

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS POLICY

Rationale:

International education furthers our engagement with the world socially, culturally and intellectually. International students contribute to the internationalising of education by providing opportunities for exchanging ideas and knowledge, and building understanding of other cultures, languages and societies. They provide an opportunity to extend friendships and broaden our networks. Milgate Primary School is an accredited provider of education to international students in accordance with the Victorian Government Schools International Student Program. Milgate Primary School is also an authorised International Baccalaureate School.

Aims:

- To ensure that the students, parents and staff find this to be a rewarding experience.
- To provide all international students with the best possible learning opportunities whilst attending the school.
- To ensure that all barriers to learning are identified and addressed for these students.
- To provide non English speaking students support and additional assistance through the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program for long term students.

Implementation:

- The Principal will have responsibility for matters relating to international students.
- All international students must hold a current visa which permits them to study in Australia.
- International students will be assessed in the same manner as all students at Milgate Primary School.
- Fees paid to the Department of Education will cover all standard educational expenses, including parent contributions and term planners, but will not cover elected expenses such as swimming and camps.
- A buddy will be assigned to assist each international student to assimilate into the school community.
- Opportunities will be provided for international students to share their culture and language with other members of the school community.
- To forward all correspondence from the Department of Education and Training, International Student Unit to the families, including overdue accounts.
- To forward all correspondence from nominated private health funds to the families.
- At the discretion of the principal, accept long-term international fee-paying students if enrolment is sought from the Department of Education, International Student Unit and
 - the student will be enrolled for a minimum of 8 weeks; and
 - the student will be studying in grade 4, 5 or 6.

Evaluation:

- Feedback from international students and their families on the quality of their educational experience will be regularly sought.
- This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.