

STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education and Training





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Stawell Secondary College, we aim to create a learning environment that considers individual pathways for each student. We plan to achieve the pathway with each student, the adults in their life and their teachers.

At our college, each student belongs to a house whose leadership takes a personal interest in their development. Students remain in their house from Year 7 through to Year 12.

House spirit and friendly house rivalry is a strength of our college. The house system also enables the development of student leadership roles.

In recent years student leadership has become central to the culture of the College, our assemblies are always student-led and feature student achievement.

We aim to create a culture that achieves and celebrates success.

We are not bounded by our school fences. The College has a role in the community and supports local organisations that enhance community life.

We have a role in the State of Victoria and participate. We accept that our students will be global citizens and we foster links with both students and schools in other countries.

It is equally true that the College is supported by its community, individuals, organisations and businesses of Stawell. These all do so much to enrich the learning environment.

Murray Hart
Acting Principal

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WHY CHOOSE STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE?

International students receive continual support in their education at Stawell Secondary College. We inform parents of their child's progress via regular phone contact, with a translator.

Teachers focus on literacy in all subjects and our English as Additional Language (EAL) classes are small and personal. There are also tutors who are available for many of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subjects.

Our college offers study sessions after school, careers, university and course counselling, and we have an English language school onsite.

Not only is your child's academic pathway catered for, but we also offer a wide range of sporting options, from tennis, netball, football, soccer through to basketball just to name a few. Our college instrumental music program is on offer as well as college musical productions.

An academic program encouraging students to excel

Stawell Secondary College offers a range of VCE studies for students commencing in Year 10.

Students can select units in visual and studio arts, business and computing, English and EAL, humanities, outdoor/physical education, languages, health, mathematics, sciences and technology.

All students have access to information technology, including computers, and a well-resourced modern library.





A great choice of extra-curricular activities

Students have many extra-curricular opportunities including:

- a Year 11 debutante ball
- musical and theatre productions
- overseas trips to China
- year level camps and social events
- an art exhibition festival
- sports facilities including a full-size gymnasium, sporting ovals, basketball/netball courts and cricket grounds.

Making welfare and support a priority

The College provides an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Staff assist each student to reach his or her potential from participation in the College experiences.

Our college fosters communication and involvement between parents, teachers and students. This is so as to ensure a safe, positive and supportive learning environment.

Student wellbeing and academic progress is our priority, staff commit to encouraging students to interact closely with their teachers and seek help at any time..

Homestay for international students

High quality homestay is on offer to international students, so you know that you're loved one is in safe care whilst obtaining an Australian education.

Our homestay families provide great care and support. They treat our international students like a member of the family. This provides our international students with the best possible home environment to assist them with their development of English. They also gain the opportunity to learn about the culture and customs of Australia by living with a family.

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 and fruits
- 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 and the student's laundry
- 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.

Easily accessible location

Stawell Secondary College is located in the largest town to the Grampians National Park.

Features of our school's location include being:

- well-served by train lines and bus routes
- in a safe location free of big city distractions, surrounded by leafy park lands
- just a few minutes from the main shopping centre, set against the backdrop of the Grampian mountains range
- 20 minutes from the Grampians National Park



OUR HOMESTAY FAMILIES PROVIDE GREAT CARE AND SUPPORT. THEY TREAT OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LIKE A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.





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