School Expectations of International Students

The College welcomes International students and wishes them every success with their studies in Australia. There is a wide range of academic subjects and co-curricular activities to choose from and we encourage students to become fully involved in all aspects of school life. Such involvement is enriching to the students and assists in developing a sense of belonging to the school community.

Academic Program
Kingswood offers a comprehensive academic program, including a wide range of subjects from the faculties of Languages (including French and Mandarin), Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Commerce, the Arts, Information Technology, Technology Studies, Physical Education and Personal Development. Details of courses are described in the Junior School, Middle School and Senior School Handbooks.

Kingswood students have a fine record of academic achievement in their final exams with excellent academic results achieved at the end of Year 12. A significant number of students enrol at Melbourne, Monash, Deakin and LaTrobe Universities, the Victorian University of Technology and TAFE Colleges upon completing their Victorian Certificate of Education.

Co-curricular Activities
Students are required to participate fully in all aspects of the life of the school. Camps and sporting activities are compulsory and students are also encouraged to be involved in cultural activities including music, drama, clubs and societies.

The School Year
The academic year commences in January and is divided into four terms. Holiday breaks of two weeks duration occur in April, July and September, with a six week break from early December until late January.

All students are required to have 100% attendance rate throughout the year or have acceptable reasons to explain their absence. Failure to meet satisfactory attendance requirements will result in failure of subjects or enrolment review. Students are expected to be present at the start and finish of each term.

Language Requirement
Students are assessed on their language skills on arrival at school and they are then advised on whether their skills are adequate for the course of study. Senior students are expected to have a good command of written and spoken English if they are to cope successfully with the demands of study. Some students may be required to improve their language skills at an English Language Centre before starting their study at Kingswood College.
School Rules
While at Kingswood College students must comply with the regulations printed in the Student Diary.

Attendance:
Students are required to be punctual and to have 100% attendance throughout the year. Students are not permitted to leave school early without permission from the Head of Middle School or the Head of Senior School.

Students must be present at the beginning and end of each school term.

Smoking and illegal drugs:
Kingswood does not tolerate smoking or the use of illegal drugs at the College. Any breach of this rule will incur serious consequences which could lead to a review of the student’s enrolment.

Sport:
All students are required to attend the Middle or Senior Sport afternoon.

Uniform:
Students in Middle School must be correctly dressed in school uniform. Senior School students (Years 11 and 12) do not wear uniform but are required to meet dress code standards.

Accommodation
The College requires students up to stay in Kingswood approved homestay or live with relatives or close family friends. Only in exceptional circumstances will a student over the age of 18 and who is in Year 12 be given permission to live outside homestay accommodation. Additionally, such an arrangement will only be acceptable with parent and guardian approval.

Students must inform the College if they wish to change address. Approval must be given for the new accommodation and the relevant authorities notified.

Homestay families have their own rules and regulations which should be discussed with students on arrival.

Orientation
On commencement at Kingswood, students are introduced to the Head of School, the International Student Coordinator, the Registrar, and the Principal. After selection of subjects, new students undertake an extensive orientation program involving meeting other students, seminars on key aspects of College life and details of the academic program.

Student progress is constantly monitored by the International Student Coordinator and Head of School and any problems arising are explored quickly with a range of support strategies used as required.