General Information about Enrolling as an International Student

Our School
Macarthur Anglican School is registered with the Department of Education and is accredited by the New South Wales Board of Studies to teach courses leading to the award of the New South Wales Higher School Certificate. The Higher School Certificate is recognised throughout Australia and overseas for entry into university.

The School is located on a large site at Cobbitty in southwest Sydney. Students stay in homestay accommodation, with most students preferring to be as close to the School as possible. From their homes, it is possible for students to use bus and rail transport to reach the centre of Sydney within seventy minutes.

Our International Students
Macarthur Anglican School allows the enrolment of international (or overseas) students from many countries including Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Korea, Hong Kong and mainland China, Thailand, Malaysia and Taiwan. The School has been enrolling and teaching international students since 1991. The School provides a high level of care to students who are living so far from their home and family.

English Support
The School accepts international student enrolments at any time of the year. Students should be able to demonstrate adequate English language proficiency to cope with the demands of the course for the academic year they are enrolling into.

The School has a dedicated teacher to provide ongoing academic support and assistance to international students.

Enrolment of Children Less than Twelve Years Old
The School has a policy of only enrolling very young children if they are accompanied in Australia by a parent. The School will not arrange homestay for a young child. In practice, the best time for a student to enrol is when they have reached fifteen years of age or when they are at Year 9 or Year 10 level.

Applying to Enrol
To apply for a place as an international student, the Application for Enrolment form has to be completed and returned to the School. If the student is already located in Australia, then an interview will be arranged by the School. If the student is in his or her home country, then it will be necessary to attend an interview which will be carried out by the School’s agent in that country.

One of the normal requirements for enrolment will be for the student to sit an English test so that we are aware of the student’s standard of English and the level of support they will need on enrolment. The School uses the AEAS test for this purpose. This will be arranged by the School’s agent, who may be authorised to give the test, otherwise they will direct the student to where he or she can sit the test.

If the Headmaster approves the application for the student to enrol, then a Letter of Offer is sent to the parents, with a copy to the agent or any family member in Australia who may be assisting in the process. After receiving the enrolment fee, deposit and prepaid tuition fees, a Confirmation of Enrolment will be sent which allows the student to apply for an Australian Student Visa.

If you have any specific questions concerning enrolment as an international student, please contact the Director, International Programmes on international@macarthur.nsw.edu.au