

# CARWATHA COLLEGE P-12

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

**Victoria, Australia**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Carwatha College P-12 (providing for students from Preparatory level through to Year 12 on the one site) has been welcoming international students for over 20 years. It is a multicultural school that provides a safe, supportive environment for all students.**

The size of our College and the emphasis on developing and maintaining positive relationships means that we know each student as an individual. With 600 students we can provide more personal support and opportunities for your child.

As such, it is "a College for the whole family." This, together with the truly multicultural nature of our school population, supports a very caring and inclusive environment. Our College values of respect, commitment, teamwork and excellence are embedded in everything we do.

We have outstanding success in growing the academic learning of our students. We challenge and accelerate our students through our V3 program where students study their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) over 3 years.

That extra year of our personalised, innovative approach to senior studies means each student has a greater chance of success and opportunity to achieve a higher ATAR score. Our V3 program empowers students to achieve better results, seek out better opportunities and make better choices.

Welcome to Carwatha College P-12.

**Pat Mulcahy**  
Principal



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# WHY CHOOSE CARWATHA COLLEGE?

**Our International student program has been welcoming students from over 15 countries ( including Egypt Sri Lanka, India Cambodia, China, Japan, Malaysia and Vietnam) since its establishment in 2007.**

Our College accepts both primary and secondary students. We have an on-site English Language Centre, staffed by experienced and highly qualified English teachers. This provides international students with an intensive English program whilst integrating them into our College community.

On-site English language support is available for any students who require it from Prep through to Year 12. The international student team ensures our students are well supported through:

- targeted homework club support
- multicultural aide support in classes
- regular excursions and celebrations for the international students
- provision of a dedicated homestay coordinator.

## **An academic program which encourages students to excel**

Carwatha College P-12 has a number of programs to enhance and support the learning of all students from Prep through to Year 12.

Our succeed, enhance and extend program (SEE) seeks to address the needs of high-achieving students who demonstrate academic excellence.

The program allows students to:

- develop a deep understanding of critical thinking skills
- enhance their ability to work with a more abstract in-depth course materia
- successfully work as independent and corporative learners.

The V3 three-year VCE program at Carwatha College P-12 aims to maximise success for all students. In addition, our College provides excellent support programs in English and maths for students. There are English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes across all Years, 7 to 12 levels.

Targeted homework club support is available to all international students on a weekly basis.





### Activities to expand the mind and the student experience

There are many opportunities for students to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities.

These include:

- an instrumental music program
- interschool sports
- athletics/swimming carnivals
- a ski trip for senior students
- an annual art and technology show
- a whole school multicultural day
- our football academy
- an international students camp.

### Taking care of students' welfare

We offer a wide range of support programs and staff to help international students manage their studies and life in Australia.

These roles and services for international students, include:

- a program manager who oversees the program and is available 24/7 to support students
- an international student coordinator who manages attendance, welfare and academic progress
- multicultural aides who support students to understand the work being taught and assist students in community matters
- a welfare coordinator who is available to support students who need advice and help
- a careers advisor who provides advice on university placements and subject selections.

### Homestay for international students

Carwatha College P-12 has a group of caring homestay families who live in close proximity of the College. They are located close to accessible public transport, shopping centres and restaurants.

We carefully select and vet our host families. The homestay families provide a safe, secure and welcoming place to live. The homestay coordinator monitors homestays closely and visits them regularly. She is always available to talk to students or their families.

All Victorian government school homestay families provide students with:

- 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, as well as 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 your parents.

One of our homestay students, Mark, has this to say about our program:

*"My homestay family was very caring. They made me feel welcome and treated me like family. They introduced me to new foods as well. I still visit my homestay family and I recommended my cousin to stay with them as a homestay, when he came, this year, to Carwatha to study."*

### Easily accessible location

Carwatha College P-12 is located 29 kilometres from the centre of Melbourne in the south-eastern suburbs. It is situated in a diverse multicultural community. The school is located in a quiet residential area and is:

- well serviced by public transport bus routes and easy connection to train lines
- close to shopping, restaurants, bank, sporting and recreational facilities
- seven kilometres from Monash University
- just 30 minutes to Melbourne via the Monash freeway and Eastlink.



### A recent success story

Chikeath Kor, from Phnom Penh in Cambodia, studied English as an Additional Language (EAL); Informatics; Psychology; Business Management; Further Mathematics; and Khmer.

Chikeath is currently studying a Bachelor of Computer Science, Cybersafety at Swinburne University.

*"When I first came to Carwatha College, I was very nervous, but excited also. On the first day of school, I felt like I fitted right in. The teachers were very friendly. The staff and my classmates were very welcoming as they treated me like I was a part of the community. I got to learn new things about the education system; I was also able to experience different cultures as the school is very diverse."*

*"I felt like I was in a melting pot of culture as my friends were all from different parts of the world. I was elected as House Captain; so I was involved in lots of activities including sports and swimming competitions. During COVID, it was very difficult, as we had to adjust to a new way of learning online, but my teachers all helped me, especially with study. I was able then to get into my course. International students are well looked after at Carwatha College."*

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