

# Doncaster Secondary College

Doncaster Secondary College is noted for the strong academic performance of its international students. Close attention is paid to the learning needs and welfare of this unique student group. An experienced team of dedicated staff support our international students to achieve success and progress to tertiary education. New students joining the on-site Intensive English Language Program have the optional advantage of participating in mainstream elective and mathematics extension classes to rapidly consolidate their English language skills.



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**Number of students:** 1300

**Dress:** Uniform

**Cost of uniform (approx.):** \$400

**Distance from Melbourne city centre:** 15 km (Map Reference: Pg 12-13, H3, No. 37)

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**Number of international students:** 110

**Cost of homestay per week:** \$280



## Features of the local area

- Well serviced by regular bus routes that also link to Melbourne city centre
- An array of nearby recreational and sporting amenities
- Positioned close to major shopping and entertainment centre

## Languages taught

- ☒ Chinese
- ☒ French
- ☒ Italian

## Special programs

- University of Melbourne and Monash University extension programs
- Mathematics acceleration program
- Learning enhancement and enrichment
- Academic competition program in English, mathematics and science
- Student leadership opportunities
- House drama, orchestra and school choir

## Intensive English Language classes

Provided at on-site English Language Centre

## Student support services and programs

- Specialist classroom support
- Careers adviser and resource centre
- Homegroup support and social development program
- After-school homework club and mathematics tuition program
- Welfare coordinator and school chaplain
- Health centre including on-site school nurse

## Extracurricular activities

- International students excursions around Victoria
- International students basketball club
- Debating and public speaking clubs
- Vocal ensemble and performances
- Chess club
- Badminton and tennis

## Sports offered

Athletics, Australian Rules Football, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Dance, Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball

## Success story

'Coming to Australia and being an international student is one of the best experiences of my life. I enjoyed my school life in DSC and made lots of friends through joining many interesting school activities. Teachers in DSC helped me to achieve my best possible academic results (University entrance score of 98.15). I learned to be assertive and independent and now I am also a part-time manager of a small company.'

– **Chen (Anna) Liu – China; studying commerce at the University of Melbourne**



## Awards

- Multiple Premiers Awards for top VCE students including Chinese language, 2013
- Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Youth Scholars Program, 2013
- Monash University Engineering Scholarships awarded to international students, 2011-13
- Statewide Top Design Exhibitors Award for Visual Communication and Design, 2013
- International and National Mathematics Olympiad awards, 2010, 2012
- Swinburne University Deans Scholarship for Design, 2012

## Reasons to choose our school

- ☒ Highly individualised welfare and academic support
- ☒ A very well regarded and long standing international student program
- ☒ A caring supportive teaching staff with a focus on academic achievement and leadership