

MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education





AT MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE, WE'RE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES IN LEARNING AND WELLBEING FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Selecting the right school for your child is an important choice. At Mill Park Secondary College, we're committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes in learning and wellbeing for all our students.

Our students join us with a diversity of interests, talents and learning needs. We are proud to engage them with a rich and varied curriculum, specialised facilities and excellent teachers. This is supported by the multi-campus structure of the college which allows students to learn in an environment which is tailored and targeted to their stages of schooling.

We have high expectations for all our students. Not just in their academic pursuits, but also in their engagement with the many programs and opportunities that make this school the vibrant place it is. Whether it is in the science lab or on the theatre stage, in the classroom or on the playing fields, our committed teachers work to ensure that our students thrive.

There is no one 'type' of Mill Park Secondary College student, rather, our teachers and college leadership team are focused on ensuring that every student has the opportunity and support to be the best that they can be. I invite you to explore our college by making contact with us, booking a tour and exploring our website. We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.

Timothy Natoli
College Principal



WHY CHOOSE MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE?

Since establishing our international student program in 1998 we have been welcoming students from the following countries: China; Vietnam; India; South Korea; Japan; the Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Malaysia; Egypt and Albania.

The international student program is a valuable part of our school's multi-cultural community. As such, we've developed a range of benefits specifically for international students including:

- an international student coordinator
- Chinese and Vietnamese speaking program assistants
- an on-site English language centre.

An academic program for advanced learners

Mill Park Secondary College has expanded opportunities for students in Years 7 to 10 to accelerate their learning, through three specialised programs:

- select entry accelerated learning
- accelerated science
- accelerated English.

We offer more than 59 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects including Chinese first language and multiple classes of physics, chemistry and biology, as well as the full range of arts, technology and sport subjects.

A wide variety of extra-curricular activities

Students at Mill Park Secondary College are involved in a range of extra-curricular activities, which enrich their learning, help them develop new skills, find new friends and involve them in the wider school community.

Activities include:

- debating
- sport
- the annual college production
- the instrumental program
- science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) club
- chess club
- homework club
- environmental club.







The welfare of our students is front and centre

The welfare of every student is a priority at Mill Park Secondary College. We recognise that international students have differing needs and require extra support to enable them to be settled and happy in a new environment.

Our students have access to a range of support services which include:

- an international student coordinator available 24/7 to students and their families
- Chinese and Vietnamese speaking program assistants
- student welfare coordinators, youth workers, medical professionals, a careers team, year level coordinators and home group teachers.

To help students adjust to a new living and studying environment, Mill Park will provide you with an intensive, personalised orientation program comprising of:

- the college and its programs
- local area
- public transport
- child safe
- support services
- personal safety
- health care and well-being
- legal services
- Australian culture and customs
- key policies relating to enrolment at a Victorian government school.

Homestay for international students

At Mill Park Secondary College we place our international students with kind, caring and supportive families in the local area.

The international student coordinator regularly visits and monitors helping close relationships to form between families and the school. Our priority is to ensure that each child is safe, happy and supported.

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



Two campus locations in easy reach of major amenities

Mill Park Secondary College has two campuses to the north-east of Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD). The Middle Years Campus is located in Mill Park and the Senior Campus is three kilometres away in the neighbouring suburb of Epping. Both campuses are close to the Bundoora campuses of major universities La Trobe and RMIT.

Our local community is a rapidly expanding, with many young families moving into the area because of the excellent modern facilities. Everything is within a short distance and easily accessed.

There are hospitals and medical services, cinemas, shopping centres, cafes and restaurants as well as sporting and recreation facilities.



A recent success story

Tran Minh Hieu from Vietnam, studied English as an Additional Language (EAL), Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Specialist Maths and Math Methods at Mill Park Secondary College and is now studying for a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.

"The international student team at Mill Park Secondary College was always considerate, enthusiastic and keen on helping international students have the best experiences at school. Beyond being a coordinator, they also act as a friend that supports the students' welfare, helps them academically, and encourages them to participate in activities which can develop them to the best of their abilities. I had a great time thanks to the coordinators here and the International Student Program in general."

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