



Macarthur Anglican School

International Prospectus



From the Headmaster

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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Macarthur Anglican School. For over 25 years Macarthur has had an international focus and has been providing first-class education to students from many countries in a supportive Christian environment.

Students at Macarthur experience a quality education with a focus on university entry to position them for success in the global workforce. In addition to our rich academic culture is an extensive programme of co-curricular opportunities that enables students to find their own specialised area in which to excel. At Macarthur Anglican School we aim to provide opportunities for students to develop an array of essential life skills. Critical thinking, self-discipline, integrity, organisational skills, leadership, entrepreneurial and communication skills are just some of them.

At Macarthur, we take pride in our highly successful and growing International Student Programme and the benefits that it brings both overseas students and Australian students as they are exposed to a range of cultures.

The pillars of the Macarthur Way are central to what we teach and the attitudes that are foundational to our values. Respect, integrity, honesty, excellence, learning, self-discipline, responsibility, humility, and generosity are values that our teachers constantly demonstrate and model to our students.

The relationship between the School, parents, and student is crucial to educational success. We look forward to your partnership on this exciting journey of overseas education as we empower students for their tomorrow.

David Nockles





Empowering Students for Their Tomorrow

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Location and Facilities

Macarthur Anglican School is located one hour from downtown Sydney on a picturesque 84 acres of expansive grounds. The School is also one hour from Wollongong, two hours from Canberra and 1.5 hours from the Blue Mountains. The Macarthur area is one of the fastest growing regions of Sydney and is located close to the new Western Sydney Airport development.

The size and location of our school make it a unique learning environment within Sydney. The Macarthur Anglican School property includes a significant area of outdoor space which is used for sport, outdoor classes, and our school farm.

Explore Passion Develop Talent

A Tradition of Excellence

Macarthur Anglican School actively prepares students for university education. Macarthur is the premier school in South West Sydney.

Service

Macarthur Anglican School has an expectation that its students will serve both within and outside the school community. Many opportunities are created both within the school community, in the local community, and overseas for students to serve others.

Supportive Teachers

Macarthur Anglican School teachers are well trained and continue to professionally develop their skills. Our teachers are dedicated to the School and are required to display the same values we expect of our students.

Opportunity

Our co-curricular clubs are designed to challenge student thinking and develop skills outside the classroom. They also provide opportunities for students across different year groups to meet and interact with each other. Music, Robotics, Photography, Sport, Agriculture, Drama, Art, Public Speaking and Debating are just a few of the opportunities for students to enjoy.

Values

Macarthur Anglican School teaches and models the values on which the School prides itself: respect, integrity, honesty, excellence, learning, self-discipline, responsibility, humility, and generosity.

Lifelong Learning

A Macarthur education is only the beginning of a life-long education. We seek to give our students a desire to learn and strive for excellence that will create a passion for learning that lasts long after they graduate.

Qian Wang

**Qian is from Shanghai
China and commenced at
Macarthur in Year 9.
She will study at
Macarthur for 3.5 years
in total.**

Studying in Australia is a very challenging but also inspiring experience for me. Being able to live in another culture really broadens my mind. It makes me understand much more about my strengths and weaknesses. Being away from my home country really pushes my limitations and gives me the opportunity to get out of my comfort zone. It hasn't always been easy, but when you look back at what you have conquered, you will feel very proud of yourself.

I could not have done it without my homestay and my teachers who give me so much support when I feel lost. I think it is a wonderful and worthwhile experience for my future because I gain more insight into not only the world around me but also myself as an individual.





Academic Culture

At Macarthur Anglican School we encourage students to aim for high levels of academic achievement. The School enjoys an academic culture where students expect to be challenged, are provided with opportunities for research, and where deep-thinking is encouraged.

All the subjects offered at Macarthur provide scores toward university entry.

To assist students to achieve their goals, Macarthur Anglican School offers a range of support for international students. English language skills are a key component to students performing at their best. Our English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) teachers work very closely with students to support their education in all subjects.

Our buildings are all air conditioned, equipped with the latest touch screen displays and technology. Class sizes are approximately 25 students per class. In Years 11 and 12 where there are many subject choices, the students may have classes with as few as six students. Our small class sizes allow our teachers to give each child all the attention they need to achieve their potential.



Studying at Macarthur Anglican School

Subjects Studied in Year 7 and Year 8

English	History	Technology (workshop and computers)
Mathematics	Geography	Visual Arts
Science	Music	Biblical Studies
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)	Indonesian	

Mandatory Subjects in Year 9 and Year 10

English	History or Geography
Mathematics	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
Science	Biblical Studies
Australian History	
Australian Geography	

Elective Subjects in Year 9 and Year 10

Agriculture
Commerce
Design and Technology
Drama
Indonesian
Information and Software Technology
Music
Visual Arts



Subjects in Year 11 and Year 12

Advanced English	Earth and Environmental Sciences	Economics
Standard English	Physics	Geography
English as an Additional Language/ Dialect	Ancient History	Legal Studies
English Extension 1	Modern History	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
English Extension 2 (Year 12)	History Extension (Year 12)	Indonesian Continuers
Mathematics	Society and Culture	Indonesian Extension (Year 12)
Mathematics Standard 2	Studies of Religion 1	Design and Technology
Mathematics Extension 1	Studies of Religion 2	Textiles and Design
Mathematics Extension 2 (Year 12)	Drama	Information Processes and Technology
Agriculture	Music 1	Software Design and Development
Biology	Music 2	Visual Arts
Chemistry	Music Extension (Year 12)	
	Business Studies	

A Day at Macarthur Anglican School

Years 7-12

7.00-7.15am	Catch bus to school	
8.10am	Classes commence	
10.40am	Recess	
11.00am	Classes resume	
1.00pm	Lunch	
1.40pm	Classes resume	
2.40pm	End of classes	To homestay on bus
3.00pm	Co-curricular classes commence	English as an Additional Language/ Dialect each Monday until 4.15pm is compulsory



Study Support

All international students are required to attend an extra session of English each week from 2:45pm to 4:15pm. This provides additional support for your child’s academic English development and assists them with assessment preparation.

Students in Years 10 to 12 have the opportunity to work in our school library from 4.30pm to 7.30pm four nights a week (Monday to Thursday). During these study sessions a teacher supervises students and dinner is included. This is an ideal opportunity for students to make use of our facilities and have disciplined study time. Homestay families assist with transportation home. Please note there is a small fee for this service.



Students are assessed in a variety of ways. These include homework, in-class tests, examinations, verbal presentations, and group tasks. Each year students are advised which methods will be used for each subject.

In addition to the subjects our school offers, students may also choose an additional language to study by correspondence through the NSW School of Languages. The Dean of Studies at Macarthur Anglican School supports students during their study and supervises the lodgement of assessment tasks.

Australian education requires students to be independent in their learning. Students are encouraged and supported to manage their study time and plan their learning, rather than be instructed through every part of the process. Just like at university campuses, Macarthur students move from classroom to classroom and teacher to teacher for each different lesson throughout the day.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday





Co-Curricular

Co-curricular endeavours outside the classroom are a key feature of the value of a Macarthur Anglican School education for your child. These programmes provide many opportunities to develop character and skills in activities where they explore and challenge themselves.

Co-Curricular Programmes include Music (performance in Orchestra, Concert Band, Swing Band, Choir, Drum Corps), Duke of Edinburgh International Award (including hiking, community service, skills and physical activity), Sport, Agriculture Show Team, Drama Club, Chess Club, Public Speaking, Debating, Photography Club, Sound and Lighting, Robotics and many more.



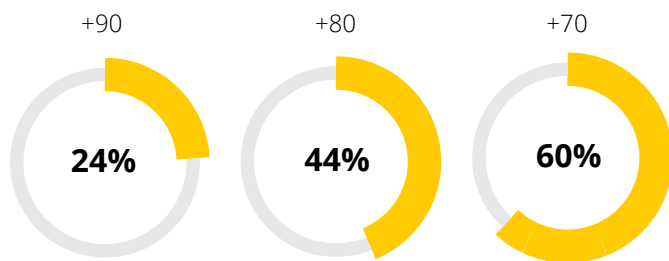
Future Beyond Macarthur

University connections for early entry

A Macarthur education offers students a gateway to life-long learning. The subjects available at Macarthur are all matriculation subjects that provide students with strong foundations for university entry.

Macarthur Anglican School regularly features in the top 100 schools in New South Wales.

Our last three years of ATAR results are:



90% of Macarthur Anglican School graduates qualify for university entry. We enjoy a strong reputation with local universities and support students with an early entry programme.

Our Head of Senior School supports students as they make choices to select courses for university entry. Students enter a range of universities including The University of Sydney, The University of New South Wales, University of Technology Sydney, Macquarie University, Wollongong University and Western Sydney University.



International Testimonials



Cheng Cheng Zhang

Student at Macarthur from 2014 until his graduation in 2017. Currently studying Fashion Design at Whitehouse Institute of Design in Sydney.

Studying at Macarthur not only broadened my horizons, but gave me the opportunity to experience and understand the Australian culture. The teachers also helped me in the courses I studied, specifically essay writing. They also shared their insights into the personal development of student teamwork.



Wenzhe He

Student at Macarthur from 2016 until his graduation in 2018. Currently studying Biomedical Engineering at The University of Sydney.

The friends I made, the lifestyle I had, and the study method I developed at Macarthur Anglican School allowed me to enjoy friendship, live a real Aussie life, and find a great part-time job when studying at an Australian university.

Peter He

Wenzhe's father

Macarthur Anglican School offered various opportunities that improved my child's abilities and broadened his confidence. The School selected trustworthy homestays relieving us of the worry of his safety and personal development. He also got to enjoy the beauty of the Australian environment.

Empowering Students



Qian Wang

Student at Macarthur from 2016. Qian will graduate at the end of 2019. Refer to her testimonial on Page 7.



Sophia

Mother of Qian Wang

Three years ago, my daughter finished her high school entrance exam and received a letter of admission from Shanghai Middle School. Stay in China to attend Shanghai Middle School or go abroad? As parents, we struggled for a while and eventually sent our daughter to Sydney to enrol in Macarthur Anglican School as planned. We're glad we made that decision.

Macarthur's intention in the education of foreign students and respect for international students is clear. They carefully choose a homestay that match the characteristics of each child. They always keep an eye on how your child is progressing at school and in homestay. They ensure 24-hour child safety through a rigorous safety management system and effective management of children's out-of-home behaviour. The teacher gives the tutoring help when the student is having difficulty with their studies.

Thanks to Macarthur, our daughter has had a wonderful and unforgettable time at high school and away from her parents.

for Their Tomorrow



Homestay

The caring community of Macarthur

All international students are required to have approved welfare and accommodation at Macarthur in place before a student visa will be granted. Homestay accommodation, where your child lives with an Australian family, is a wonderful way for students to become part of a local family and learn the Australian way of life. Australia is a multicultural country and our homestay families come from many different backgrounds. All our homestay families speak English.

There are two options for welfare and accommodation at Macarthur:

1. The student lives with a parent or relative, and the parent or relative applies for a guardian visa to live in Australia with the student. This guardianship is approved by the Department of Home Affairs.
2. The student applies to live in homestay arranged by the school. In this case, the school arranges the Certificate of Appropriate Accommodation/ Welfare Arrangements (CAAW) to allow the student to apply for a visa with the Department of Home Affairs.



At Macarthur Anglican School the welfare and homestay are managed by the School. The School provides a nominated guardian who is the International Registrar. All the families who host students are personally known by the School and each home is inspected regularly. Contact is made with homestay families on a regular basis.

Homestay families support and encourage students in their learning. Homestay accommodation includes a private furnished room, all meals seven days a week and Wi-Fi internet. Bus travel is additional to the homestay fees. All homestay accommodation has access to bus services.





Enrolment Process

Macarthur Anglican School accepts students who are on Student Visas (Visa 500) and also those who are on Temporary Visas. Macarthur also supports the enrolment of students who are Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents with English as their second language.

Students should be aware that regardless of their visa type if English is not their first language, they will be required to sit an English test and may be asked to attend a language course prior to commencement. Each student is assessed individually, and the time required at language school is determined accordingly.

Macarthur Anglican School accepts students from six years of age. Students must live with a parent or family member until they complete Year 6, at which time they can move to homestay accommodation or remain living with relatives.

Step 1

Submit an application form, passport copy, birth certificate, school reports, and any English testing results.

Step 2

The International Registrar contacts the student to make a suitable time for an online video interview. Most students also require English testing.

Step 3

Macarthur will advise if the application is successful. At this time, we will advise how long the student needs to study an English course and the recommended enrolment dates.

Step 4

A letter of offer is issued. The student's parents accept the offer by signing and paying the enrolment fees. Once this occurs, the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) and Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare Certificate (CAAW) is issued. (These visa documents only apply for Student 500 Visas). The student can now apply for the Student Visa.

Step 5

The student can now plan for their arrival in Australia. Students who are applying for a Student Visa 500 should wait for the visa to be granted before purchasing flights. During this time the School will provide orientation documents.



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