



Be surrounded by

inspired, motivated and

confident students



Sandringham
College

International Student Program

Principal's Welcome

Sandringham College offers International Students an educational experience that is second to none. In a caring, safe environment, students from all over the world live and study alongside Australian students. Our Language Centre caters exclusively to the needs of new arrivals with an English Language program maintained for the duration of the student's stay. In addition to their academic studies, students also have the opportunity to take part in the full life of the college. This includes drama performances, sporting events, outdoor field trips and camps.

Students are also assisted with homestay accommodation, career advice and practical help with any problems that might arise while they are at the College.

We extend a warm welcome to overseas students who choose to study with us and wish them well in their every endeavour at the school.



Meet the team

Allen McAuliffe is our College Principal. Allen brings a committed approach to Sandringham College and is working hard to lead the rebuilding and restructuring of the College.

We look forward to an exciting future under his leadership.



Denise Cornish leads the International Program. Denise is an experienced school leader and teacher of English and Sociology. She has worked with the International Team at the college for 6 years, encouraging a culturally diverse mix of international students across all year levels 7-12.



Enza Sepe is a Language Centre and English as a Second Language Teacher. Enza is an experienced Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) teacher of English, and works with students to achieve excellent results.



Amal Isac returns to teaching in the Language Centre and brings vitality and enthusiasm to the program. Amal is also teaching VCE and can assist students to transition into full VCE studies.



Kerry Haley is our Homestay Coordinator. Kerry liaises with the Sandringham Community to provide quality homestays for our International Students. Kerry is a very well respected member of our community who ensures students have the best possible experience whilst in Australia, by knowing our homestay families and choosing the best homes for our students.



LiLu Crain is a Multicultural Aide. She assists students in all aspects of their studentship, from finding their way around campus to assisting within the classroom. Lili also participates in school excursions and camps.



Setsu James is a Multicultural Aide. She assists students in all aspects of their studentship, from finding their way around campus to assisting within the classroom. Setsu also participates in school excursions and camps.



International Program features

- An International Student Program Leader who oversees each student's learning program and their transition into the community.
- Multi-cultural aides who ensure that the students fully understand the work being taught and assist in community matters.
- Extensive communication between student families and overseas agencies.
- Airport reception
- Interpreter service
- Medical Information
- Orientation Program and Information pack.
- An extensive camps and excursion program.
- A sports program.
- A Language Lounge where students can study, cook meals, relax and seek staff assistance.
- An extensive onsite library and computer network
- Homework and Coaching classes after school.
- Careers advice and assisted transition to university.



English Language Centre

International Students who attend Sandringham College have the option of spending their first twenty weeks (pre VCE) at the College in the Language Centre. The Language Centre is housed in one of the classrooms at the college. Here students receive English Language instruction by a fully qualified teacher, while also studying two other VCE classes for practise.

At this time they usually join a VCE English class, but continue to receive tuition in the language centre for as long as they need.

The English Language program includes students from Asia, Europe and South America. Every effort has been made to keep pace with the latest educational techniques for second language learners; the centre is equipped with its own information technology area utilising self paced interactive language learning programs.

Half, full day and overnight excursions to galleries, events and places of historical interest are all included in the curriculum offered by the Language Centre in order to provide a diverse range of cultural and social experiences.



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Homestay



Sandringham and surrounds

Homestay accommodation is provided by caring families who are willing to offer an International student a safe and comfortable home during their time in Australia. Our high quality group of homestay families is varied with some families having children of their own and some being single adults. Several families have pets, mostly dogs or cats and some families have extended family living in the same home. All our families live within close proximity to the College which ensures the International students have minimal travelling time to/from school. Our homes are also located close to shopping venues and public transport which aides the students in their independence.

Each student is matched with a compatible family who will provide a private bedroom, use of household utilities and three meals per day. The students are encouraged to feel at home in their homestay homes and spend time getting to know their new family. Students are expected to spend time socialising with the host family as the homestay experience is a positive way for students to improve their English, learn more about Australian culture and to make the most of their experience.

The host families are briefed extensively before the student arrives, provided with information about the student's background and are prepared to assist them with settling into the home and integrating into the community. The families understand that all International students will take time settling into the home and they will need to adjust to the Australian lifestyle, food, culture and language.

Located approximately 15 kilometres from the central business district of Melbourne, Sandringham is one of Melbourne's most desirable suburbs.

Melbourne is Australia's second largest city. With more than a quarter of the population having been born overseas, Melbourne has over 100 different nationalities represented amongst its population of almost four million, making it the most multicultural city in Australia. This mix of nationalities offers students the chance to experience diverse and vibrant cultural experiences. The climate is moderate, with crisp winters, cool springs, long hot summers and even longer, balmy autumns. Sandringham is ideally situated on Port Phillip Bay. Major shopping complexes, entertainment and world class sporting facilities are close by, while the school precinct itself is located in a quiet residential area. The suburb of Sandringham offers a safe, healthy, bayside lifestyle. Host families are carefully selected by the Homestay Coordinator who works to match students to suitable families.

Our college offers International Students the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects in a friendly, supported environment.



Student Testimonials



Hi, my name is Kotomi. I came to Australia in 2010 when I was 15 years old. I chose Sandringham College because I was looking for a school that offered a lot of subjects and I wanted to live near the city.

In Year 10, I studied Physical Education, Humanities, Maths, Science, Food Technology, Ceramics, English, Japanese and spent some time in the Language Centre.

In my VCE, I am studying: Food Technology, Agriculture, Dance, Maths, English as a Second Language and Japanese (units 3 & 4). I really love Agriculture because we are growing vegetables by ourselves and I love to look after veggies. Also we are conducting a small business by selling the vegetables to the teachers, earning some money. This is a good experience for me.

The host family is really important for International Students because we have to live in Australia without our family and friends. I had to change my first host family as I couldn't speak English very well at that time and it was really hard to communicate. So I came to the house that I am living in now and I am so happy and comfortable. I love my host mother so much, she has become my real mum here. We talk so much and this has improved my English. On the weekend we go out together and she takes me places that I have never seen before. She makes my life good in Australia. I am very thankful.

The things I like about Sandy is that there are lots of interesting subjects, there is no uniform so we can show our personality, teachers are friendly and kind and there are not so many international students so I can get to communicate with local students.

After my studies in Australia, I will return to Japan and university. I hope to study International Studies and look forward to travelling again.

Kotomi Homma



Hello my name is Sawa and I have been at Sandringham College for 1 year and 5 months. I chose Sandy because the school is near the beach and not too close to the city. Sandy has a lot of subjects so I was able to find the subjects that I want. For me it's Dance.

When I first came to Sandy I felt that all the teachers are so friendly and helpful. Actually I've never felt this when I was studying in Japan.

I am studying Sociology, English as a Second Language, Maths and VET Dance. Last year I also studied Japanese and Food and Technology.

I'm enjoying every subject that I'm learning, especially Dance. I've been dancing since I was 3, so dance is part of my life. In the dance class we can learn a lot of theory, not only just dance practice. In the dance class all students are really kind and friendly.

I feel so comfortable in homestay and I love my host family very much. I really feel that I'm a part of this family. They take me to lots of places, for example my host family have a beach house which is kind of a holiday house and in the summer we go down to the beach most of weekends and have a relaxing time. I can feel they trust me.

The things I like about Sandringham College is that the teachers and students are really close, so it's easy to ask questions. There are a wide range of subjects to choose from and the students are so talented.

I'm planning to go to the university in Japan, and want to take a teachers license and I hope I could teach English or Japanese (or maybe Vietnamese) to children with special needs. (I mean children who live in Africa or another developing country).

Sawa Takahashi



Other Campus features

Outdoor Education and Environmental Studies

Each year International Students participate alongside Australian students in the many adventure activities that make up the Outdoor Education programme. Rock-climbing, surfing, snorkelling, skiing, sea kayaking, windsurfing, horse riding, and walking are some of the experiences on offer through this course.



Information Technology

International Students are able to make full use of the Computer Technology Laboratories. Most classrooms are fitted with notepads for student use. The Library computer system and the Language Centre Computer facilities are other points of access for students.



Agriculture and Horticulture

Sandringham College is one of the few colleges able to offer this interesting and practical course. Many students find this study different and challenging, offering them a chance to learn how to grow their own food and look after animals. Students also market and sell their own produce.



Performing Arts, Dance and Music

The College stages over 35 performances each year in the 330 seat theatre. Productions not only include performers, dancers and musicians but also sound engineering, set and lighting design, costume production and stage management. Dramaworks and 3 Music studios encourage productions of extremely high quality and attract many International students to participate.



Visual Arts

Sandringham College has a proud and established reputation when it comes to Art. Our art studios are alive with creativity, the corridors becoming a gallery space as the year progresses. Students can choose from a vast array of Visual Art subjects allowing them to immerse themselves in their chosen field. Whether it be Fine Arts or Photography, equipment is state of the art.





Trips and Excursions

In addition to the curriculum-based excursions and field trips, students also have the opportunity to participate in other off site activities: The overseas drama based trip to the United States of America, Britain and Europe, The Winter skiing trip, The Outback Music Tour are some of the options of offer.



Campus Ethos

The Senior Campus is an adult-oriented environment where students are not required to wear uniform and the staff are friendly and supportive. Students are expected to behave in a manner that reflects their respect for others, their capacity for independent learning and a determination to make a valuable contribution in their chosen field of study and work.



VCE Subjects offered at Sandringham College

- Accounting
- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Art
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Dance
- Design & Technology
 - Metal
 - Textiles
 - Wood
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- English Language
- English as a Second Language
- Environmental Science
- Food & Technology
- Foundation English
- French
- Geography
- Health & Human Development
- History
- Information Technology
- IT Software Development
- IT Applications
- National & Global Citizen
- Australian Politics
- Global Politics
- Indonesian as a Second Language
- Japanese as a Second Language
- Legal Studies
- Literature
- Mathematics
 - General
 - Methods
 - Specialist
 - Foundation
 - Further
- Media
- Media Journalism
- Media Photography/Print
- Media Video/Audio/Animation
- Music Investigations
- Music Performance
- Music Performance Group
- Music Performance Solo
- Music Styles
- Outdoor & Environmental Studies
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Studio Arts
 - Drawing
 - Photography
 - Video Production
- Systems Engineering
- Theatre Studies
- Visual Communication & Design





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