

VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Vermont Secondary College (VSC) values of integrity, respect and excellence reflect our college ethos. While the VSC motto, 'lift up thine eyes', provides the moral purpose, philosophical guidance and academic framework for our College community.

We aim to be progressive, forward-thinking, positive and optimistic in our endeavours and interactions. We constantly strive to improve both our own practice and the outcomes of the students who we educate.

Vermont Secondary College promotes the achievement of excellence in a learning environment that is safe, caring and accepting of diversity.

Our College commits to the development of life-long learning skills that motivate and enable all students to achieve their individual goals and to make a positive contribution to their community.

Vermont Secondary College views education as a partnership. We value the active support and participation of parents in a wide range of college activities and decision making groups.

We enjoy an exceptionally high level of parental support. Therefore, firmly believing we best serve the educational needs of children in an environment by involving students, parents and teachers in the decision making process.

Welcome to Vermont Secondary College!

Tony Jacobs
Principal

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WHY CHOOSE VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE?

Vermont Secondary College has a small international student program offering a limited number of places to international students. Our program is a valuable part of our school's multicultural community.

We have a range of programs specifically for international students including:

- located close to a local English language centre 6 kilometres from school
- a dedicated international student coordinator
- small English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes for Years 11 and 12 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students.

An academic program fostering excellence

The curriculum at Vermont Secondary College is rich, varied and challenging. Our curriculum supports the development of a broad range of skills and knowledge in learning environments that are engaging and challenging; whilst being developmentally appropriate and allowing all students to thrive. This all draws upon the Victorian Curriculum (Years 7 to 10) and VCE (Years 11 to 12).

We offer students at Vermont Secondary College a range of opportunities for extensions. In Years 7 to 9 this is primarily through a differentiated curriculum supporting all students to achieve; regardless of differences in starting point and rate of learning.

Year 10 students who have a history of academic success and demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviours can access the 'Advance Placement' in VCE unit one and two classes. This leads to the completion of unit three and four studies in Year 11.





A great choice of extra-curricular activities

Our students are able to pursue their interests through participation in various extra-curricular activities and programs.

Our College production; sport; camps; and music programs allow our students to develop their passions, as well as their time management, teamwork and self-confidence.

Activities include:

- an extensive co-curricular program including camps and school clubs
- our outstanding sport and outdoor education program
- an annual school production
- a range of musical and choral ensembles.

Making welfare and support a priority

Vermont Secondary College provides excellent support both in the classroom and in the school community as a whole. They meet regularly with the international student coordinator.

Student support services include:

- a supportive student wellbeing team and house structure to support students
- a pathways and transitions resource centre
- course counselling
- a full-time first aid attendant.

Homestay for international students

Vermont Secondary College has a very small homestay program. The school, therefore, has a strong preference for international students to come with their families to support their better schooling success.

All Victorian 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, 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

Easily accessible location

Vermont is located approximately 30 kilometres from the central city of Melbourne. It is a well-established area with excellent transport links and a wide range of facilities.

Many shopping centres are located within easy reach of Vermont Secondary College. The Eastland and Chadstone shopping centres are within easy reach via a bus service passing the school. The Knox City and The Glen shopping centres are also close by. These shopping centres provide too services such as banking, entertainment and restaurants.

The closest station, Mitcham, provides fast and easy access to the city with frequent services. Trams to the city are also accessible from the nearby Vermont South shopping centre.



A recent success story

Qiaoying Li, from China, studied EAL; Maths Methods; Accounting; Physics; and Specialist Mathematics.

Qiaoying has been accepted into a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

"As an international student, Vermont Secondary College provided me with a caring environment to study. The study experience here helped me to adapt to life in Australia in a significant way. The food from the canteen is so good, and I miss my high school life."

AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE PROVIDED ME WITH A CARING ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY.



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