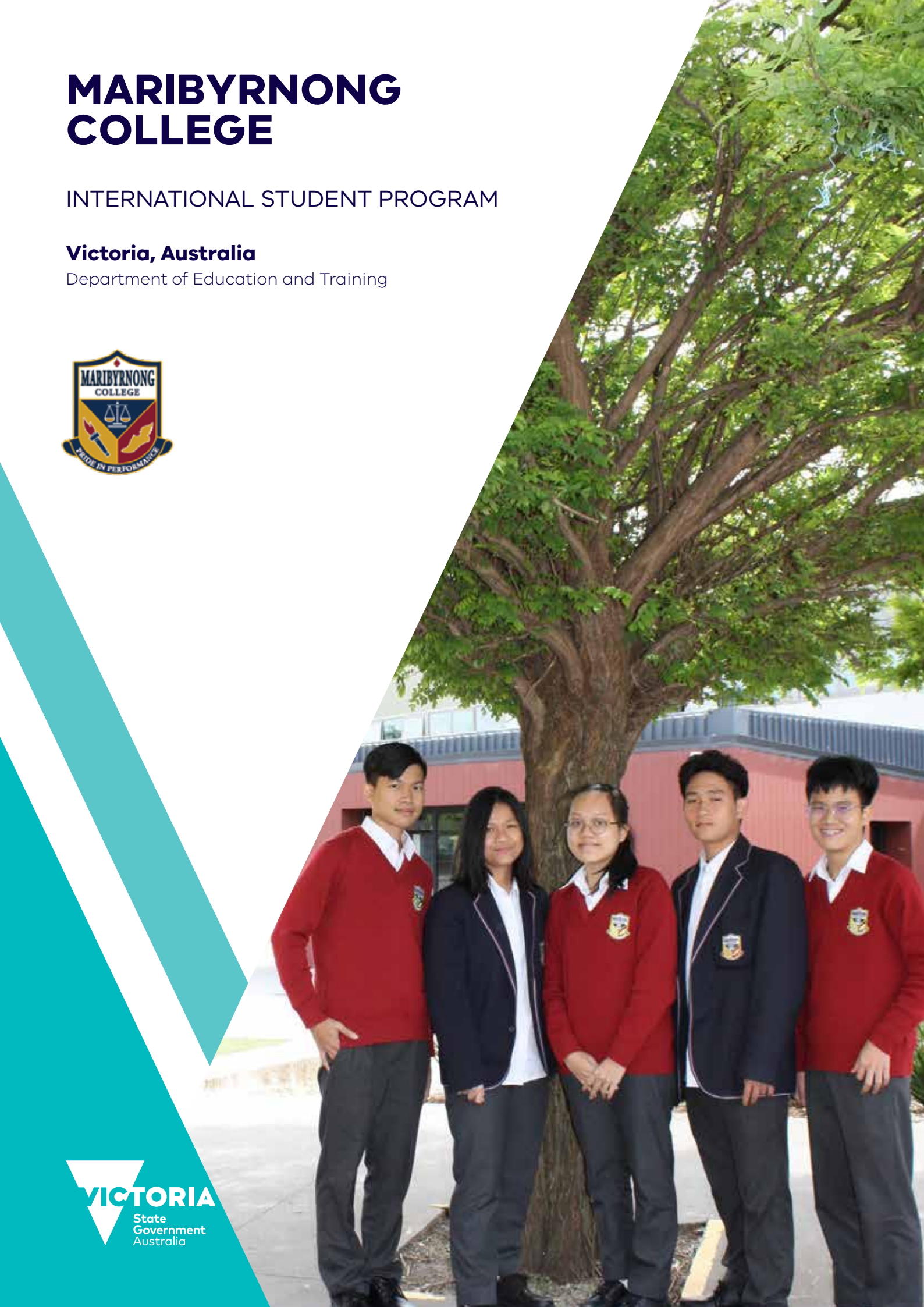
MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Maribyrnong College provides a broad education for students in Years 7 to 12. It is also home to Victoria's only state-funded sports specialism with a sports enrolment comprising nearly 40 per cent of the school population.

The school's International Student Program supports 50 international students, predominantly in Years 10 to 12. Additionally, the College provides an English as an Additional Language (EAL) program to support students of non-English speaking backgrounds.

Maribyrnong College delivers programs that produce excellent outcomes for students in both academic and sporting endeavours and this is aptly described by the school's motto "pride in performance".

The College has grown significantly in recent years with close to 1,300 students enrolled for 2020. In turn, staff numbers have risen to total of 150 this year.

All students at Maribyrnong College undertake the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the College consistently places in the top 20 per cent of state schools for VCE performance since 2015.

Nick Scott
Principal



WHY CHOOSE MARIBRYNONG COLLEGE?

Since 2000, we have welcomed students from mostly Vietnam and a small number from China. Our international student program is a valuable part of our school's multicultural community.

We offer a range of programs and supports specifically tailor these for international students.

International students receive assistance and support from:

- an international student coordinator
- multicultural assistants who speak Vietnamese
- special English classes, with teachers qualified to teach EAL to ensure students maximise their English language skills
- small EAL class sizes and assistance through after-school and in-class tutoring
- our college wide focus on high standards of academic performance
- a dedicated international student centre staffed by two full-time support staff including a homestay coordinator.

Challenging programs on offer in all curriculum areas

At Maribrynong College we aim to provide challenging programs in all curriculum areas and have high expectations that students will strive to achieve their personal best.

The Year 7 to 10 curriculum is based on the Victorian Curriculum F-10. Students participate in a sequential curriculum program across a number of key learning areas, including:

- English/(EAL)
- Maths
- Science
- Humanities
- Arts – music, drama, art, visual communication and media
- Health and physical education – in addition to a sport program for students in Years 7 to 8
- Technology – food technology, woodwork and information and communication technology
- Languages (other than English) in Years 7 to 8
- High performance preparation program – for students enrolled in the sports academy.

Advanced Curriculum Enrichment program (ACE)

Students entering Maribyrnong College in Year 7 have the opportunity to be selected for our advanced curriculum enrichment (ACE) program.

Students in the ACE program undertake the same core subjects as other students in their year level. However, the work presented is more challenging and therefore adapted to the needs of talented learners.

Sports Academy program

The Sports Academy, established in 2006 with more than 40 per cent of student enrolments participating, is currently home to 550 plus student-athletes who compete in a range of sports.

This includes the larger participation sports such as cricket, soccer, AFL and netball; but also smaller sports including badminton, taekwondo and baseball/softball.





A variety of extra-curricular activities

The College runs a range of lunchtime clubs aimed towards facilitating the development of student confidence, developing friendships and encouraging collegiality amongst the various year levels. These clubs include:

- Instrumental music
- Creative and performing arts including an annual school production
- Debating
- Public speaking
- After-school tutoring
- Inter-school sport.

Serious about student welfare

At Maribrynong College we understand that our international students require support services whilst they are living away from home. Student well-being is our priority and therefore we provide regular monitoring of student progress and keep in close contact with parents.

A community representative is available supporting student welfare and wellbeing and we offer Homestay family accommodation.

Homestay for international students

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 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.

"I loved living at my homestay. They welcomed me like I was a member of the family and their support and care for me was great. My parents were able to contact my homestay parents and were very happy with my family," Kiet Nguyen.



Easily accessible location

Maribrynong College is located in the inner-western suburbs of Melbourne.

We are well serviced by a tram link to Footscray train station, as well as buses to many points in the north and east of Melbourne. A large shopping centre is also located directly behind the College.



A recent success story

Kiet Nguyen from Vietnam studied English as an Additional Language (EAL), Specialist Maths, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Vietnamese and Physics in VCE Year 12 achieving an ATAR of 98.25. Kiet is currently studying Bachelor of Nursing at the Australian Catholic University.

"I was a senior student at the college for two years and I always felt that I belonged to the school and was warmly welcomed. The teachers were always very supportive, especially the international program facilitators. I want to express my gratitude to the international school staff for their guidance and encouragement."

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