



INTERNATIONAL Student Program



MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

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Experience Sets us Apart

For over fifteen years, Wellington Secondary College has been an accredited provider of a quality International Student Program (Years 7 to 12), educating more than 90 international students every year from all over the world.

Our College is also a specialist provider of Intensive English Language taught in our on-site, accredited English Language Centre.

The English Language Centre forms part of our newly opened International Centre which houses a purpose built classroom for Intensive English Language classes, a Boardroom with Skype facilities to connect and communicate with the outside world and a suite of offices for the Director of International Programs and our various language assistants.

The academic success of our International Student Program is underpinned by an excellent level of support offered by our dedicated teaching staff as well as specialist programs and initiatives. In the

senior years, our students are provided with Accelerated Learning, designed to enhance their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank). They are encouraged to join our Homework Clubs and are offered additional tutoring in all subject areas should the need arise.

Wellington Secondary College offers an extensive range of academic subjects and for over forty years has been a provider of the internationally recognised VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education).

We specialise in providing integrated programs in the areas of EAL, Maths, Sciences and Business. Students are encouraged to pursue their VCE LBOT(Language Background Other Than English) through the Victorian School of Languages.

International Student Program

Welcome to Wellington Secondary College, an academic secondary school with a strong tradition of scholarship and a commitment to excellence and global responsibility — philosophies reflected in our school motto — Caring, Striving and Learning.

Our academic programs are challenging and offer a global perspective. They are designed to develop every student's full academic potential. The teaching staff at Wellington are committed and respected professionals and it is their collective skills and passion which contribute to the substantial academic success the College enjoys.

The safe and supportive environment at Wellington is underpinned by a strong code of student conduct, a compulsory uniform policy and a firm approach to discipline. The College sets clear expectations for students and in

this safe and friendly environment our students enjoy a wonderful connectedness to their school.

Wellington Secondary College is a truly multicultural community which fosters the values of trust, tolerance and respect for self and others. Our key aim is to develop responsible, resilient and resourceful young adults, well prepared for their future as members of a global community. We encourage you to explore what makes Wellington Secondary College a unique and successful educational community.

Hugh Blaikie
Principal



Our School

The grounds and facilities at Wellington Secondary College are spacious and modern. The College has recently benefited from an extensive modernisation and our students enjoy attractively landscaped gardens and grounds, ideal for sport and recreation as well as state-of-the-art learning facilities.

These facilities include well equipped specialist science laboratories, a Performing Arts Complex, two multi-purpose gymnasiums, a separate Senior School Study Centre and a dedicated Year 7 Centre.

With the integration of Information Technology into the curriculum, students at Wellington have excellent access to ICT across the entire school including a local area computer network incorporating a suite of computer rooms. All students are expected to purchase their own individual computer device.



Co Curricular Programs

School life at Wellington is enriched through participation in co-curricular programs such as sport, music, drama, debating, chess and many other clubs and activities which provide students the opportunity to develop skills in areas of talent and passion.

The school enjoys a robust House Competition. Students are encouraged to pursue their interests in a variety of intra and inter school sports with Basketball, Table Tennis and Soccer being particularly strong.

The extensive co-curricular program offers students the opportunity to enter national academic competitions such as the Australian Mathematics Competition, Science Talent Search and the Victorian Read-a-Thon and their success is celebrated within our school community. Students are

encouraged to participate in individual or group Music tuition and then to join a variety of music ensembles. The diversity and talent of our student body is celebrated at our annual Multicultural Concert.

The College offers an excellent Student Leadership Program and our student leaders are provided with full training and ongoing mentoring and support. Each year, an International School Captain is selected to join the student leadership team.

Care and Wellbeing

“Wellington is a wonderful school because the teachers are so caring and supportive and this has helped me to adjust easily to life in a new country.”

*Tuo (Tony) LIN,
Radiography & Medical Imaging,
Monash University Clayton.*

Wellington Secondary College realises it is a serious and yet progressive decision for parents to send their child to another country for their education. We treat that decision with a great deal of respect. It is our responsibility to ensure that our staff and programs are ideally suited to International Students. For over ten years, the school has worked tirelessly to perfect and streamline our International Student Program so that all parents can be confident and reassured that the decision to send their child to Wellington Secondary College was a good one.



Personal Service

To assist International Students to integrate into the Australian way of life, the Program is overseen by a full-time Director of International Programs. As language barriers are usually the first challenge students face, the College offers the support of Multicultural Aides as well as Bi-lingual Teachers. With excellent support, International Students quickly adapt to their new environment and flourish.



Homestay

Upon arrival in Australia, Wellington will ensure that your child is placed in a closely screened and caring homestay environment with a family or members of the broader Wellington community. The College Director of International Programs will personally initiate and monitor these placements, communicating with parents and students regularly to ensure the arrangement is completely suitable and that the students are happy and settled.

Communications with Parents and Agents

For parents, it is vital that they receive regular, quality communication and information about their child. At Wellington we pride ourselves on the level of commitment we are able to display to our International Students and their families. All overseas parents have access to our COMPASS

communication package, where attendance information, reports, journals and school activities can be viewed on a daily basis. We annually conduct in-country visits to the families of students to present their school report and to update parents on their child's achievements, progress and wellbeing. To keep families connected and informed, the college also offers a full translation service and conference call facilities.

A School for Life

Life at Wellington does not stop at Graduation.
Wellington graduates are members of our school community for life.

The College enjoys strong relationships with Melbourne's top universities where both local and international students choose to continue their education.



**Xiaoman (Essie)
MA**

2014 International Student Captain
2015 studying Engineering at Monash University
Awarded an Academic Scholarship

Studying at Wellington Secondary College was the most significant experience of my life. Not only did I encounter a new culture and studying environment, but also I received so much support from my teachers and classmates who encouraged me to discover my potential. If I did not come to Australia to study at Wellington, I may have just led an ordinary life working from 9 to 5. However, I'm lucky to have had this precious opportunity which has changed my whole life. To students coming to Melbourne for future study, Wellington is certainly the best place as it provides both high quality education and real family care. Someone once said "THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY ONE PAGE."



**Chao (Candy)
CHENG**

2008 International Student Captain
2013 Biomedicine, University of Melbourne
Currently completing Bachelor of Medicine, University of Melbourne

I started my journey immature and yet adventurous, moving away from family and familiarity to a new country where I did not know anyone. Living abroad alone at such a young age is difficult but the teachers embraced me and provided continuous guidance along the way. Wellington provided me with an amazingly diverse environment of different cultural experiences that I would not otherwise experience in my own country. It also provided a platform where I was able to improve academically and further develop the social interpersonal skills that still benefit me today. My whole life changed. I met wonderful friends along the way and today I live my dream. I could not be more grateful to Wellington as I enjoyed every little piece of the whole experience. Be brave, step forward and dream big. Here is your start!



**Le Quan
DIEN**

2012 Bachelor of Accounting, Australian Catholic University

It has been a great journey studying at Wellington Secondary College. The International Program is outstanding! Teachers are knowledgeable, caring and supportive. The greatest thing for me was being so well looked after.



**Bao Dinh
TRAN**

2012 Bachelor of Nursing, Australian Catholic University

Wellington Secondary College has a great teaching team to support every student to obtain the highest academic achievements in study and help get one step closer to achieving career goals. There are also many interesting extra curricular activities and excursions. These further help international students adapt to a new learning environment and create valuable opportunities for making new friends which you have for life. I had the most enjoyable time at Wellington and I am so glad that I studied there.

Our Homestay Experience



**Kimhong
TANN**
International Captain 2015

Living in a western homestay is a unique experience for us. It's like an adventure. We did not know each other when we moved in and now we are like sisters. We were exposed to a totally new environment and our english skills have improved dramatically as we only speak english in the home. Our host family has



**Paweennut (Emmy)
CHAIPANYA**
Year 11

embraced us and treats us like their own children. They play an important part in our lives showing interest in everything we do. They have taught us many new things and we have shared different cultural experiences. They are extremely caring and supportive, giving us a sense of safety and comfort making it feel like home. We love the variety of healthy nourishing meals, so different from what we are used to. We're glad to be part of the family.

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"I love my school and I love this country - the people, the food, the culture! Australia is my new home." Man (Mandy) YANG. Bachelor of Tourist Management. Deakin University.

The College is located in the south eastern suburb of Mulgrave, thirty minutes from the city centre. There are a number of excellent universities located around the College, particularly Monash University Clayton, which is within five kilometres. Well serviced by public transport including trains and buses, the College also has a fleet of school buses for students unable to access public transport.



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