Developing Tomorrow’s Minds Today

Blackburn High School has an established reputation for a commitment to teaching academic programs, developing traditional values, focusing on lifelong learning, instilling self-discipline, encouraging leadership, nurturing the individual and maximising growth potential.
Your child deserves a world-class education

Blackburn High School is a Victorian secondary school, located in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne approximately 10 km from the city. We have an outstanding reputation for academic excellence spanning 57 years. Our focus is on high academic achievement to provide excellent opportunities for University, TAFE and planning for students’ future.

The International Program hosts students from a wide range of countries including China, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, India and Germany. The program offers comprehensive information and support services during the enrolment process, prior to arrival, on arrival, in our orientation program, and on a daily basis while at school, with exit pathways and transition to post secondary education. Our International Student Coordinator is available 24/7 to assist with any welfare issues.

Multilingual support staff assist students in their native language and offer education support in the classroom setting. Carefully selected Homestay families are all English speaking and located in close proximity to the school. Our International Student Coordinator regularly visits Homestay families to ensure the highest quality care.
Special features of Blackburn High School include:

- Excellent facilities, conveniently located approximately 10 km from the city
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) is offered at all levels and is taught in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)
- Extensive range of VCE subjects including Maths, Science, Humanities, Creative Arts, Business Studies, and Information Technology
- Internationally recognised Music education program and state of the art new Music Centre including commercial-standard digital recording studio
- Award-winning Music Education Program offering extensive solo, large and small ensemble experience including symphony orchestras, stage and concert bands, jazz ensembles, choirs
- Highly qualified, dedicated and friendly staff, including a full time International Student Coordinator and multilingual support staff
- State of the art Information Technology throughout the school
- All students from Years 9 to 12 are provided with a personal laptop
- Wireless connection throughout the school
- Excellent Resource Centre with focus on technology, web-based research, ebooks as well as the traditional hardcover resources
- State of the art Science Laboratories
- Nationally recognised, award-winning Sports Leadership Program designed to develop future leaders through sport
- Award-winning co-curriculum Sports Program that emphasises fitness and gives opportunities for all students to participate in a wide range of team sports
- The first school in Victoria selected to run Jamie’s Home Cooking Skills, the prestigious cooking program designed by international celebrity chef Jamie Oliver
Achieving Success
The school’s focus is on providing the right environment for students to have every opportunity to achieve academic success.

• Every opportunity is provided for students to practise English
• Mentor Program gives students the opportunity to mix with students of all ages and all cultures
• House System provides an environment in which all students are well known and well cared for which promotes integration into the Australian culture
• Students’ Homestay families speak English
• International students are approximately 8% of the student population, encouraging full integration into the school community
• Multicultural and global education is emphasised in academic programs throughout the school
• Students are required to first study at a specialised English Language School before starting classes at Blackburn High School