

ELSTERNWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY MANUAL

International Student Program Policy

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Rationale:

Due in part to the homogeneous demography of the Elsternwick Primary School community, our school recognises the importance of providing language and cultural experiences commensurate with our nation's multicultural population. To ensure that students develop the attitudes necessary for global citizenship, we partner with their families, to ensure that multicultural backgrounds are recognised, celebrated and valued.

Aims:

- To maintain a school ethos that reflects, responds to and values multiculturalism.
- To develop within each student attributes needed for global citizenship such as, understanding, appreciation and tolerance.
- Where possible, acknowledge, respect and/or celebrate culturally significant events, using them wherever possible as rich and authentic teaching and learning opportunities available to all community stakeholders.
- Continued focus on Asia, through delivery of the Mandarin language and cultural studies.
- Fostering meaningful links with staff, students and school leaders of our sister school, Boai' Primary School

Implementation:

For International students:

- We are committed to enrolling no more than fourteen International Program students per academic year; with no more than two across each year level.
- Assess prospective International enrolments with regards to the student's capacity and confidence to read, write and converse in English using a range of standardized English and Literacy assessment tools. Where necessary, Elsternwick will partner with Glen Huntly English Language Centre through short-term enrolment for intensive tuition needed to re-enrol at Elsternwick Primary School upon completion of the English Language Program.
- We will endeavour to provide experiences which recognise value and build on students' backgrounds and experiences, particularly those enrolled through the International Schools Program.
- Our code of conduct, wellbeing policy, dress code, and School Strategic Plan will each acknowledge and cater for cultural diversity.

For all students:

- Our school curriculum, leadership and community management practices promote and affirm principles of multicultural diversity.
- Multiculturalism will be celebrated in our school community. School-wide multicultural events will showcase our close links with China; through art, dance and Mandarin language experiences, such as Skype sessions with students from Boai' Primary School.
- All parents and community members will be encouraged to participate in cultural events, celebrations and performances.
- All staff will model culturally inclusive behaviour and will consider multicultural diversity in the implementation of their program.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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