

# KEW HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

**Victoria, Australia**

Department of Education





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**We are a proud, high-achieving co-educational school and our learning community is vibrant and connected. We believe that students thrive in a challenging academic program that also emphasises positive relationships and wellbeing.**

The Kew High School values are accountability; social equity; participation; integrity; respect and excellence. These align to the school motto: *Aspire. Strive. Achieve.* and they truly are the lived experience of the students and staff of this school.

Our staff commit deeply to the process of evaluating their instructional practice in order to continuously improve teaching and learning.

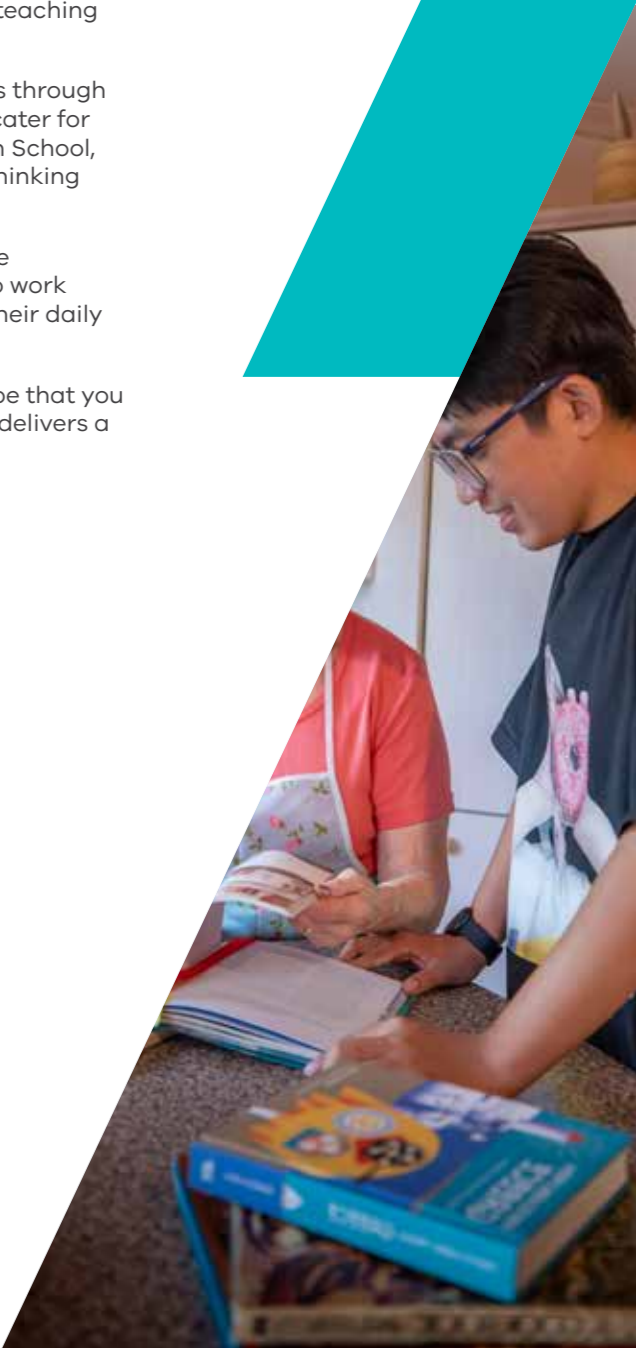
We respect, value and support every learner to progress through the curriculum at their own level of understanding. We cater for high-achieving students in every classroom at Kew High School, creating an embedded culture of critical and creative thinking throughout the school.

At Kew High School, we empower students to explore the opportunities around them, to discover passions, and to work cooperatively and meaningfully with others as part of their daily lives.

I invite you to explore the Kew High School website. I hope that you will gain the sense that this is a caring community that delivers a high-quality, inclusive education.

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Josie Millard**  
Principal



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# WHY CHOOSE KEW HIGH SCHOOL?

**Kew High School is a high-performing co-educational government secondary school in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, with approximately 1,100 students.**

Our highly successful international student program has run for more than 20 years. At Kew, we've established well-rounded support systems among staff, students and the community. These give international students the best opportunities to thrive and achieve exceptional academic outcomes.

Some of services available include:

- **an on-site English language centre** – this allows students to study English intensively and eases their transition into mainstream classes
- **an international student leadership program** – all international students have the opportunity to participate in the program, helping them develop and practise their leadership skills. Our international student captains are an integral part of the school's senior leadership team. They represent the international student body and enhance the status and profile of international students in the school community.

## **A career-focused academic program**

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) aims to provide every student with an appropriate pathway through their post-compulsory schooling.

When structuring their VCE program, we encourage students to think about their preferred career options and consider how their study choices can help them reach their goals.

Our students make these decisions in conjunction with career advisers and counsellors, so they know about the specific requirements for any course or career they have in mind.

## **A wide range of extra-curricular activities**

Kew High School offers a wide range of co-curricular programs to complement our academic programs.

These activities are designed to help further engage students in school life, make them feel included and part of the school community, and help them grow personally and socially.

Some of these activities include:

- sports
- music
- visual arts
- performing arts
- debating.







### Where student welfare is key

At Kew, we offer our international students strong welfare support. Our experienced, caring student coordinators lead a team of teachers who guide and encourage our students so they can settle happily into their new school. This allows them the freedom to pursue their goals more confidently.

We offer a comprehensive orientation program to help each student settle into their new environment. And we keep a close eye on the progress of all our students, offering constant support throughout their time at Kew.

We also regularly inform parents of their child's progress and well-being.

### Homestay for international students

Unless they live with their parents or nominated family members or friends, all our international students stay with carefully selected and vetted homestay families.

Homestay families who provide accommodation to Kew High School international students receive thorough screenings and briefings to meet the high standard of accommodation. The international student division of the Victorian Government's Department of Education provide the stipulation.

Our homestay coordinator visits all homestay families twice a year.

Our homestay families live close to the school, providing a supportive environment where students can feel safe and welcome. They also offer practical and personal advice to students whenever it's needed.

In Victoria, all government school homestay families provide:

- 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, and 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 each student's parents

### An outstanding location in Melbourne's inner east

We are located just 10 kilometres from Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD). Kew High School is close to shops; supermarkets; pharmacies; medical centres; cafés; recreational centres; and beautiful parks.

Our school is very well serviced by public transport, with trams and buses regularly passing the school gates.

International students at Kew High School enjoy attending one of Melbourne's consistently high-performing government schools; with excellent access to all the services that make this one of the most liveable cities in the world.



### A recent success story

We have a breadth of homestay families, one of which has won the Homestay Family of the Year Award at the Victorian Global Learning Awards for 2022. She has been a homestay family since 2006 and have welcomed students from China, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. She has been respectful to all cultures as well as introduce students to Australian culture and history.

*"I am really grateful that I had Danae as part of my journey in Australia, and I think that this is the experience that all international students should have"*

– Hieu Kew High School international student.

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