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BACKGROUND

The Elwood College International Student Program has operated since 1995 and is managed by a Program Director and Program Manager. The Program attracts up to 120 students annually from countries as diverse as Japan and Mexico; Russia and Indonesia; China and Brazil. Students attend Elwood College for differing lengths of time, ranging from 1 term to six years. Elwood College operates an Intensive English Language Program as a part of its International Program to support students who are “first phase” learners with little or no experience of English.

PURPOSE

1. To formally acknowledge the role of the International Students Program within Elwood College.
2. To support the operation of the program and to aid in long-term planning for the program.
3. To meet all requirements of the DET - International Education Division (IED) in the inclusion of the program into school Strategic Planning.
4. To meet all Requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000.

BROAD GUIDELINES

1. College Council supports and encourages the inclusion of a strong International Students Program which acknowledges that Elwood College is the school of choice for many families living overseas as well as locally.
2. Support for the International Students Program is vital from all members of the college community.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Elwood College Council recognises the cultural, social and financial benefits of operating an International Students Program.
2. Elwood College will operate an International Students Program which encourages enrolment by overseas families of their children in both Elwood College and Elwood College Intensive English Language Program.
3. Elwood College commits to maintaining its accreditation as a Tier 2 accredited program as defined in the ISP - School Resource Kit (ref: see below).
4. Elwood College will continue to operate an English Language Centre for teaching of intensive English language programs as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding with DET – IED.

5. Elwood College will operate its International Students Program complying strictly with the Quality Standards devised by the DET – IED (October 2019).
6. Elwood College will liaise with parents of International Students through written reports & letters (which will be translated where necessary), conferences both real and electronic, and occasional visits to homes, agencies and schools overseas.
7. Elwood College will include reference to its International Students Program and the cultural benefits the program brings in its Strategic and Annual plans.
8. Elwood College International Students Program operates in conjunction with the International Students Program Homestay Policy.
9. Elwood College International Students Program is managed by a Program Director and employs an International Students Coordinator.
10. Elwood College commits to full compliance with the requirements of DET-IED and the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship pertaining to welfare and accommodation for International Students.
11. Elwood College requires all International Students regardless of their age to live in homestay as arranged by the college.
12. Elwood College's International Students Program aims to attract approximately 10% but not more than 15% of the overall student population at the college.
13. Elwood College expects all International Students to comply with the college's Student Code of Conduct.

REFERENCES:

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - ESOS ACT 2000

http://www.aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/EasyGuide_ESOS.htm

DEECD International Education Division - School Resource Kit

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/international/schoolkit.htm>

DEECD International Education Division – Quality Standards

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/school/schadmin/schoperations/international/intlstudsrk/intlsrkrprincipaltier2elc>