



International Student Programme Policy

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Preamble

An important aspect of Mercedes College's commitment to being a Catholic College with an international focus is the International Student Programme, (ISP).

The College is registered to enrol students from Reception (SA)/Kindergarten (Eastern states) upwards. International Student Programme (ISP) students from Reception to Year 5 receive an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) education, Year 6 to Year 10 an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB MYP) education and those in Year 11 and 12 are able to select either the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB DP) or South Australian Curriculum Education (SACE) programme.

The College is committed to ensuring that all students undertaking the International Student Programme (ISP) are able to access high quality support with their educational options and their welfare. International Student Programme (ISP) students without a Department of Home Affairs guardian have a Department of Home Affairs approved Homestay placement and the College monitors the welfare of students in these placements. All members of a Homestay household who are 14 years and above are Department of Human Services and Catholic Archdioceses screened.

To enable an appropriate level of resourcing for the International Student Programme (ISP) the College sets an appropriate fee level for service.

Rationale

The aim of the International Student Programme (ISP) Policy is to ensure that we maintain a high level of service and are committed to following all of the regulations expected by the Australian Government through our adherence to the standards outlined in the Education Services for Overseas Students Act Regulations 2019. The College also adheres to the expectations required to maintain our CRICOS Accreditation.

Principles

The following Principles underpin all policies:

- The College Council is committed to the College having an international focus as detailed in the College's Vision and Mission Statement.
- The College has a commitment to continuous improvement as documented in the College Strategic Plan.
- The College believes that families of international students have made a significant commitment by deciding to send their children to the College. We therefore have a responsibility to ensure that we provide quality support throughout all stages of the enrolment process, the induction and transition period and the ongoing educational and welfare needs for each student.
- We believe that the presence of international students in the College provides valuable opportunities for local students to gain a wider understanding of the global community in which they live and embraces the spirit of the Mercy Keys of Compassion, Justice, Mutual Respect and Responsibility.

Responsibilities

College Council

- The College Council will ensure that there is a level of resource allocation to enable the College to fulfil its ESOS Act and CRICOS obligations.

Principal

As the designated guardian of the majority of International Student Programme (ISP) students, the Principal will ensure that:

- There are regular briefings with regard to educational and welfare needs of the students enrolled in the programme.
- The International Student Programme (ISP) resources allocated by the College Council for the educational and welfare needs of the International Student Programme (ISP) students are appropriately assigned.
- Appropriate fees are set that will enable the sustainability of the programme.
- Appropriate child protection measures are applied by ensuring all members of a Homestay household who are 14 years and above, are Department of Human Services and Catholic Archdioceses screened.



College Staff

College staff will ensure that they:

- Deliver a high level of educational and welfare support to the students.
- Are aware of the Educational Services for Overseas Students Act regulations.

References

[Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\)](#)

[Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students \(CRICOS\)](#)