



A vibrant ELC to Year 12 College  
for girls in the heart of  
Adelaide's CBD



International  
Student Program



# Welcome to our Campus

Compassion . Hospitality . Justice . Service . Respect . Courage

*“SAC is a warm and welcoming community with students of diverse cultural background.*

*At SAC, we are encouraged to live up to the Mercy Values of the school, striving to become a better version of ourselves everyday through education and various activities. We are given a lot of opportunities to discover our talents, as well as pursuing our endeavours. I enjoy every moment spent at SAC!”*

*Tsz Ching (Belle) Phung,  
Year 11 International Student*







# A Message from the Principal



St Aloysius College was one of the first schools in Adelaide to welcome international students. With over 30 years' experience of welcoming students from around the world, we value the inter-cultural understanding that comes from building relationships with students, their families and schools in other countries.

The International Student Program at St Aloysius College is rich and diverse, providing opportunities for long-term and short-term international students as well as a range of study tours, tailored to the needs of the visiting schools. Our Mercy value of hospitality ensures that all visiting students experience the joy and warmth of new friendships, no matter how long their stay.

We look forward to sharing more detail on our range of international student opportunities with you and welcoming you to the College in the near future.

**Ms Paddy McEvoy**  
**Principal**

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# 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 usually enrol in 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.

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# 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.

*“I have loved being in the  
Art room and developing my  
skills in painting, clay,  
and design”*

*Amy Ma, Year 7 International Student*

Some of the subjects available at St Aloysius College:

- Ancient Studies
- Biology
- Business Innovation
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- Economics
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- General Mathematics
- Indonesian
- Information Processing & Publishing
- Legal Studies
- Mathematical Methods
- Modern History
- Music
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Scientific Studies (Health & Forensics)
- 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 EAL 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.

*“The sense of community built in the classrooms by our teaching staff is something treasured by our international students.”*

*Ms Louise Tunney,  
International Students Coordinator*

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## School Activities

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

In addition to their regular Physical Education lessons, students are offered the opportunity to participate in 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 and a vibrant social justice program. 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.



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, the city's premier entertainment venue. 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.







# Living & 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. Our central location also gives students access to the free tram service for ease in travelling across the city.

## Top five reasons to live and study in Adelaide

- Safe environment
- Low cost living
- Great weather
- 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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