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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS POLICY

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Wellington Secondary College has been involved in the Victorian Government Schools International Student Program since 1995. It is now one of the biggest and most successful in the State. Wellington recognises the educational, cultural and financial benefits of this program, especially in the context of our high equity and high multi-cultural community profile.

RECRUITMENT

College Council has set an upper limit of 10% or the total student population for enrolment of international students in any one year. Currently, we limit our enrolment windows to the beginning of Semester 1 and Semester 2, with Years 10, 11 and 12 as a priority. We consider sibling enrolments outside these year levels on a case by case basis.

All enrolments are processed through Departmental protocols. At Wellington, our final decision to accept a student at our school is based on academic performance and capacity and through a formal spoken interview with either the Director of International Programs or the Principal.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

Students who do not have an English language background are required to undertake up to 20 intensive English language tuition before integration into mainstream programs. These classes are conducted in our accredited on-site English Language Centre. Class sizes may fluctuate each semester however planning is around a maximum class size of 15. Should students reach the appropriate English standard prior to the completion of the 20 weeks, integration into some or all mainstream classes is possible. Similarly, students who need extra support may be offered an additional 10 weeks English language tuition.

SUPPORT

The College invests significant resources into the International Student Program. The Program is managed by a full time Leading Teacher, with no teaching allotment. There is a teacher assistant for this role, as well as Vietnamese and Mandarin speaking ES Support staff in the International Centre supporting the needs of the students and their families in Australia and offshore.

The school will report to the parents of all International Students according to DET guidelines. Two reports are translated per year for parents as a matter of course. Other reports are translated and

provided on a needs basis. Each year the school commits to travelling overseas to our major markets (Vietnam, China and Cambodia) to participate in DET sponsored marketing activities and to meet the parents of current students.

ACCOMMODATION

The responsibility for placing International Students into appropriate accommodation rests with the Director of International Students. Most of our International Students choose to stay with relatives or in approved Homestays. We have a separate Homestay Policy incorporating Ministerial Order 870 and the Child Safe Standards embedded below.



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This policy was last updated in March 2018 and will be reviewed annually.