MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A PROUDLY DIVERSE LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE WE EMPOWER EVERYONE TO STRIVE FOR GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Mount Waverley Secondary College – a proudly diverse learning community where we empower everyone to strive for growth and excellence.

We established our learning community in 1964 and have an outstanding record of achievement. We have an excellent reputation for providing an academic learning environment resulting in a high proportion of our students gaining entrance to tertiary education institutions.

Mount Waverley Secondary College is an inclusive school. We affirm values which promote and foster the dignity of the individual and positive relationships.

We commit deeply to improving the school and community environment and are involved in social justice issues at a state, national and global level.

We highly value positive student, parent/carer and staff relationships. Our College emphasises the importance of 'community, choice and engagement'.

The school has enrolments of approximately 1,800 students and is an established learning community, recognised locally, nationally and internationally for transforming teaching and learning culture.

Our students have access to an extensive curriculum and extra-curricular activities that offer an opportunity for enhancement and support, underpinned by the three drivers of community, choice and engagement.

Karen Wade
College Principal



WHY CHOOSE MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE?

Mount Waverley Secondary College has a long and proud history welcoming international students. In fact, we were one of the first schools in Victoria to enrol international students - in 1995.

We currently have students from China; Hong Kong; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Vietnam; and other countries.

We acknowledge how important our international students are in the life of the school and how wonderfully they enrich the diverse cultural mix at our College.

Mount Waverley offers a range of programs specifically for international students. This includes a dedicated international student coordinator, multicultural aides on campus, and a high-quality English language centre, located just four kilometres from the school campus.

An academic program geared for success

We offer our students the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the new VCE Vocational Major (VM). These are challenging curricula, designed to inspire and support our young people as they establish pathways to further study and progress into successful careers.

Teachers regularly meet with students outside their timetabled classes to offer tuition and support for students identified as needing support. We run an after school study program each week on the junior campus where staff provide extra learning support for students.

Mount Waverley Secondary College recognises the needs of high-achieving students by offering an enrichment class in Years 7 and 8. This includes opportunities to excel in a range of subjects and other activities.

Extra-curricular activities to inspire and grow the individual

School life is about developing the whole student: helping them engage happily with the school community, make friends, develop social and life skills and foster a spirit of inclusiveness.

That's why we offer a large number of activities and extra-curricular opportunities which complement our academic programs, including:

- college arts and musical productions
- instrumental music
- debating and public speaking
- a comprehensive sports program
- camps and excursions.





Student welfare and personalised care

At Mount Waverley, we provide several support services. These are there to help students settle in as well as feel comfortable and supported when studying at our school.

These include an excellent peer support program and personalised mentor groups for senior students.

All our students have access to a raft of high-quality student wellbeing staff and services, including nurses, psychologists and our career guidance centre.

Homestay for international students

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.



An accessible location close to the city

Mount Waverley Secondary College is located in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, 18.5 kilometres from Melbourne's city centre.

The suburb of Mount Waverley is a quiet, well-resourced area. The local community features include a shopping centre, churches, public libraries and the Monash Medical Centre. It is well served by public transport, especially buses and trains.



A recent success story

Wenjing (Maggie) Chen, from China, studied English as an Additional Language (EAL); Specialist Maths; Maths Methods; Chinese (Second Language Advanced); Chemistry; and Biology at Mount Waverley College.

Maggie also participated in several extracurricular activities including music - playing the Chinese instrument, GuZheng, as well as the piano; plus badminton and swimming club for sport.

Maggie is currently studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

"It has been my pleasure to be a student of Mount Waverley Secondary College. Life at MWSC has been full of variety and interest. All of my teachers were rich in knowledge, of good character and they taught us very earnestly. The comprehensive building layout and science facilities were perfect and a great place to study. We all worked very happily together."

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