

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

The Victorian Government internationally promotes the high standard of state education. International Students assist in broadening the cultural awareness of our school community and attract additional resources which assist in meeting school objectives. Enrolment of International Students at Mount Waverley North Primary School is subject to places being available at the requested year level and at the discretion of the Principal.

PURPOSE

- To provide support for families from overseas who are in Victoria to work or study and seek enrolment of their children in State Schools through the program. Enrolment may be for either short term (up to 12 weeks) or long term (12 months or longer), depending on applicable visa conditions.
- To enrol Overseas Fee Paying Students to further their education and develop their skills in English whilst in Australia.
- To promote knowledge and appreciation of other cultures.
- To attract additional resources to the school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Enrolments fall under five categories for international students: Standard (full fee paying), Study Abroad (shorter term study option), Temporary (students who are visiting Australia on a temporary basis), Dependent (children of persons, usually students, who are in Australia) and Exempt (students identified in the Ministerial Order)
- Regular liaison with the International Students Unit (ISU) will be undertaken by the school administration to indicate a preparedness to have Overseas Fee-Paying Students referred.
- The Principal and Business Manager will co-ordinate the program.
- Upon request by interested parents or the ISU, the Principal will assess the availability of places.
- In assessing availability of vacancies in classes for placements, the Principal will consider teacher experience, current class size, English skills of the student/s and what additional resources may be required to meet their needs.
- Staff and the school community will be accepting and provide a welcoming and inclusive environment.
- Where parents of students require significant support in the learning of English, their parents will be actively encouraged to seek initial enrolment for the students at Blackburn English Language School.
- The disbursement of financial resources gained by involvement in the program will be decided by the Principal.
- The Department of Education and Training Quality Standards should be referred to for comprehensive information on the legislative framework, policies, procedures and guidelines related to the international Student Program.
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/curriculum/pages/international.aspx>

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