

International Student Enrolment Guideline

Northcote High School, established in 1926, is a government secondary school in inner northern Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. It currently has 1800 students enrolled, including 90 international students from mainly Asian countries, (predominantly China & Vietnam) and smaller numbers of Study Abroad students from European countries.

Northcote High School will ensure a vibrant, quality educational experience for all students which focusses on all areas of development, social, emotional and academic.

We have in place many opportunities and programs which provide a rich and successful transition to Australian education and a cultural understanding of Australian life.

As a Victorian government school, Northcote High School is in high demand among both local and international students. In order to support a transparent and fair process for all enrolment applications, the Department of Education (DET) and school council has set a strict enrolment policy. International students will be accepted in Years 10, 11 & 12.

Guidelines

- applicants must present a proof of excellence in both academic progress and personal growth
- the school will only consider applicants whose average marks are above 80
- applicants are encouraged to submit merit and/or achievement certificates and other evidence of their skills and attributes to support their application
- all applicants are required to undertake a preselection interview which will demonstrate their English language competency (*applicants with IELTS score of 5.5+ will be exempted*)
- students who complete their 20 week intensive English language course (if applicable) at Northcote High School's ELC, will have enrolment priority
- applicants can apply through accredited agents, or make enquiry to the school directly
- applicants must go through the ISPU, DET standard application process when families receive the formal offer letter from ISPU, DET, applicants' parents will be required to sign an NHS enrolment agreement which outlines the school's expectations of all students in relation to living the school values of Achievement, Curiosity, Humanity and Fairness, both in the school and in the broader community including with their homestay families.



International Student Enrolment Agreement

Northcote High School is committed to providing high quality academic outcomes and strong personal growth for all International students.

In order to achieve the desired outcomes, a strong partnership between all parties is essential, that is students, parents and the school.

The following conditions are essential to the success of the partnership and all parties will be signatories to the agreement outlined below to confirm enrolment acceptance.

The family will support the overall code of conduct for all Northcote High School students, regarding academic achievement, social development and general behavior which reflect the school's core values of Achievement, Curiosity, Humanity and Fairness

Achievement

I will try to achieve the best possible academic outcomes in all of my subjects. I understand this is a requirement of my Student Visa. Also, the rules of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) require me to pass certain number and sequences of subjects at Year 11 and Year 12 to be awarded the certificate.

Attendance

I will be at school for the full school term and will attend all scheduled classes. I understand I need to attend 100% of classes to comply with Northcote High School's attendance rules. If I am sick, I understand I must provide a medical certificate. If I have any serious problems attending school, I will contact the staff of the International Students Office immediately.

Behaviour

I will respect the school's vision and values.

I will follow all school expectations regarding behavior at school, including wearing the correct uniform, and being in the right place at the right time with the required equipment.

I understand that some extreme behaviours, such as smoking are not acceptable at school.

Smoking is prohibited in most homestays and public places. Smoking and consumption of alcohol are illegal in Australia for people under 18 years of age.

I understand that heavy make-up, excess jewelry, piercing and extreme hair styles and colour are not acceptable.

Travel Policy

I will follow all the travel guidelines and instructions set by the Victorian Department of Education. My parents must contact Northcote High School to inform and approve my travel plan in written and in advance; I will provide air ticket booking detail (a copy of flight details) as soon as possible.

I will ensure that my holiday travel does not affect my school attendance (family emergency is exceptional) and study progress.

Homestay

I will live in a homestay approved by Northcote High School at all times (this also applies to students who turn 18 during their enrolment at Northcote High School); I will work with my homestay host to ensure a happy and harmonious environment. If I wish to change homestay for any reason, I will contact the international Student office first to discuss my request. I will follow all homestay rules. This is a condition of my enrolment at Northcote High School.

Additional Support

I will attend support classes (homework help after school tutorials, holiday homework and seminars.) to ensure maximum achievement in all areas of my development. I will use the improvement advice of teachers' to further enhance my development.

I will participate in school extra- curricular activities to learn beyond the class room and to connect with the wider school community

I understand that as an international student part-time employment is only recommended if my academic achievement is high. I will communicate with the staff of the International Student Office prior to commencing employment.

We agree to the Northcote High School enrolment conditions above.

Student name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: ____/____/____