



POLICY:	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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Strathmore Secondary College is an accredited provider in the DET International Student Program CRICOS Provider Number 00816K. The program is beneficial to our local students, providing them with contacts to a range of cultural experiences. Through this program this college provides an excellent educational opportunity for overseas students. Additional funds are also generated for the school to improve educational programs and resources.

AIMS

The College will:

- promote a harmonious environment where international students, teachers and parents co-operate to ensure that the College's educational goals can be successfully met.
- offer a safe and stimulating educational environment for International students as well as our local students.
- arrange caring and appropriate homestays for its International students (see Homestay Policy)
- make appropriate arrangements to teach English as an Additional Language to its International Students
- promote the International Students program within its community as a positive, beneficial arrangement leading to better cultural understanding and greater cultural tolerance within the whole school community.

GUIDELINES

1. All arrangements made for International Students being educated in the college will be according to DET directives and guidelines, in particular the International Students' ESOS Act. (Education Services for Overseas Students).
2. The Manager of International Students will liaise with the International Education Division to ensure, wherever possible, the suitability of International Students for placement in terms of their potential to meet the school's expectations of student behaviour and satisfactory academic progress.
3. Placement of International Students will be undertaken provided there is benefit to the college community and will not occur if it either interferes with the schooling of our local students, or is financially disadvantageous. The College Council agrees that we endeavour to maintain the

program at its present level that is approximately 5% of the total school enrolment. International students are enrolled only in Years 10-12 except when the Principal approves an exceptional case, and again only if no local student misses out

4. The Manager of International Students Program will offer personal support to all overseas students and continually monitor their educational progress and emotional well-being.
5. The Manager of International Students Program will support and advise teachers of the particular needs of International students.
6. The College administration and Manager of International Students Program will regularly examine the markets of International Students, participate in tours and fairs and adjust our target audience as deemed to be necessary.
7. The Manager of the program will report to the College council each semester, including highlights, concerns and marketing activities.
8. In all cases, students will be placed in a homestay unless enrolled under Option 1 (parent or guardian) or Option 2 (relative). For Option 3 (suitable 3rd party – a family nominated by student’s parent/s) and Option 4 (homestay), there is a DET approval process including a site visit and verification of Working with Children Checks for all persons aged over 18 years residing in the home. The College maintains a homestay data base and monitoring process as per the ESOS Act and the College Homestay Policy.
9. The College employs a Homestay Coordinator to assist the International Student Manger by overseeing the Homestay program, including interviewing all prospective homestays for suitability. The Homestay Coordinator and the International Student Manger collaborate to resolve issues and monitor the care of students in those homestays.
10. All staff, homestays and students will be provided with information about the school’s Child Safe Policy. This will include the school’s Commitment to child safety, the Code of Conduct and the process for reporting actual or suspected child abuse.

“International” students are deemed as “students” in relation to the College Student Code of Conduct, the Child Safe Policy and allied policies, e.g. Anti-Bullying and Sexual Harassment

REVIEW CYCLE:

This policy was last updated in March 2017 and is scheduled for review in May 2024.