International Education at Lourdes Hill College

Lourdes Hill College has had a tradition of enrolling international students for over 20 years. International students come to us from all over the world and stay with us for periods of time from a few weeks to many years.

Lourdes Hill College also welcomes students and teachers for short-term study and exchange programs. Students who would like to stay for one term only or students who wish to complete their secondary education in Australia are also welcome. We extend our hospitality to everyone who comes to our community.

Student Numbers:
The maximum number of international students is capped at 20. We feel this gives girls an opportunity to communicate and form friendships with local students.

English Language Proficiency:
As an entry requirement, a student’s English language proficiency score must be at least 5.0-5.5 on IELTS or equivalent.

English Language Support:
In addition to a selection of subjects, international students are encouraged to choose from a range of support subjects such as English as a Second Language (also offered as an OP subject from Year 11), English studies and English Communication. Tutorials and individual lessons are also available if needed.
Homestay Accommodation:

The College, through its partners, arranges for international students to stay with English-speaking homestay families who provide care, accommodation, meals and transport. Staying with homestay families allows students to improve their English language skills and to understand and experience Australian culture and lifestyle. All of our homestay families are carefully selected, informed and screened in order to offer a secure and safe home environment for international students. We work with a well-known Homestay Agency which has been operating for many years. The College adheres to strict Government laws and regulations regarding homestay providers.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

International students are strongly encouraged to join in service groups, cultural activities (music, drama, public speaking, debating) and sporting opportunities such as:

- Aerobics (dance/hip hop)
- AFL
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cross country
- Hockey
- Kayaking/canoeing
- Netball
- Rowing
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch football
- Volleyball

Location:

Lourdes Hill College is conveniently located just four kilometres from the city centre on the southern bank of the Brisbane River in Hawthorne. This excellent position offers superb views to the city and surrounding suburbs. The suburb of Hawthorne is a quiet and safe residential suburb with many parks, churches, a public library and sporting facilities.

A regular City Council bus connects the College to the city centre and the shopping and business centre located at Carindale. Ten minutes’ walk from the College is a ferry stop where a fast-running City Cat catamaran runs every 15-20 minutes to the city.

The College is within walking distance of the busy café strip and exclusive boutique shopping of Oxford Street in Bulimba.