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Welcome to

Oxley Christian College



Choosing the right school for your child is a big decision. Oxley Christian College has an outstanding reputation for pastoral care, academic excellence and diverse co-curricular offerings. We are a very affordable coeducational College offering both Junior and Senior School programs within the Australian Curriculum.

For more than 30 years, Oxley's program for international students has been successfully preparing graduates for university courses in Australia and the world. Renowned for its high standards in learning and teaching, the College has a 100% pass rate for international students studying the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Internationally recognised, the VCE is the Year 11 and 12 State credential for university entrance.

As a Christian College, Oxley promotes the Christian faith as the basis for a vibrant and nurturing environment and personal flourishing. Christian virtues and Christian character are promoted within the College. We believe that all schooling occurs within faith and cultural commitments, and that there is no neutral form of education. Education shapes us in the ways we go on to influence others, making us capable and compassionate participants in any version of the future we may have to face.

The College provides a wonderful learning environment for both Primary and Secondary students. The modern, spacious Senior School is the centre for English and Language studies, Humanities, Mathematics and Business subjects, as well as excellent specialist facilities for Science and Information Technology, Visual Arts and Design, Library and Food Studies. Other studies are held in comfortable, well equipped classrooms.

The Broadley Performing Arts Centre provides outstanding facilities for orchestra, concert bands, ensembles and choirs, as well as individual music lessons. The Centre also supports the annual Music and Drama productions.

Our magnificent Sports Stadium has five competition sized basketball courts, a fully equipped fitness centre and kiosk. Extensive ovals and courts complete the sports precinct. Students can be involved in athletics, basketball, badminton, cricket, football, hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball.

Our highly dedicated teachers monitor student academic progress and provide additional help when required. Integrated programs, specialising in intensive English, give a strong foundation for students' successful studies and cultural adjustment. Ongoing specialist help with English is also provided.

The College offers expert counselling for subject selection, information about university courses and career pathways.

Highly able students may be selected to enter the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Programs.

Parents regularly receive comprehensive online student reports about academic and general progress.

Competitive fees for this course provide high value for money. Students may apply for entry in any year level.

A range of videos are available on our website to enable you to explore our academic and homestay programs and facilities. Scan the QR code to watch our International Videos.

At Oxley:

- We encourage students to be their best. We want students to flourish in their learning. The development of Christian wisdom and virtue is as important as high achievement in academic studies.
- Our curriculum focuses on the four STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Humanities, Sport, as well as Performing and Creative Arts.
- We offer a dynamic and rigorous educational program with cocurricular studies, leadership and service opportunities and an international mindset. Some of these programs offer experiences in outdoor education, adventure activities, City Cite experiences, plus cultural, artistic and sporting events. School productions are also held every year.
- There are international student programs, and international educational and mission service tours.
- We have transition and pastoral care programs that nurture student wellbeing and resilience.
- Students use a mix of technologies. In Senior School, students purchase the latest Microsoft Surface Pro device.
- The learning of all students is supported, including the areas of giftedness and specific needs.
- Families are made to feel welcome and supported in their child's educational journey.



Inclusive Curriculum

The Australian school year commences late January and concludes early December.

Our inclusive curriculum is finely tuned to the individual needs of our local and international students and we encourage student leadership at all levels. This approach results in outstanding academic and personal achievements.



Junior Years 1-6

The Junior School offers a rich sequential program with a strong focus on the key subjects of English and Mathematics. Our rigorous curriculum provides a foundation for each student's future learning, personal growth and active participation in a global community. Our teachers bring the Australian Curriculum alive and build each student's knowledge, skill and understanding in core learning areas. Learning is further enhanced through Science, Humanities, Social Sciences, Health and Christian Studies. Students supplement their learning with classes in Information Technology, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Chinese Language and Library. In preparation for the Senior School, students acquire skills in research, critical thinking, design and technology, problem solving and oral presentations.





Senior Years 7-12

Year 7 to Year 10 students are provided with a broad-based general education designed to prepare them for the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), a government accredited course.

Year 11 and 12 VCE students are helped to select a two-year program from a range of subjects which meet the pre-requisites for the VCE and university selection in Australia and overseas. Students choose from a wide range of subjects.

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Chinese 1st Language
- Chinese 2nd Language
- Chinese 2nd Language Advanced
- Drama
- English
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Food Studies
- Further Mathematics (General Mathematics is a Year 11 precursor to this subject)
- Geography
- German
- Health and Human Development
- History
- Legal Studies
- Literature
- Mathematical Methods
- Music Performance
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Software Development (Applied Computing is a Year 11 precursor to this subject)
- Specialist Mathematics
- Texts and Traditions
- Visual Communication Design

Integrated English Program

All international students are tested in their English proficiency as part of the enrolment and admissions process. Students who require additional English language support to assist them for their mainstream studies, will commence lessons in the Integrated English Program located at the College.

The Integrated English Program includes intensive English studies, as well as Art, Christian Studies, Food Studies, Information Technology, Mathematics, Science and other subjects that provide a sample of the broad curriculum offering. The length of the Program is determined by the individual needs of the student, but will normally be 10 to 20 weeks in duration, prior to entry into the mainstream class setting.



The essential outcomes of a Christian education are the development of the Christian character combined with 21st century skills training.

Digital Education

The College's 1:1 Digital Learning Program aims to motivate students to learn by immersing them in the digital tools required to develop their 21st Century skills. This successful program allows teachers to integrate technology into the curriculum, increasing independence and fostering personalised learning.

Parents are able to access SEQTA Engage, which is a teaching and learning management software interface, that provides parents with real time information about their child's learning, including scheduled assessments and results, homework and timetables.





Living and Studying in Melbourne

Melbourne is the capital city in the south-eastern Australian state of Victoria and has a population of over 5 million. This elegant, dynamic city is located on Port Phillip Bay and enjoys a mild, temperate climate. It is a leading education centre, rich in cultural diversity. International studies conducted each year say that Melbourne is one of the world's most liveable cities. International students quickly feel at home in multicultural Melbourne, where people are friendly and helpful.

International students studying at the College are required to live with either a parent, government approved relative/guardian, or enter our Homestay program.

Our beautiful 28-hectare campus is situated on a main highway in the outer eastern suburb of Chirnside Park, which is located 32kms north-east from Melbourne's central business district. It is well serviced by trains and buses to Melbourne and is within easy reach of several large suburban shopping centres.







Homestay Accommodation

Choosing the right homestay accommodation enables an international student to successfully transition into life in an Australian home and new study environment.

Homestay parents are carefully selected, vetted and monitored and must have a current Working With Children Check and National Police Check. This is in accordance with the Victorian Government Child Safe Standards and the ESOS Framework.

International students must be over 13 years of age to enter our Homestay program. Our Homestay Coordinator will work with you to match your child with the right Australian family. We do our best to ensure your child is placed in an age appropriate, safe, secure and nurturing environment.

The Homestay Coordinator will continue to monitor the home and your child will have access to the Homestay Coordinator at school to ensure the homestay remains suitable and age appropriate. They will work with you and your child if there are any concerns.

Your child will have their own private room and will be provided with three meals per day. Homestay parents will help your child organise a bank account, mobile phone account, internet access, purchase of textbooks and school uniform.

Homestay families are located as near to the College as possible, so that your child will have safe and reliable transport to and from school each day. This may mean either walking to school, catching a local bus, or being driven to the College by the Homestay parent.

International students are invited to participate in family activities and household chores. Homestay parents also actively encourage out of school activities (e.g. basketball or music/ dance classes). Our Homestay parents take a keen interest in supporting the international student socially, emotionally and academically. They are invited to attend Parent Teacher interviews to enable Homestay parents to work with the College in monitoring your child's overall academic and personal progress.

The academic, social and emotional wellbeing of your child is important to us. Our goal is for your child to settle well in their new home environment and ultimately become a valued member of the homestay family, fostering long term relationships. A positive homestay experience is integral to an international student's academic success!



Our mission is to prepare confident, articulate students with skills, wisdom and maturity to live in the present moment while shaping the future for the common good of humanity.







Co-Curricular

Clubs

Primary School (Year 1 - 6)

May include: Chess, Coding, Lego®, Robotics, Running

Secondary School (Year 7 – 12)

May include: Art, Badminton, Chess, Games (board games), German, Knitting, Robotics, Running and Writing

Camps

School camps are an important and integral aspect of learning at the College. All students from Year 4 to Year 12 attend at least one camp or retreat per year. Camp programs vary at each year level and include exciting opportunities for course work, leadership programs, outdoor pursuits and city-based programs. Additionally, an annual Music Camp is available to students studying music at a senior level.

Church and Youth Club Activities

The church, situated on the College property, provides pastoral oversight to students. There is also an active young people's group meeting at the church each week, providing youth club activities and special events. Some activities may also be offered during social vacations.









Orientation, Cultural Adjustment and Pastoral Care

Arrival

On arrival, new students are welcomed at the airport and driven to their homestay accommodation. College staff will assist with transport arrangements, registration, overseas student health cover, textbooks, a digital device and uniform requirements.

Orientation Program

An extensive and comprehensive orientation program assists students to understand their new environment, cultural differences, school expectations, study techniques and homework requirements.

Cultural Adjustment and Pastoral Care

Studying and living in a different culture is both exciting and challenging. An extensive pastoral program aims to ensure students are adapting well to their new environment and making progress with their studies.

The College and its community provide a very safe and secure environment with excellent discipline and strong moral values. Academic support and assistance are provided by the Heads of Junior and Senior Schools, the Head of Senior Students, the Head of International Students' Studies, and Year Level Coordinators. There is a strong emphasis on the ongoing personal care of students, including their physical, mental and social well-being, which is carefully monitored by the teaching staff, Year Level Coordinators and the Homestay Coordinator.

The College Psychologist and College Chaplain are also available to support students with any social or emotional matters they may experience.





We aspire to each classroom being a place of delight and learning. Providing students with a sense of awe and wonder and the opportunity for creative personal responses.

Career Program and Tertiary Guidance

Each year, international students who have studied at the College are eligible to gain entry to an Australian university of their choice. Many courses are available, including Accounting, Architecture, Biomedicine, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Law, Medicine, Science and Visual and Performing Arts.

The Careers Coordinator, assisted by the Head of International Students' Studies, is expertly qualified to help students with subject selection and advice about course requirements for university entrance. Tertiary course counselling and career counselling, as well as resources in the Careers Library, enable students to make informed decisions about their educational directions, career opportunities and courses to study in Australia. The Careers staff assist students in making university applications.

We are privileged to be a part of a small group of selected schools, in partnership with the University of Melbourne, known as *Melbourne Schools Partnership International* (MSPI). MSPI offers leadership prizes, study opportunities and extracurricular support for international students.





Application and Enrolment



Admission Requirements

Requirements for international students to enter the College vary for each family and all qualifications are assessed by the College upon application. Students need to have positive school reports with good to excellent grades. For entry into the Integrated English Program, students require a Pre-Intermediate Level of English. Direct entry into mainstream classes will require an Advanced Level of English. All students will undertake an English test to determine their levels of proficiency.

Certified copies of school reports and evidence of English language ability (e.g. IELTS or AEAS Test results) must be submitted to the College at the time of application. This may be done electronically or by mail. Applicants will also be required to attend an interview. Applications should be addressed to the College Registrar. International Application for Enrolment Forms are available for download on the College website.

We advise parents to work with an education agent in order to apply for their course and Student Visa. A list of education agents is available on our website. Scan the QR code to download our Enrolment Application Form.









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