

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The Northern College of the Arts & Technology (NCAT) welcomes International students.

Our friendly, experienced and dedicated teachers support students to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to go on to further study or training in their chosen careers. In recent years the college has enrolled students from Korea, Malaysia and Canada.

Students can complete their Year 10, VCE and/or VCAL at NCAT specialising in their area of interest in the Arts or Technologies and then go onto further study at University or TAFE.

General Information

The Northern College of the Arts & Technology (NCAT), in Preston is located next to Northland Shopping Centre which is a large transport hub and 10 kilometres from the Melbourne Central Business District. The college is close to La Trobe University and RMIT's Bundoora and City campus. It is also within easy travelling distance of the University of Melbourne.

Language Support

Students requiring intensive language support are able to access English Language Centres which offer a highly specialized, intensive course of study. The students complete their course in 22 weeks (approximately six months) and then return to NCAT to join mainstream classes.

On arrival - what happens to me?

As an NCAT International Student arriving in Australia for the first time you will be met at Melbourne Airport by a representative of the College and taken to your Homestay accommodation. You will be encouraged to ring home and tell your parents of your safe arrival and assisted in settling into your new home.

Orientation Program

In the days following your arrival, you will participate in an orientation program which will familiarise you with the College campus and the Preston area, including shopping centres and transport. You will also be taken on an excursion to the Melbourne city centre.

On campus you will be introduced to fellow students and the College's International Student Manager who will assist you with accommodation, opening a bank account and ensuring you have your Health Insurance card. The College International Student Manager will monitor your general welfare, and provide you with counselling and on-going support. With the support of translators regular contact will be made with your parents. You will also meet your year Level Coordinator and the Careers teacher. They will assist you with your subject selection prior to beginning classes.

Accommodation

Unless you have relatives in Melbourne with whom you wish to live, International students are required to live in a Homestay. A set weekly fee is charged to cover all expenses associated with food and shelter, including three meals a day, provision of facilities, heating and cleaning services. All students have their own bedroom with study facilities together with the use of other living areas within the residence.

International students enrolled at NCAT and their parents are assured that the College will find suitable Homestay accommodation which is reasonably close to the College and ensure that they are living in a stable environment. All Homestays personnel have a Working with Children check and are carefully monitored by the College on an ongoing basis.

International Enrolment Procedures

If you are interested in enrolling at the Northern College of Arts & Technology you should go to the International Student Program Unit website (<http://www.study.vic.gov.au>) where you will find a list of accredited agents in your country who can assist you with the application process.

Applications for enrolment as an International Student at the Northern College of the Arts & Technology must be made through the International Student Unit of The Department of Education

and Training, Victoria, Australia. Students wishing to attend NCAT should nominate us as their preferred college. When this enrolment is submitted, prospective students will receive confirmation from the International Student Unit.

The school fees are also payable to the International Student Unit, not directly to Northern College of the Arts & Technology. You can find further information at <http://www.study.vic.gov.au/Intstu/fees.htm>

More Information

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