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soars**

**International Student  
Handbook**

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## Welcome to Kingswood College!

A Kingswood College education is a gift that lasts a lifetime, and I look forward to sharing your learning journey with you.

School life in Australia is more than academic studies. Participation in co-curricular activities including the arts, community based learning, sport and House activities is enriching and will provide you with a wealth of different learning experiences and opportunities which will develop your mind, heart, body and spirit.

The College celebrates a diverse range of cultural events throughout the academic year including Lunar New Year and Harmony Day and I encourage you to contribute and participate in these and all our community events.

I hope you enjoy your time at Kingswood College and that you take advantages of all that the College has to offer.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Elisabeth Lenders

Principal

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### Emergency Contact Information:

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**For Ambulance, Police or Fire Department call 000**

[Kingswood College Ltd CRICOS Provider No. 00150G](#)

## A bold vision

To be a world-class school known for our innovation, collaboration and engagement; where our students' potential soars because we nurture and challenge them to know themselves and achieve their personal best as global citizens.

## Model for Learning

At Kingswood College, our passionate, committed and caring teachers enthuse, enlighten and encourage our students to become the best young people they possible can be.

Kingswood College students flourish through our commitment to the development of the whole student – their mind, body and spirit in a community setting.

A tree-based metaphor for growth, our Model for Learning embodies a truly holistic education that nurtures each student's mind, body, heart and spirit – allowing their potential to soar.



## Middle School: Year 7 – 10

### A new and exciting phase begins

Kingswood College Middle School caters for students from Years 7 – 10.

After graduating from Junior School – and undergoing the physical transformation from childhood to adolescence – students in Middle School embark on an exhilarating new phase of their journey.

Middle School students discover and refine their interests and talents – whether from Cultures, Discoveries, Journeys, Explorations; or a combination of some of all our Learning Precincts.

Middle School marks a fun, formative time for students to create and shape their future, achieve personal goals, nurture and develop their leadership qualities and participate and engage in a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular activities.

In Middle School, students start to build on their knowledge and experiences and are challenged to participate in a variety of enrichment programs and activities.

Kingswood College provides students with a school curriculum for Year 7 and Year 10 based on “*The Victorian Curriculum Foundation to 10*” priorities and standards. The courses do not contain work-based training but does contain a work experience week in Year 10 .

Further information on Year 7 to 10 curriculum is available on our College website at:

<https://www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au/learning/middle-school/>

## Senior School: Years 11-12

### Young adults, big futures

Kingswood College Senior School is a dynamic learning environment for young adults in Years 11 and 12.

Kingswood College provides a senior secondary school curriculum based on the *Victorian Certificate of Education* (VCE) or *Vocational Education and Training in Schools* (VETiS).

Preparing them for their future beyond the College gates, senior students are given freedom to make decisions about their career paths and are supported in their choices by wellbeing and classroom teachers, a careers counsellor, peers and family.

A pre-tertiary environment, the senior teaching and learning space has its own kitchen facilities, a lecture theatre, tutorial rooms and private study spaces, as well as central area for collaborating and socialising.

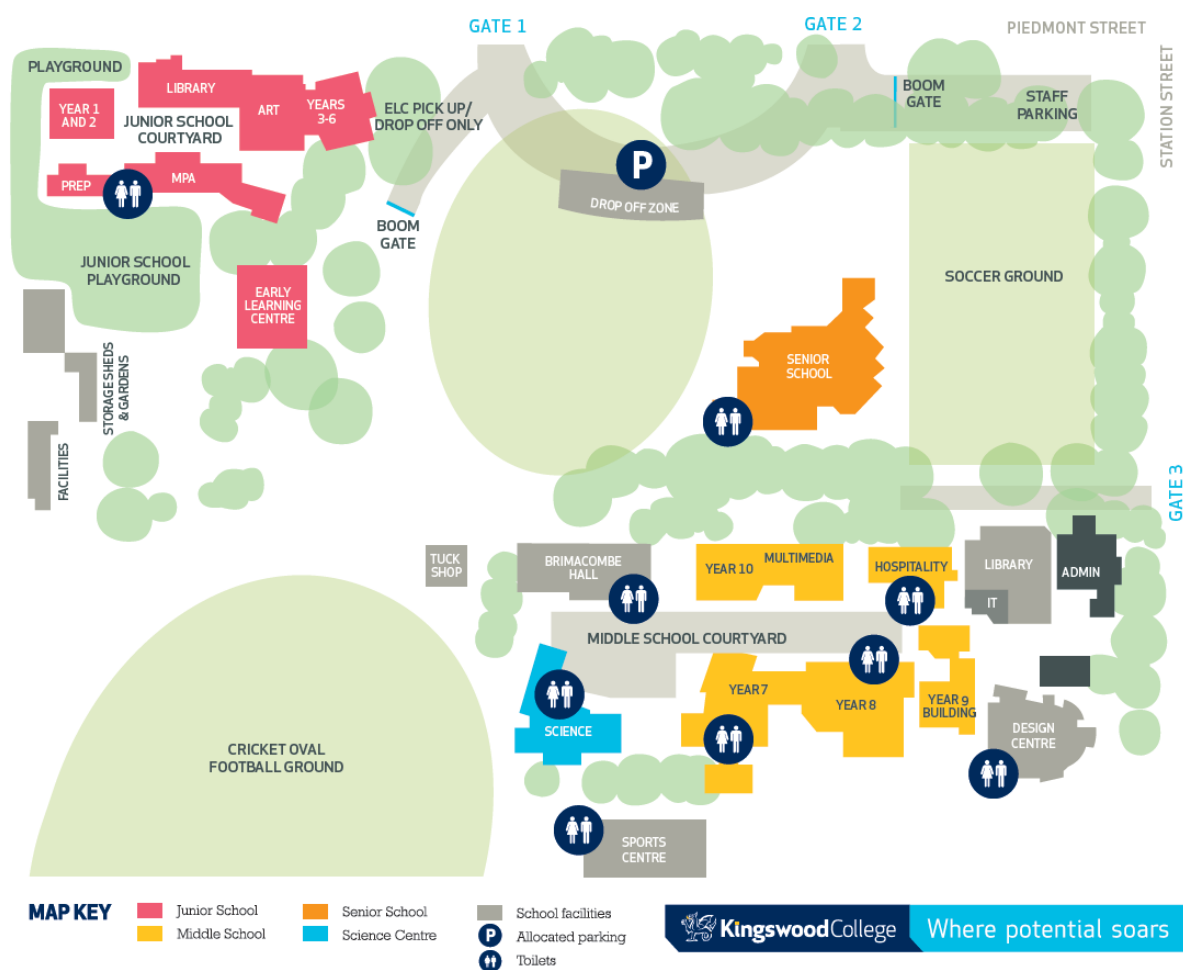
Providing options to suit every senior student, we offer a breadth and depth of curriculum with approximately 30 subjects on offer from VCE and VETiS programs. Further information on the subjects offered and the course details are contained on our College website at:

<https://www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au/learning/senior-school/> and in the VCE Handbook .

## Campus and facilities

Our campus combines heritage-listed building with leading edge facilities, providing students with inspirational spaces that encourage and facilitate their learning.

Spread across 20 acres in Melbourne's east, our campus also boasts extensive sporting grounds, a newly refurbished gymnasium with first-class equipment and a multi-purpose sports courts. We also have other dedicated spaces for individual and group fitness activities.



The course is primarily delivered 'face to face' at Kingswood College, 355 Station Street, Box Hill, Victoria, Australia. Occasionally the course may involve delivery at offsite locations, such as during educational camps, excursions, or via online or distance learning. Refer to the Kingswood College website for more information about the campus and learning resources available.  
<https://www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au/about-kwc/campus/>

### COVID-19 Pandemic Travel Restrictions

During Terms 1 & 2 2021 Kingswood College has been given special permission by the Australian regulator (CRICOS) to deliver online and remote learning to international secondary school students unable to travel to Victoria due to any COVID-19 pandemic travel ban or restrictions. From Term 3 2021 onwards, international students will be required to travel to Victoria for face to face learning at Kingswood College.

# 2021 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 1 February 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021

Term 2: Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 25 June 2021

Term 3: Monday 19 July 2021 to Friday 17 September 2021

Term 4: Monday 4 October 2021 to Friday 10 December 2021

## Public Holidays

*Australia Day: Tues 26 January 2021*

*Labour Day: Mon 8 March 2021*

*Good Friday: Fri 2 April 2021*

*Easter Monday: Mon 5 April 2021*

*Queen's Birthday: Mon 14 June 2021*

*Cup Break: Mon 1 November 2021*

*Melbourne Cup: Tues 2 November 2021*



## **Kingswood College as a Provider of International Education**

Kingswood College operates under the legislative framework which comprises of the Education Services for International Student (ESOS) Act 2000 and the standards of the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to International Students (The National Code) 2007.

The ESOS Act 2000 is the principal Australian government legislation governing international student education in Australia. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Reforms administers the ESOS Act and certifies provider compliance.

The National Code provides nationally consistent standards for the conduct of registered international education providers and the registration of their course. These standards set out specifications and procedure to ensure that providers of international education and training courses can clearly understand and comply with their obligations under the National Code. Kingswood College is required to ensure that international students are provided with relevant provisions of the ESOS framework throughout the span of the student's enrolment.

For more information please refer to: [www.internationaleducation.gov.au](http://www.internationaleducation.gov.au) or ([Click here for Student information sheet](#)).

Kingswood College is a listed provider on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS Provider No. 00150G) to provide Secondary Schooling to international students in Australia (CRICOS Course Code: 011348C).



# **Kingswood College runs specific Student Welfare and Support Services for international students**

## **Orientation Program**

The College provides all international students with a comprehensive Orientation Program. New students coming from overseas for the first time are met at Melbourne Airport and accompanied by staff to the College, where they are met and introduced to their homestay family at an official welcome morning tea.

As part of the Orientation Program students are accompanied by College staff to be fitted with their College uniforms, mobile phones are organised, set up a bank account and a familiarisation tour of the local area and how the transportation system works is provided.

## **Transition Program**

Transition new international students participate in an extensive Transition Program to assist them to settle into life and studying in Melbourne and specifically at Kingswood College. The Transition Program is timetabled during the students first semester.

## **EAL Program**

English as an Additional Language (EAL) All international students undertake study of the subject EAL to provide them with the necessary support and assistance to improve their understanding, comprehension and English speaking skills.

## **Counselling Support**

Welfare and Counselling Support Service The College has counselling and support services located on Campus, but can also provide international students with access to bilingual counselling and support services as necessary.

## **Wellbeing Program**

Of equal importance to the academic program at Kingswood College is the International Wellbeing Program – with its varied themes interweaving across the different sections of the College.

As student progress through the College into the middle and senior years, they attend dedicated conferences and programs that facilitate deeper and more meaningful ideas and connections around personal and social wellbeing.

Recurring elements include: resilience, self-esteem, positive mental health, teamwork, peer respect and responsibility, relationships, compassion, communication, the environment and the global community.

## **Student Support**

International student will be invoiced an annual fee of \$2,950 as the local support charge.

Kingswood College international student support officers are our local support person for international students. The support officer's role will be to help with individual student needs and provide 24/7 support from the time the student arrives at Kingswood College to the end of their final day at Secondary College.

All Students are made aware of personal safety issues, advised on safe travel practices and given a student safety card with 24/7 emergency contact details.

### **COVID-19 Student support**

School has developed holiday activity program to manage the accommodation, support and general welfare of international students staying in Australia in school holidays from December 2020 and January 2021.

### **Monitoring Academic Performance, Attendance and Welfare**

Parents of international students will receive a full written report in both English and Mandarin at the end of each Semester.

Parents may contact the International Student Program staff members who oversees international students, at anytime by phone, email for up to date information about their child's progress.

All international students will be assigned to wellbeing coordinator who monitors their ongoing performance and wellbeing.

### **Visa Requirements**

International students will be required to comply with all conditions of their student visa, which will include:

- maintaining satisfactory attendance in your course as required by Kingswood College (being an attendance of at least 90%)
- not being disruptive while in Australia
- Make sure that the College can contact you if you're absent
- Live at the Homestay address approved by Kingswood College

Further details of academic assessment, attendance and satisfactory course progress are contained in the *International Student Monitoring Academic Performance and Attendance Policy* on the College website.

### **Tutoring**

Kingswood College runs learning mentor program afterschool in the Library. The program is open for all international students. The mentors are comprised of Kingswood College graduates to work with the students in support their learning and provide more opportunities to achieve their personal best in academic pursuits.

### **Medical insurance**

Under the requirements of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) all student visa applicants will be required to undertake a health check to satisfy specific health requirements.

Allianz Overseas Student Health cover is required for each student for the duration of their course of study. Student are required to have Overseas Health cover for the entire period of their enrolment.

# Enrolment Information on Full Fee-Paying Overseas Student



## **Prerequisites for an offshore student's acceptance into a course, at Kingswood College includes:**

- Successful result in iStart assessment including reaching minimum standards in English Language, Abstract Reasoning and Mathematics
- payment of \$800 application fee and iStart assessment fee
- a successful application for a Student Visa to enter and study in Australia  
a commitment by the parents and student to attend Kingswood College for the duration of their secondary schooling.

## **Prerequisites for an onshore student's acceptance into a course, at Kingswood College includes:**

In the event that it can be verified that the onshore international student has completed at least six months of tuition with their initial onshore School or education provider the following prerequisites are required:

- An international student application form for enrolment
- Two most recent school reports
- A copy of any English as a Additional Language (EAL) test (for example iStart)
- A copy of applicant's passport
- A copy of applicant's visa page and guardianship visa (if applicable)
- An application fee of AUD \$110 is payable at the time of application

### **Please Note:**

An application for enrolment does not constitute a confirmed enrolment and applications are processed on an individual basis. In general, applications for enrolment are processed in order of receipt of the application.

To ensure that Kingswood College, as far as is practicable, can provide an appropriate program and supports for the applicant student, parents/guardian's must, before or at the time of offer:

- advise Kingswood College of any matters relating to the learning, emotional or physical needs of your child; and
- provide school reports or other diagnostic test results not provided at the time of application.



Admission to the College is conditional upon the Principal being satisfied as to the suitability of the applicant and is subject to the availability of program places, satisfactory interview and assessment, including the student meeting the English language requirements and other academic standards (see below). The student and their parents/guardians must also agree to Kingswood College's *International Student Enrolment Agreement* and all College Policies and Procedures in force at the time.

## **Application Process for offshore international students:**

The application process for International Students attending a secondary school course (CRICOS course code: 011348C) is set out below.

**Step 1: Complete Application for Enrolment Form** and provide a copy of birth certificate, passport and previous school reports.

**Step 2.1 Pay an Application Fee of \$800 (AUD) and iStart assessment fee \$400 (AUD)** to apply for a place in the program.

### **Step 3: iStart Assessment**

Each student must take the iStart assessment that reports on three areas:

#### **3.1 English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

- Online multiple choice test: 30 minutes multiple choice randomly generated questions (the number presented will depend on the complexity of the individual questions generated). Broken down into types (verbs, prepositions, word families etc).
- Written expression: 15 minutes writing task in response to a question/statement.
- Speaking and listening: 10-15 minutes interview with iStart assessor. Conducted via Skype. Can be done in the student's home at an agreed time.

#### **3.2 Abstract reasoning**

- Online multiple choice test: 30 minutes multiple choice randomly generated questions (the number presented will depend on the complexity of the individual questions generated).

Achievement reported as a percentage and equated to a stanine.

#### **3.3 Mathematics**

- 30 minutes multiple choice randomly generated questions (the number presented will depend on the complexity of the individual questions generated).

Broken into different mathematical areas (e.g.: Algebra, Trigonometry, Multiplication etc).

Achievement reported as a stanine and compared to results from other students completing Edutest in Australia.

Total time take for the test is 3 X 30 minutes, plus 15 minutes writing and 10-15 minutes interview.

### **Step 4: Assessment results**

Upon successful completion of the iStart assessment a student will be eligible for an offer of a conditional place in a course at Kingswood College.

If a student is unsuccessful in gaining a satisfactory result in the iStart assessment, the \$800 Application Fee will be refunded.

Copies of the iStart results will not be provided to students or parents.

#### **Step 5: Offer of Enrolment and Enrolment Agreement**

Upon successful result in the iStart assessment, a formal *Offer of Enrolment and International Student Enrolment Agreement* will be provided by the College

The Principal reserves the right to offer places at their discretion.

#### **Step 6: Accepting a place:**

To formally accept a place the following must be completed:

- As the student is under 18 years of age both parents or legal guardians must sign and return a written agreement being the *International Student Enrolment Agreement*;
- pay one semester's fees,

#### **Step 7: Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) and Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW)**

Upon receipt of an International Student Enrolment Agreement signed by both parents/guardians and parents have paid one semester's fee, Kingswood College will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) and Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW). Students can then apply for a visa to study in Australia.

#### **Step 8: Visa**

Please contact the College's representative agent to arrange the Student Visa to Australia.

Once a Visa has been granted the Visa Grant Notification should be emailed to the College Registrar, or the International Student Coordinator at Kingswood College.

Students arrival date will be confirmed accordingly.

A copy of student's passport and visa must be provided to the College once these have been received, before course commencement.

#### **Step 9: Final Condition of Enrolment**

As a final condition of enrolment, the student:

- (a) must be granted a Student Visa to enter and study in Australia;
- (b) will authorise Kingswood College to check visa entitlements electronically via VEVO for the duration of the enrolment on the Australian Government, Department of Immigration and Citizenship website at <http://www.immi.gov.au/e-visa/vevo.htm>.
- (c) Agree to abide by all Kingswood College Policies and Procedures and Terms and Conditions of Enrolment
- (d) If the student coming from Gaoxin No.1 Middle School a Middle School Graduation Certificate.

#### **Step 10: Flights**

Parents and students to organise flight to Australia. Please contact International Officers



## Application Process for onshore international students

As a CRICOS registered Education Provider, Kingswood College acknowledges that it must not knowingly enrol an international student seeking to transfer from another onshore school or education provider's course of study prior to the student completing a **minimum of six months** of the first registered school or education provider course.

If approached by a onshore student, parents or the agent of an onshore student the Kingswood College's *Registrar* will seek clarification from the parents or their agent as to the student's commencement date of enrolment with their initial onshore School or education provider to test the "**minimum six month rule**" in each case.

In the event that it can be verified that the student has completed at least six months of tuition with their initial onshore School or education provider the following steps apply:

**Step 1: Complete Application for Enrolment Form** and provide a copy of passport, visa, any EAL or similar test and two most recent school reports.

**Step 2: Pay an Application Fee of \$110 (AUD)**

**Step 3: Applicant is invited to an interview with the Deputy Principal or Head of School to determine suitability for entry.**

Permission may be sought by Kingswood College from the parents for the Registrar to make contact with the current school of the applicant to investigate further the claimed reasons for the transfer out from that Education Provider.

The student may be also required to undertake an iStart or EAL test.

### **Step 4: Assessment results**

if a student is considered eligible for a place in a course at Kingswood College a formal *Offer of Enrolment* and *International Student Enrolment Agreement* will be provided by the College.

The Principal reserves the right to offer places at their discretion.

If a student is unsuccessful in obtaining an offer, the \$110 Application Fee will not be refunded.

### **Step 5: Accepting a place:**

To formally accept a place the following must be completed:

- As the student is under 18 years of age both parents or legal guardians must sign and return a written agreement being the *International Student Enrolment Agreement*;

- Pay one semester's fees,

### **Step 6: Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) and/or Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW)**

Upon receipt of an International Student Enrolment Agreement signed by both parents/guardians and parents have paid one semester's fee, Kingswood College will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) will be issued if student is NOT living with parent/s in Australia and under 18 years of age.

For more details please refer to the Kingswood *College International Student Transfer Assessment Policy and Procedure* on the Kingswood College website.

### **Deferment, Suspension or Cancellation Policy**

Please refer to the *International Student Deferment, Suspension, and Cancellation Policy and Procedures* on the College website.

## **Student Accommodation and Welfare Arrangements Policy and Procedures**

Kingswood College issues the Confirmation of Approved Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letter to an international student accepting the responsibility for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for a student who is under the age of 18, the school will not delegate, outsource or contract out that responsibility to another party.

The College will organise and place international students in school approved Homestay accommodation in accordance with the National Code 2018 and Victorian Child Safe Standards.

### **Students Under the Age of 13**

Kingswood College strictly adheres to VRQA Guidelines and, as such, will not place an international student under the age of 13 years in Homestay accommodation. Kingswood College may consider students younger than 13 years of age for enrolment but such student must reside with a Department of Home Affairs (DHA) approved parents or relative.

### **Child Safe Standards**

Where Kingswood College enrolls a student who is under 18 years of age, it will meet the Victorian Child Safe Standards requirements relating to child welfare and protection.

Kingswood College will ensure students under 18 years of age are given contact information in emergency situations, including:

- The 24 hour emergency contact number of the International Support Officer and another staff member of the College.
- Seeking assistance and reporting any incident or allegation involving actual or alleged sexual, physical and other abuse.

If students or parents have any concerns about the safety of a child or suspect that a child is being abused they must report it immediately to the International Student Coordinator.



*See Kingswood College Child Safe Policy, Code of Conduct and Child Safety Officer Information on the College website.*

### **Homestay**

The College ensures all adult Homestay family members have a Working With Children Check and trained in and have read and agree to abide by Kingswood College Child Safe Policies.

The College has appropriate process for recruiting and screening Homestay families, including an in-person interview with adult host family members residing permanently in the home.

The International Support Officer and another member staff of the College will verify, in person, by visiting the premises, that the student's accommodation is appropriate to the student's age and needs prior to the accommodation being approved and at least every six months thereafter.

The school has evidence that a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) has been obtained for any person aged 18 or over residing in the home.

The home provides a safe, secure, private bedroom for the student's sole use with suitable storage space for clothes, personal effects and study materials, and suitable facilities including a desk, a chair and adequate lighting for study purposes.

The home is clean and has appropriate furnishings suitable for a family and the students.

There is access to a shared or private bathroom, with reasonable time allowed for showers.

There is access to kitchen, living areas, laundry facilities and shared areas of the home.

There is some form of heating in winter if required and some means of cooling in summer.

Students are to be provided with any keys, alarms or passwords required to have free access to the homestay residence.

The ability to conduct assessment of the Homestay with access to all areas of the Homestay premises for the purposes of checking compliance with the Homestay standards required by the school.

All stakeholders can contact International Support Office via the 24 emergency number in the event of an emergency.

### **Staying with Relatives**

Where Kingswood College enrolls an international student who will reside in the care of close family relatives approved by the Department of Immigration, the College will meet with the nominated relative in person and provide the relevant information about the College, including any obligations of parents/guardians of enrolled students.

### **Monitoring Homestay**

School monitors students who are placed in homestay accommodation and maintain regular contact with providers of the accommodation to ensure the student's successful adjustment to life and study in Victoria.

School is required by law to conduct site inspection at least twice per year to ensure that student needs are being met. This requirement is in addition to any reviews that may be conducted by a homestay referral service.

## **Breach of Student Accommodation and Welfare Arrangements Policy and Procedures**

Kingswood College reserves the right to move a student in the event that either a student or Homestay host does not conform to the Kingswood College *Student Accommodation and Welfare Arrangements Policy and Procedures*. Refer to the College website for a copy of this policy.

### **Related Legislation**

ESOS Act 2000

National Code of Practise for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018

Victorian Child Safe Standards 2017

## **Course Tuition and Non-Tuition Fees**

For a list of current fees and charges please refer to the *International Students Fee Schedule* on the College website. Please note that fees do change on an annual basis. The College *International Student Refund Policy and Procedures* is also available on the College website.

### **Other Student Resources**

All students will require books and resources for their studies and orientation activities, as specifically outlined in the *International Student Enrolment Agreement* and *Offer Letter* these include the following estimated costs:

- Medical insurance: \$2,300 (AUD)
- Classroom resources: \$275.00 (AUD)
- Orientation activities: \$250.00 (AUD)
- Myki (train) card: \$25.00 (AUD)
- Laptop computer \$2,300 (AUD)

### **Wardrobe**

All students wear the College wardrobe and must have the College backpack.

For further wardrobe information and costs please refer to the online store at <https://clubs.2xuteamwear.com/KingswoodCollege2021>

### **Additional expenses**

Students will need to have access to money to pay for expenses such as but not limited to:

- Travel on public transport (to and from school; on weekends)
- Entertainment
- Casual clothes
- Dress for the formal
- Camping equipment
- Sporting activities
- Mobile phone

## Living costs in Australia – reference

We have estimated the average living costs in Australia as it is an important fact to consider. The following estimated costs are for your reference only, here are some of the costs associated with living and studying in Australia.

### Accommodation

- Hotel and Guests houses - \$90 - \$150 per week
- Shared rental - \$95 - \$215 per week
- Homestay - \$350 per week
- Rental - \$185 to \$440 per week

### Other living expenses

- Grocery shopping - \$140 - \$280 per week
- Gas, electricity - \$10 - \$20 per week
- Phone and internet - \$15 to \$30 per week
- Public transportation - \$30 to \$60 per week
- Car (after purchase) - \$150 to \$260 per week
- Entertainment - \$80 - \$150 per week

The 'insider Guides Cost of Living Calculator' is a useful tool to help estimate your cost of living in Australia:

<https://insiderguides.com.au/cost-of-living-calculator/#>

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa for Australia.

As of October 2019, the 12-month living costs are:

- For students or guardians - \$21,041
- For partners coming with you - \$7,362
- For a child coming with you - \$3,152

Reference adapted from: <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/live-in-australia/living-costs>