



MERCY COLLEGE

Conditions for Admission of International Students

1. Evidence of previous school performance

Student applicants are expected to have attained above-average standards of achievement in their home country as evidenced by copies of their last two academic transcripts (school reports) with certified translations.

2. Evidence of competency in English

Students should produce evidence of English competence.

This evidence may take the form of an adequate pass in English

- (a) in the GCE 'O' Level Certificate;
- (b) in tests administered and scored by a recognised Intensive English Language School (e.g. Intermediate Level 5, EAP Level 3);
- (c) in standardised tests administered and scored by TOEFL, IELTS Level 5+, OPT, etc;
- (d) tests administered and scored internally by the College.

Students attending a school where the language of instruction is English may be exempted from this requirement on production of a certificate of competence from that school.

The above requirements may be subject to change and updates are available on the Australian Immigration website (www.immi.gov.au).

3. Opportunity for out-of-school tutorials in English

The College may require a student to attend additional out-of-school English language tutorials for which parents will be expected to pay.

4. Welfare arrangements – Students under 18 years of age

Applicants under 18 who are not accompanied by a parent/person with legal custody must:

- be staying with a nominated relative who is at least 25 years of age and of good character; or
- provide a written statement from the education provider that appropriate welfare and accommodation arrangements are in place.
- Maintain arrangements approved by education provider

5. Homestay accommodation

If not residing with the nominated relative, the student is expected to stay in a family homestay within easy travelling distance of the College and approved by the College. In homestay, the student stays in a single room in an English-speaking household which may comprise a married couple or a single adult, with or without children. Breakfast and dinner are provided every day, with lunch included on weekends. Students are expected to join in the daily life of the family as do the other family members.

For students under 18, homestay parents have special supervisory responsibilities, taking particular responsibility for the student's welfare in case of accident or sickness, as well as acceptable behaviour at home, in school, and in the community.

Mercy College recommends family homestay as one of the best ways to practise English and learn about the Australian way of life.

6. Acceptable standards of behaviour

Students are expected to demonstrate an acceptable standard of good behaviour at all times.

Acceptable behaviour includes:

- (a) Arriving on time for classes;
- (b) Advising the front office and Form teacher in the case of unavoidable absence;
- (c) Being courteous in manner and language with teachers and other students;
- (d) Obeying school rules;
- (e) Presenting completed homework and other assignments on time.

7. Attendance

All students are required to attend all classes regularly, and to be present at school from the first day of each term through to the last day of each term. If unavoidably absent, the student is expected to contact the front office by telephone, or to bring a note from the homestay parent or guardian to cover the absence.

8. Participation

All Overseas students are expected to participate in all school-based, extra-curricular activities, including athletics and swimming carnivals and formal school camps.

9. Continuing enrolment

A student's enrolment may be discontinued if any of the above conditions cease to be met.

Information provided to the College about the student may be made available to Commonwealth and State agencies.

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