# MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Mount Alexander College is regarded internationally as one of the most innovative progressive schools with a focus on student empowerment and student learning.**

We differentiate and design learning to improve all students and ensure every student achieves maximum learning growth every year. Every student has an individual learning plan and we guide them to discover, pursue and enhance their interests and passions.

Our College has a community focus where students feel known and cared for. Our philosophy is that students learn best and are better prepared for the challenges of life when they take control and have ownership of 'their choices'.

Mount Alexander College has partnerships with the University of Melbourne, Victoria University and RMIT, all within 10 kilometres of the school. Students have a range of leadership opportunities and access to over 30 different scholarship programs.

**Dani Angelico**
**Principal**

# WHY CHOOSE MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE?

**Mount Alexander College has a dedicated team that supports all international students. The college has students from 15 different countries including Europe and Asia.**

It offers the following services:

- cultural and sporting activities
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) support
- an English language centre located five kilometres from our school campus
- tutoring and study skills classes.

## An academic program which encourages students to excel

The College has an innovative vertical learning structure which ensures all students are challenged at the level most appropriate for their individual needs.

Students can choose from over 100 electives. Students are guided to select appropriate courses for their chosen pathway based on their skill and teacher recommendation.

The Resource Centre is the hub of our school. It offers a welcoming and engaging environment for students and staff to read, study and relax with friends. There is a cafe area for students to eat their lunch as well as couches, booths and bean bags to relax on. During class time, students use the Resource Centre to catch up on their classwork or complete additional study.

## Extra-curricular activities to enrich the student experience

Our co-curricular programs enrich the learning and wellbeing of all our students. All students have the access and opportunity to participate in the many camps; clubs; International Study programs; Leadership and Mentoring programs; plus sporting events – both social and competitive.

Students at Mount Alexander College also have the opportunity to be involved in many other co-curricular programs. These include:

- school study tours
- instrumental music tuition and bands
- chess; computer; debating; homework; sustainability; and breakfast clubs
- interschool Sports program
- arts, film festival and music performances.





## Serious about student welfare

At Mount Alexander College, we consider student wellbeing to be an essential part of every student's learning.

We have a dedicated student wellbeing and engagement team to ensure students feel safe, engaged and connected at school.

The College takes a holistic approach to student wellbeing. This includes social and academic engagement and success. Students participate in a range of programs that address health and nutrition, sleep, developing a positive and growth mindset.

Our welfare and support services include:

- airport pick-up
- Chinese, Vietnamese and Arabic speaking staff to assist students settling in Australia
- personal counselling through coordinators and the student welfare coordinator
- international student coordinator support visits to our student's homestay and regular contact with family overseas.

## Homestay for international students

International students stay with families in the local area. We choose our homestay families carefully to ensure that students have the best possible experience living in Australia.

Homestay families receive regular advice and assistance, and the international student coordinator works closely with all of the homestay families to promptly resolve any issues.

Your homestay family will provide you 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 your parents.

A couple of our homestay parents, Helene and Jim, have this to say about our program:

*"As homestay parents, we believe Mount Alexander College offers an integrated and supportive school environment for international students and achieves good academic results for students.*

*The location is near the city allowing students access to a wealth of activities, transport, part-time work and community connections that support international students both during and after school hours.*

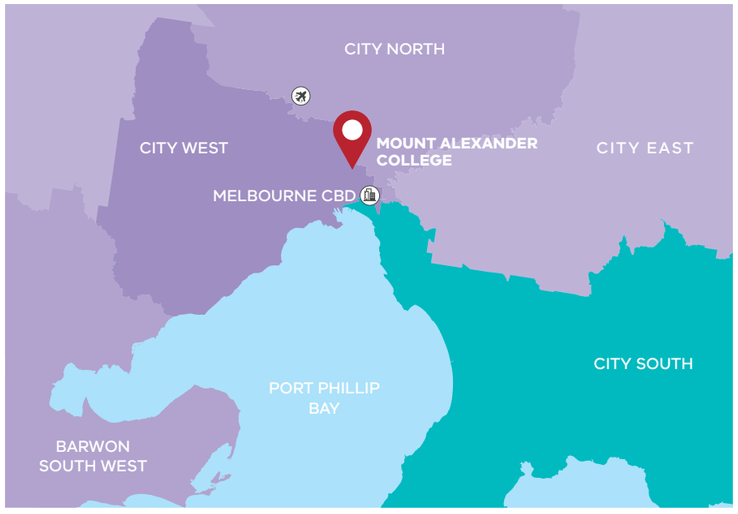
*The school values every student as an individual and has access to other academic choices through partnerships with other schools. For example, our homestay student studies Chinese on the weekend at a nearby school."*

## Easily accessible location

The school is located in inner city Melbourne and is only five kilometres from the centre of the city.

We are only a short train or tram ride from Melbourne's Central Business District providing an exciting inner city urban environment.

Mount Alexander College is well serviced by trains, trams and buses. The college is also near a major shopping centre.




## A recent success story

Regina from Vietnam studied EAL, Mathematical Methods, Business Management, Psychology and General Mathematics for her Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). She achieved an ATAR of 95.55, including an outstanding raw score of 46 in EAL.

Regina has since been accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce at The University of Melbourne.

*"Studying at Mount Alexander College (MAC) as an international student has been a meaningful journey of growth and resilience. The diverse environment at MAC and the support from my teachers helped me gradually build confidence in both my English and academic abilities.*

*Year 12 was a challenging and stressful time, but I am very grateful to have had friends and dedicated teachers who supported me throughout the entire year. Without their guidance and encouragement, I may not have achieved the results that allowed me to pursue my dream course at my dream university.*

*MAC will always be a place that reminds me how far I have come - overcoming challenges, building confidence and achieving my goals."*

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