

NOBLE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, Australia

Department of Education





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We proudly welcome international students to Noble Park Secondary College!

Our College strives for excellence and promotes an ethos of success for all students. Our aim is to build the capacity of our students to be ambitious, ethical and responsible citizens who will make positive contributions to their future and that of society.

Our core values being respect, responsibility, integrity, teamwork and excellence help instil these into the everyday lives of our students.

Noble Park Secondary College has an extra-curricular program that includes a careers and pathways program; peer support; a student homework club; inter-school sports; a specialised instrumental music classes; an engaging house system and a cultural exchange program with a sister school in Shinminato, Japan.

We are privileged to have a very culturally diverse school community which has deepened our sense of community, belonging and an appreciation for diverse peoples.

Our 'continuous reporting' allows parents to have a more detailed report of their child's learning through Compass over the whole year (rather than the end of each term). We are looking forward to working with parents, sharing the progress of their child on a regular basis.

Our College is proudly catering well for our students to achieve their 'best always.' Please feel free to communicate with me, and you are always welcome to book an appointment for a personalised tour of the College.

Pam Dyson
Principal



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WHY CHOOSE NOBLE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE?

We have been welcoming students, since the establishment of our international student program in 2010, from countries including: Cambodia; China; Vietnam; Japan; USA; Korea; India; Sri Lanka; Tanzania; Zimbabwe; and plenty more.

Our international student program is a valuable part of our schools' multicultural community. We have a range of programs, roles and spaces specifically for international students, these include:

- a free serviced school bus; plus, excursions every term
- student leadership and debating clubs
- inter-school sports and various music programs
- an on-site English Language Centre, including a kitchen
- specialised Vietnamese and Cambodian multicultural aides who support students with homework and translations of documents. Plus, there is an interpreter for parents and guardians.

An academic program fostering excellence

We recognise students learn in different ways and that every child has strengths and goals. We have a deep understanding of learning needs and styles that helps create confident and collaborative learners.

We provide students, who need further support in literacy and numeracy, with key support material to build confidence and maximise their knowledge and understanding.

Our College offers homework clubs, a careers coordinator who can assist students choosing subjects and tertiary pathways planning and dedicated teachers.

Noble Park Secondary College featured in The Herald Sun newspaper for being 'Top Ten in the State of Victoria for gains in Reading and Numeracy.'

Activities and programs bringing the student experience to life

Our school offers a range of extra-curricular activities to help students find their passions and make friends outside of their classes.





Student voice and leadership

Student voice involves students actively participating in their schools' communities and education system; contributing to decision making processes; and collectively influencing outcomes by putting forward their views, concerns and ideas.

Students get the chance to participate in a range of student voice and leadership programs to support their development into young adults.

Inter-school sports

Our students participate in a range of sporting activities. Whether it be playing a lunchtime game against teachers, coaching, assisting, or participating in inter-school sports – we have something for everybody.

Our sports teachers involve a range of year levels throughout the year to run sporting activities, allowing the school to bring everyone together.

Our College also has the following facilities that support extra-curricular opportunities:

- a drama room and a music room; plus a lecture theatre
- a senior centre for Year 12 students
- a debating club and a chess club
- music performances at assemblies; plus, externally at the Dandenong Show.

Taking care of students' welfare

Noble Park Secondary College, prides itself in creating a positive wellbeing environment with the following roles and services available:

- a student wellbeing coordinator who leads the student care program
- a school nurse; doctors; a speech pathologist; a mental health practitioner; and visiting psychologists
- airport pickup for those living with homestay families
- an orientation program of school, community and homestay
- individual language support
- ongoing educational, subject selection assistance
- ongoing communication with students, homestay and parents
- careers counselling
- an international student support network.

Homestay for international students

International students can request to live in homestay accommodation in the local area, organised through the school. Or they can nominate a relative who resides within a reasonable distance from our College.

Most homestay providers live locally, with most students either walking to school or taking a short bus/train ride.

Homestay families provide students with:

- a safe, secure, welcoming place to live
- a household compliant with the Child Safe Standards
- a separate single room for the student's personal use
- three meals a day, seven days a week, including snacks
- facilities including a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- utilities including gas, electricity, heating and water costs, as well as internet
- cleaning services of common living areas
- the use of living areas within the residence
- study facilities such as a desk, study light and bookcase
- attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of your parents.

One of our homestay parents, Tuyet Le, has this to say about our program:

"I have been doing homestay for the last five years. Our hobbies are cooking and gardening. We are very happy to see students enjoying our cultural food. It is great to see them doing things together with us like gardening when we have good weather. We spend time after school with the students to find out about their experiences at school. We develop strong relationships with students and continue to maintain the connection after Year 12."

Easily accessible location

Noble Park Secondary College is in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne and is approximately 30 minutes from Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD) by train.

Some features of the local area include:

- well-serviced public transport links
- multicultural diverse suburbs nearby
- a variety of shopping centres in the local area
- Monash University within a short distance.



A recent success story

Haireya Abudurehman, from China has been a proactive student leader during her time at Noble

Park Secondary College. She demonstrated inspiring student leadership qualities as a Vice-Captain in 2020 and International Captain in 2021, working to provide all students with a voice. Haireya was awarded the Student Leadership Award at the Victorian Global Learning Awards 2022.

"As an international student, I did struggle when I first came to Australia, so as a leader I have always tried my best to help international students, especially those who are new."

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