

BAYSIDE P-12 COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I love being the principal of Bayside P-12 College. I don't know of any other job that allows me to interact with such an interesting and diverse range of people.

I engage with students who are keen to learn, polite and good humoured. I am surrounded by passionate staff and supportive families who guide and challenge our students in achieving their best.

Students at Bayside benefit from the advantages of being part of one large college while experiencing the nurturing sense of community that our three smaller campuses provide.

Our college culture focuses on student learning within a strong pastoral care framework. We want our students to graduate as well-rounded men and women. To achieve this, we provide our students with the opportunity to participate in an extensive range of activities in leadership, community service, sporting competitions and performing arts programs.

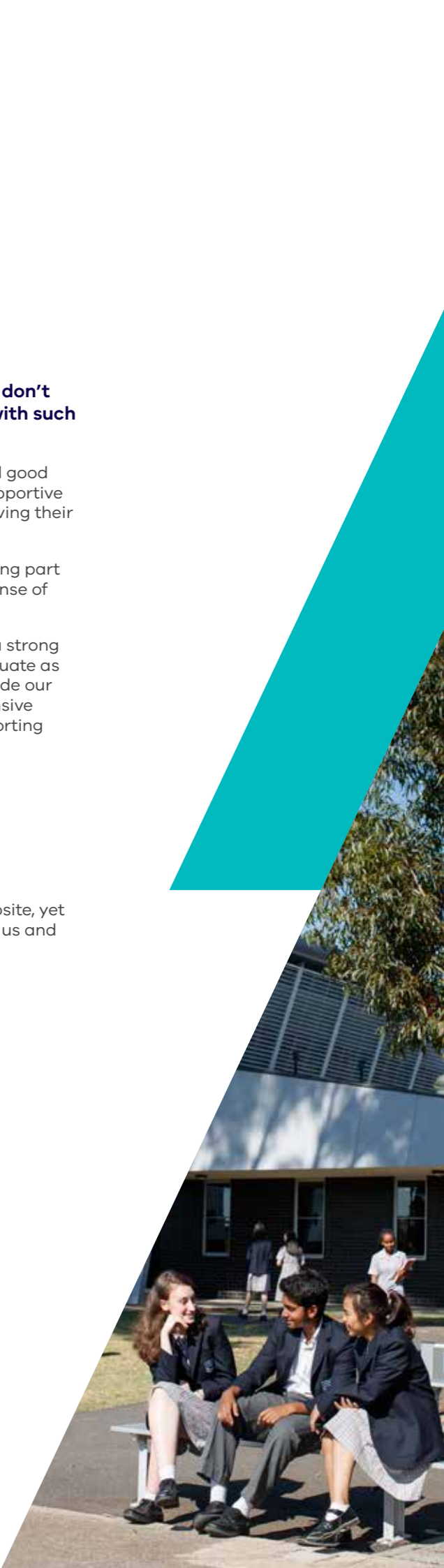
As a community we value and teach our students to:

- be a learner;
- be respectful;
- and be responsible.

I invite you to spend some time looking through our website, yet the best thing to do to learn about our college is to visit us and meet our students.

Andrew Harnett
Principal

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WHY CHOOSE BAYSIDE P-12 COLLEGE?

Bayside P-12 College has proudly hosted international students for more 30 years. In that time, we have enrolled students from Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, The Philippines, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the US and Vietnam.

The international student program is a valuable part of our school's multicultural community. It features a range of programs developed specifically for international students, including:

- an English language centre just 5 kilometres from the school campus
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) homework club
- an experienced international student coordinator who can organise homestays, wellbeing and welfare support, international student excursions and more.

A strong academic reputation and record

At Bayside, Years 7 to 10 students complete subjects as part of the Victorian Curriculum. They can then complete their final two years of education (Years 11 and 12) through the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

Strong academic and wellbeing programs support the growth and development of students at Bayside P-12 College, with the curriculum establishing strong links to local universities.

Our students enjoy a broad choice of subjects, with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). There's a focused STEM program in the middle years, which is taught alongside arts, English and humanities subjects.

A wide variety of extra-curricular activities

At Bayside, we encourage all our students to take part in activities outside the classroom. Our students can enjoy extra-curricular activities including:

- theatre productions and performances
- annual visits with our Japanese sister school
- public speaking and debating clubs
- inter-school sports, swimming and athletics
- our Tuesday wellbeing club.

Each school term we run fun and exciting excursions for international students featuring activities as diverse as surfing, snorkeling, go-karting and visiting amusement parks as well as trips to cultural and First Nations' centres.





Committed to student welfare

All our students have access to a wealth of resources including dedicated careers and pathway counsellors, personal counsellors, wellbeing teachers, classroom teachers, year-level co-ordinators, principals, and assistant principals. We also employ a skilled and experienced International Student Coordinator to look after students' wellbeing and welfare.

Our dedicated student wellbeing team includes a mental health nurse, a qualified mental health practitioner, a school doctor and other wellbeing staff. They all provide professional and caring support whenever our students need it.

Homestay for international students

At Bayside P-12 College, we carefully choose homestay families according to several important factors. They must be near the school. The comfort of the accommodation for the student is critical.

Most importantly, the host family needs to be friendly, caring and committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for the student. So as to ensure they come to school each day feeling happy and fulfilled.

Our host families take great care of our students with many students continuing to stay in touch with their homestay families beyond graduation.

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.



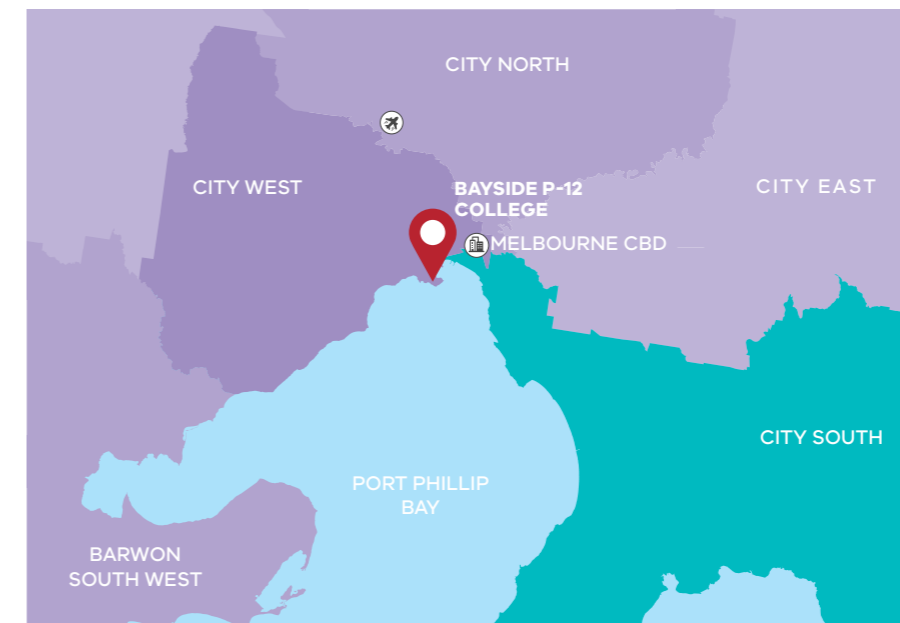
A wonderful bayside location not far from the city

Bayside P-12 College is in the attractive bayside area of Melbourne's inner west, around 12 kilometres from Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD).

The attractive grounds of the campus adjoin a large area of green open space and sporting fields. The school is close to many places where native flora and fauna thrive, including Newport Lakes, Cherry Lake and a range of parks and gardens.

A key feature of our location is our close proximity to Williamstown and Altona beaches, and the exciting cafe and restaurant precincts along both foreshores.

Local shopping strips are in easy reach of the campus, and the school is close to multiple public transport options which make for convenient access to Melbourne city and the surrounding areas.



A recent success story

Leonor from Chile says:

"One of my favourite things at Bayside is the subject range. There are many options. All my teachers have been very supportive. I meet new people and I make friends from many countries... Vietnam, Indonesia, many places. I have become very independent, and I've learnt more than if I had only been in Chile. Not only academic, but in all parts of life."

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