General Information about Enrolling as an International Student

Our School

Macarthur Anglican School is registered with the Ministry 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 School Certificate and 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 120-acre 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 90 minutes.

Our International students

Macarthur Anglican School allows the enrolment of a small number of International (or overseas) students. To date, these students have come from Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Korea, Hong Kong and mainland China, Thailand, Malaysia and Taiwan. The school has over fifteen years of experience in enrolling and teaching International Students. It also has a very good reputation for the level of care given to students who are living so far from their home and family.

English Support

It is important to understand the academic year arrangements used by Macarthur Anglican School, so that enrolment can take place at the best time. The school operates an academic year that commences in October each year. This is the time when our students are promoted from their present grade into the next higher grade. As far as international students are concerned, we like them to enrol prior to the start of an academic year, when we run an intensive English course in preparation for integrating into normal classroom lessons. The intensive English course is from August to October each year, so enrolment in August is best time to start.

If a student is seeking to enrol at another time through the year, it may be necessary to make other arrangements to be sure that the student has sufficient ability in using the English language to be able to profit from time spent in the classroom.

Enrolment of children less than 12 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 15 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 at 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 authorized 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 and deposit and prepaid tuition fees, a Confirmation of Offer will be sent which allows the student to apply for an Australian Student Visa.

You can also find out more about the school by visiting our website:


If you have any specific questions concerning enrolment as an International student, you may also write to the Registrar, Mr Robert Sim on this email address:

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