



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

FAQs

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PLACE AT BEACONHILLS COLLEGE?

Applicants need to submit an enrolment form, copy of passport, AEAS test results along with certified copies of school reports from the past two years. The international team will then organise an interview to take place with the applicant.

The enrolment form can be found on the International page of our College website: beaconhills.vic.edu.au/enrolment/international-students/

Applications should be sent to international@beaconhills.vic.edu.au

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE ENROLMENT INTERVIEW?

As part of the enrolment process, students are invited to participate in an interview. Both the Head of International Programs and International Student Co-ordinator conduct the interviews to gain a better understanding of the student's level of English and their subject interests. This step helps us provide a smooth transition into the College.

HOW DO I ACCEPT AN OFFER?

Offers are based on place availability, a successful interview and satisfactory enrolment documentation. If a place is offered, the International Student Co-ordinator will send a Letter of Offer that will outline the amount of fees that should be paid to accept the place. It will also include any other fees required to be paid in advance such as Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

Upon receipt of the signed Acceptance of Offer, a Certificate of Enrolment (CoE) will be issued for visa application purposes.

WHERE DO I FIND FEE INFORMATION?

International tuition information can be found on the International and Fees pages on our website: beaconhills.vic.edu.au/enrolment/fees/

HOW OFTEN WILL I NEED TO PAY FEES?

Accounts for fees are issued twice a year in June and December. It is College policy that international fees are paid in advance as outlined by the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS).

DO YOU OFFER FEE DISCOUNTS?

We offer a discount on a full year's tuition paid in advance and for families with three or more children enrolled at the College.

DO YOU OFFER ACCOMMODATION AND WELFARE?

No. Beaconhills College no longer issues Certificates of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW). Any international student wishing to enrol at Beaconhills on a Subclass 500 Student Visa will need to live with a parent or Department of Home Affairs approved guardian/relative during their course.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN EACH CLASS?

We have up to 26 students in classes from Prep-Year 9. Class sizes in Years 10-12 (Senior School) generally range from around 10-20 students depending upon subject and year level.

WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL START AND FINISH?

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.20pm.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Student reports are issued twice a year at the end of each semester. These will be available online via the BeaconNet portal. Parents living offshore will be sent an email to book Student Progress Meetings with the Head of International Programs at the end of terms 1 and 3.

DOES MY CHILD NEED AN IPAD OR COMPUTER?

Children in Years 5-8 need to bring their own iPad. Students in Years 9-12 need to bring their own computing device (laptop or iPad) to school.

WHAT TRANSPORT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

We have a comprehensive bus service to both campuses, including a free country bus service to the Pakenham Campus.

WHERE IS BEACONHILLS COLLEGE LOCATED?

The College's two campuses are just a short 30-45 minute drive from the centre of multicultural Melbourne in Australia's south east. Berwick and Pakenham are well serviced by excellent public transport and road networks.

Major tourist attractions such as Healesville's Australian wildlife sanctuary and Phillip Island's world-famous fairy penguins are less than an hour away.

International students will be enrolled at the Pakenham Campus, as this is where the international team is located and is able to provide additional support.

HOW DOES THE COLLEGE FOSTER STUDENT WELLBEING?

The health and wellbeing of each of our students is of paramount importance to us. Beaconhills' Wellbeing Program is supported by the Head of International Programs, heads of House, tutors and teachers, the school nurse, our counsellors and chaplains as well as pastoral care staff. All staff are highly-engaged in student care. Any negative behaviour is immediately addressed.

WHAT IF MY QUESTION ISN'T ANSWERED HERE?

Please contact our friendly international team on +61 3 5945 3001 or international@beaconhills.vic.edu.au. You will also find more detailed information on our website at beaconhills.vic.edu.au.

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