

# St Aloysius

International Student Program



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# A Message from the Principal

St Aloysius College has been a leader in girls' education in South Australia since 1880. Many of the College's graduates have broken new ground for women in society, both locally and globally.

The College was led by the Sisters of Mercy for over 130 years. As the first lay Principal, I am conscious of the privilege of walking in the footsteps of these amazing women. Such outstanding role models have undoubtedly shaped a learning environment where students are encouraged to aspire to excellence in their chosen fields.

With over 20 years of experience hosting international students, the International Program at St Aloysius College aims to assist overseas students to meet academic entry standards and develop study, language and cultural skills that will ensure a smooth and successful transition to tertiary study at Australian and international universities.

We offer a range of support services including intense English language tuition, academic and vocational counselling as well as assistance with homestay and accommodation.

The spirit of hospitality that draws people to the St Aloysius College community stems directly from our Mercy Charism. We are a school that embraces diversity, pursues excellence and provides opportunities for all students in a deeply caring environment.

As you consider St Aloysius College for your daughter's education, we hope you will be inspired by the College's rich history and its contemporary and vibrant learning environment.

**Ms Paddy McEvoy**  
Principal



## Homestay Program

International students who do not live with a parent or blood relation in Adelaide live in Homestay. Homestay is a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange between the student and an Australian family.

St Aloysius College has teamed with the Australian Homestay Network - SA (AHN-SA) to give students the opportunity to be hosted by a specially trained AHN Homestay host, for a safe and happy introduction to living and studying in Australia.

Homestay hosts assist students to settle into their new life in Adelaide and also provide useful tips and information needed for a rewarding and unforgettable experience.

Most importantly students in Homestay are treated as a participating family member. This helps improve the student's English and lessen homesickness.

Students are supplied with meals, their own bedroom with study facilities, access to bathroom and laundry facilities and transport to and from school. Personal belongings are also covered by insurance under the AHN-SA Insurance Policy.

Students are not permitted to live independently whilst enrolled at St Aloysius College.



## Transition to school in Australia

Students normally enrol for at least 20 weeks of intensive English at the South Australian College of English before they proceed to mainstream lessons at St Aloysius College.

The intensive English program is designed to give students the confidence and skills to ensure a smooth transition to mainstream studies. Students are tested as part of their orientation and allocated to an appropriate class.

While developing English proficiency is the main focus, the course also prepares students for the subjects, methodologies, assignments and activities they will encounter at high school.

Students have access to the College's Resource Centre, internet and other facilities outside class times at no extra cost.



# Curriculum

At St Aloysius College we offer a balanced education program which is both challenging and supportive. We are committed to an education which includes core learning areas, but also offers some choice to cater for individual needs and abilities.

Students in Years 11 and 12 study to complete their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education). The certificate is based on two stages of achievement: Stage 1 (normally undertaken in Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12).

The SACE is accepted for entry to all universities in Australia and overseas.

Students at St Aloysius College have a wide choice of subjects from which to choose and specialist staff spend time with each student giving help and advice about subject choices and preparation for university courses.

Some of the subjects available at St Aloysius College:

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business & Enterprise
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Drama
- Economics
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Indonesian
- Information Processing & Publishing
- Information Technology
- Mathematical Applications
- Mathematical Studies
- History
- Music
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Society & Culture
- Specialist Mathematics
- Visual Arts (Art & Design)



## Extra Support for International students

St Aloysius College enrolls students from China, Hong Kong, Korea, Thailand, France, Germany and Vietnam. The College maintains a good balance of international students and Australian students.

The numbers of international students are relatively small (about 3 percent) but large enough to permit the employment of extra specialised staff such as:

- Extra ESL classroom help
- Supervised homework club (after school)
- Academic advisor
- Career advisor

The College is one of a limited number in Adelaide that teach Chinese.

The specialised support we provide assists our international students to be successful in their Year 12 examinations, enabling them to proceed to tertiary education.



## School Activities

Students at St Aloysius College have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities.

In addition to their regular Physical Education lessons, students are offered the opportunity to play a range of individual and team sports including swimming, athletics, netball, tennis, badminton, softball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, beach volleyball, touch football and water polo.

Our extensive co-curricular program also includes Drama productions, choirs, orchestras, various instrumental ensembles, the Catholic Schools Music Festival, debating, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Tournament of Minds, the Social Justice Group and Mercy in Action initiatives. We have a state-of-the-art gymnasium and fitness centre. From beach volleyball to soccer, cross-country to performing on the Adelaide Entertainment Centre stage, there are numerous opportunities for our students.

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A major Drama production is performed every two years. Students are encouraged to become involved and contribute their skills and talents as actors, musicians, stage crew technicians, set and costume designers and make-up artists. These productions provide a valuable experience for all who are involved and many friendships blossom from working together on such fun, creative projects.

Each year we celebrate SAC Spectacular at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. This major school event is an amazing showcase of the creative talents of our students and staff. It is a special feature of St Aloysius College that our students are able to perform at such a world-class venue.

At St Aloysius College all students are encouraged to participate in the co-curricular program, with emphasis on collaboration and enjoyment.

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# Living and Studying in Adelaide

The location of St Aloysius College, in the heart of the city of Adelaide, gives students and teachers easy access to a wide range of resources and facilities.

The University of Adelaide, University of South Australia, SA Museum, Art Gallery, State Library, Adelaide Zoo, Botanic Gardens and Central Market are only a short walk from the school.

Students are also able to participate in the many cultural activities that take place in the city centre, such as the Festival of Arts, OzAsia Festival and many other great events.

St Aloysius College is located conveniently to public transport, with all major bus routes providing close access to the school.

## Top five reasons to live and study in Adelaide

- Safe environment
- Low cost living
- Great weather
- Compact - easy to get around
- Quality education opportunities

## Climate and seasons



Summer  
December to February 24° - 36°C



Autumn  
March to May 19° - 26°C



Winter  
June to August 10° - 17°C



Spring  
September to November 19° - 25°C



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