specialist Maths; Chemistry; Physics; and Chinese as First Language at Fairhills. He also participated in the Chinese chess club.

Lionel was awarded Dux of the School and went on to study a Bachelor of Design and architecture at Melbourne University.

"I am grateful that Fairhills has given me a unique opportunity to experience the international student program. I would like to thank all my teachers in helping me in a very supportive environment. Although every one of us was struggling throughout the Covid Pandemic, I managed to try something new and achieved my personal best by achieving the top ATAR score for the school."

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