MCCLELLAND COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am the very proud principal of McClelland College, where we have outstanding young people creating strong community links with a commitment to academic excellence, and staff striving to extend every student, set in a beautiful campus of native landscaping and extensive facilities.

You will see our academic offerings in this brochure, as well as extra-curricular activities and opportunities, which create an exciting and enriching environment for our students.

We created 'Education By Design', ensuring every student receives an engaging, stimulating, and high-quality education from our professional and committed staff. Student voice and choice determines offerings, including our broad Instrumental Music program, extensive sporting facilities and opportunities, our camps including Year 7, Year 8 and 9, Ski camp, Surf camp, Central Australia, Year 12 camp, and our own camp, Mahaikah, which is at our second campus near Mt Sterling.

At McClelland College international students enjoy an authentic Australian experience at an innovative school, located in a beautiful beachside location, just a train ride to the city or stunning Mornington Peninsula. McClelland College welcomes and celebrates diversity within our community, where we establish a partnership between school and families. Recognising the pivotal role that schools play in the formative years of a young person's life, the College prioritises understanding the learner and facilitating the most appropriate supports and pathways. Our international students have additional excursions and camps available to them, such as the Sydney Tour, enriching their time in Australia.

We have established ourselves as a school that maximises the academic, emotional, social and physical potential of each of our students. At McClelland College our students achieve ongoing academic achievement and personal development, and are well prepared for adult life.

Laura Dowdell Spence
Principal





WHY CHOOSE MCCLELLAND COLLEGE?

For more than eight years, our international student program has been welcoming students from countries, including for example, Austria, Cambodia, Chile, China, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Peru, Switzerland, Thailand and Vietnam.

Our international student program has become an enormously valuable part of the school's multi-cultural community.

We have a range of programs specifically for international students, including:

- on-site English language centre
- dedicated international student centre facilities
- careers resource centre with a dedicated careers pathway adviser
- after-school study club
- onsite sporting clubs and links to local clubs and organisations

Our international students achieve great academic success, with one student recently named Dux of the School.

Many students have won scholarships to attend university in the courses of their choice. Our international students have also been very successful in sports, representing the school and all have enjoyed the family atmosphere at the school.

A uniquely successful academic program

At McClelland College, we're proud that our Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) English median study score of 33 makes us one of the best performing schools on the Mornington Peninsula and beyond.

We have demonstrated continual improvement to student results in recent years. This is because of our focus on student mentoring, teacher coaching, and a whole-of-college learning approach that's unique.

For us, it's vital that we're able to meet the specific learning needs of individual students through our Education By Design principles and programs.

This personalised learning approach is a highly effective way for young people to:

- learn how to live in
- and make a positive civic contribution to
- a world of rapid social; economic; environmental; and technological change.

Students who are well above the level normally expected for their particular age can take part in our Elite Performance Program. Tasks are designed for these students, and they are advanced with students of similar ability.

A large proportion of Year 10s undertake a VCE study as extension, with VCE students also able to access University Extension subjects in Year 12. The extension opportunities start from Year 7, where students can be accessing subjects, sports, and music as high as Year 10 to advance them at the level they are working at.



Extra-curricular activities to inspire and reward

McClelland College offers a wide range of activities and programs to enhance the school experience for students.

Our programs build self-confidence, leadership, and collaborative skills, plus complement what students learn in the classroom.

As part of our award-winning student leadership council, McClelland offers excellent leadership opportunities for students to work together on real school issues. For example, sustainability and youth engagement initiatives.

McClelland College offers a wide range of school camps - a great way to gain confidence in English language, meeting friends during team-building activities and explore Victoria, Syndey, Central Australia, and even Japan.

McClelland College also has a very successful Japanese program and integrates Asian studies into the wider curriculum. Our students have the opportunity to attend a bi-annual trip to Japan in Years 9 and 10, and meet our Japanese Sister School visitors every other year.

Supporting and guiding students on their journey

McClelland College commits to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community.

Our school recognises the importance of the partnership between our school and parents and carers to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. We share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, creating an inclusive and safe school environment for our students.

Part-time psychologists and full-time access to a personal counsellor are available, as well as our successful Doctors in Schools program, where a General Practitioner is available to students. International students will also undergo an orientation program to help them feel settled into their new school.

Homestay for international students

Jennine Armistead, Victorian Global Learning Awards - Homestay Family of the Year Commendation Award winner, 2019, has this to say about our program:

"We treat the children as we would treat our own and how we would like our children to be treated if they were staying with strangers. We honestly say we have enjoyed every minute of having homestay students; they are wonderful company and have brought much joy and happiness into our lives."

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.



Easily accessible location

Our college is in a vibrant beachside suburb which offers sun, surf and the best of an Australian lifestyle.

High quality shops and restaurants are on our doorstep, as are excellent transport links to Melbourne's city centre and the stunning Mornington Peninsula and beach coastline.

The school is close to outstanding universities including Monash University's Peninsula Campus which is three kilometres from the school.



A recent success story

Alex Zhang from Anhui, China was one of our first international students. Beginning in Year 10, she went on to complete her VCE with an outstanding ATAR score of 99.35, and was the McClelland College DUX that year.

Alex studied English as an Additional Language (EAL); Specialist Maths; Maths Methods; Physics and Chemistry at McClelland; and Chinese as a First Language at the Victorian School of Languages. Alex was offered a scholarship to Monash University to enrol in the Bachelor of Engineering Honours course.

"I am so lucky to study at McClelland College because it provided a personalised approach for me to concentrate on my study and the teachers are very professional and supportive. I also have a great homestay family who takes very good care of me and lets me experience Australian culture and lifestyle."

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