



# Warrandyte High School

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

### English tuition

Warrandyte High School has a relationship with a nearby English Language School where students can enrol in an Intensive English Language Program. During this time students are able to develop their written and oral language skills which will help them to integrate successfully into mainstream classes. Extra small group assistance is also available for students who are experiencing language difficulty once attending Warrandyte High School.

### Support for International Students

The International Student Coordinator is ably supported by a number of staff within the school including a dedicated careers counsellor, student wellbeing officer, school nurse and both English and Mandarin speaking literacy specialists who work with the students both inside and outside of the classroom. Each International Student is also provided with a student mentor to help them to integrate successfully within the school community. Small class sizes are our speciality!

Warrandyte High School keeps in regular contact with Homestay families, as well as parents. Official reports, translated into native language are provided four times a year, however, more informal contact is maintained on a regular basis through email, letters and phone calls.

Integration of students begins with a pre-arrival orientation pack which includes information on Homestay families as well as other useful information such as:

- The School Program including extra-curricular activities and opportunities
- The local area and transport in the community
- General support services available
- Australian culture
- Key policies related to your enrolment

Once students have arrived in Australia and are attending an English Language Program regular visits to the student from School personnel will help with settling in to their surroundings. This personal support continues once they have commenced at Warrandyte High School with regular one-on-one meetings with key wellbeing personnel.

### Homestays

While some International Students are able to stay with relatives in surrounding areas while attending Warrandyte High School, many others will need to be placed with Homestay families. All Homestay placements are carefully selected to ensure they provide a safe and welcoming environment and are audited on a regular basis. Students are closely monitored to ensure their health and wellbeing during their stay with Australian families and no student is placed with a Homestay family who has not already been thoroughly vetted by the School. In 2018-9 the rate for Homestay is approximately \$315 per week.

### Extra-curricular activities

Apart from a strong academic program Warrandyte High School can also offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to help develop a well-rounded student. These include a vibrant instrumental music program, yearly musical productions, cross year level camps such as the Great Victorian Bike Ride and World Team Challenge, sporting teams and community fund raising events such as The Relay for Life. There are also many student leadership programs that occur throughout the year such as the Duke of Edinburgh and Compass programs.

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