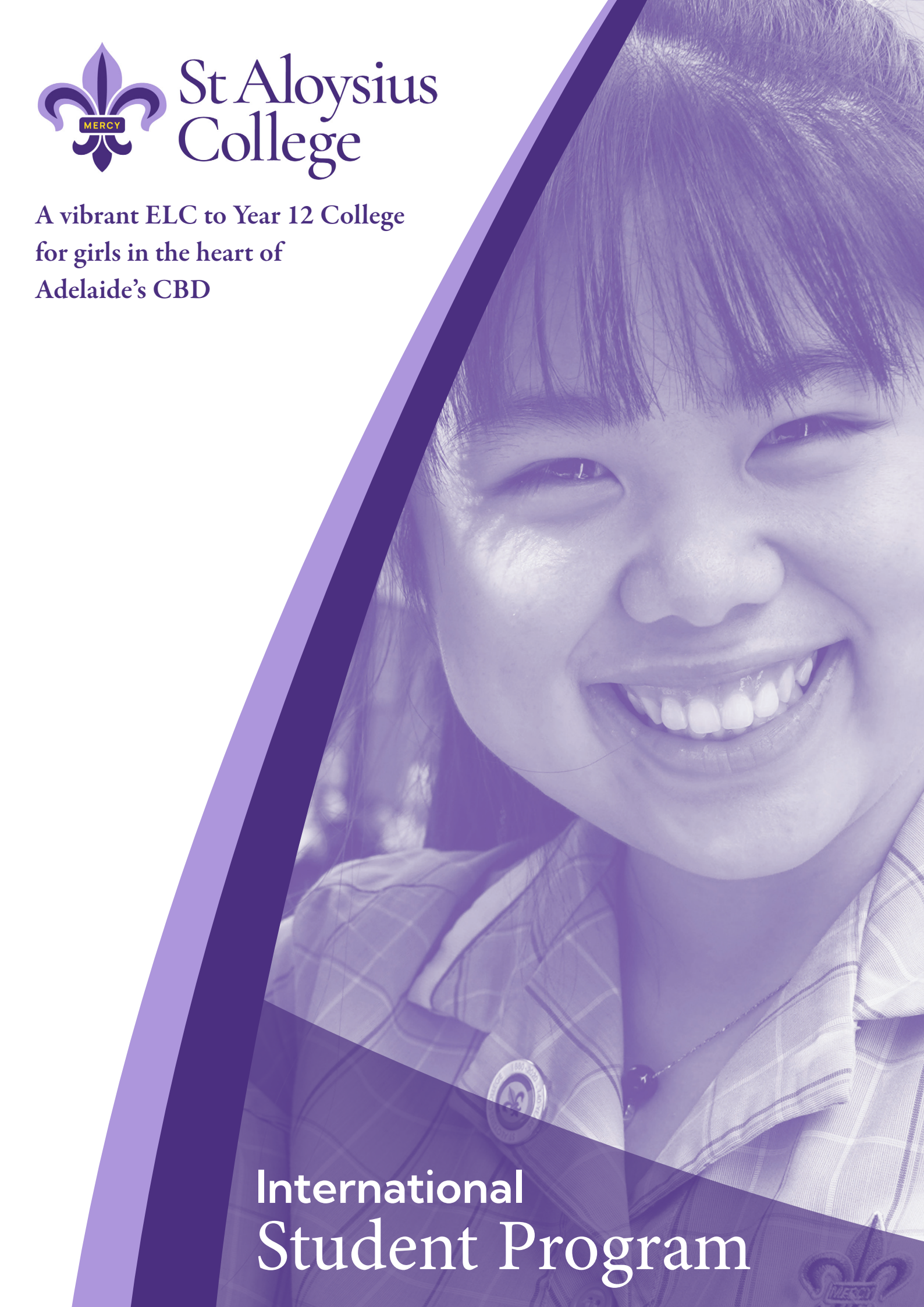




St Aloysius College

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



International
Student Program

Welcome to St Aloysius College, Adelaide

“St Aloysius College is a warm and welcoming community with students of diverse cultural backgrounds.

At SAC, we are encouraged to live out 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),
Year 11 International Student*





A Message from the Principal



St Aloysius College (SAC) was one of the first schools in Adelaide to welcome international students. With over 30 years' experience of hosting students from around the world, we value the intercultural 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.

P. McEvoy

Ms Paddy McEvoy
Principal

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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 – February

24°–36°C



Autumn

March – May

19°–26°C



Winter

June – August

10°–17°C



Spring

September – November

19°–25°C



Homestay Program

International students who do not live with a parent or blood relation in Adelaide live in Homestay accommodation. 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 – South Australia (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.



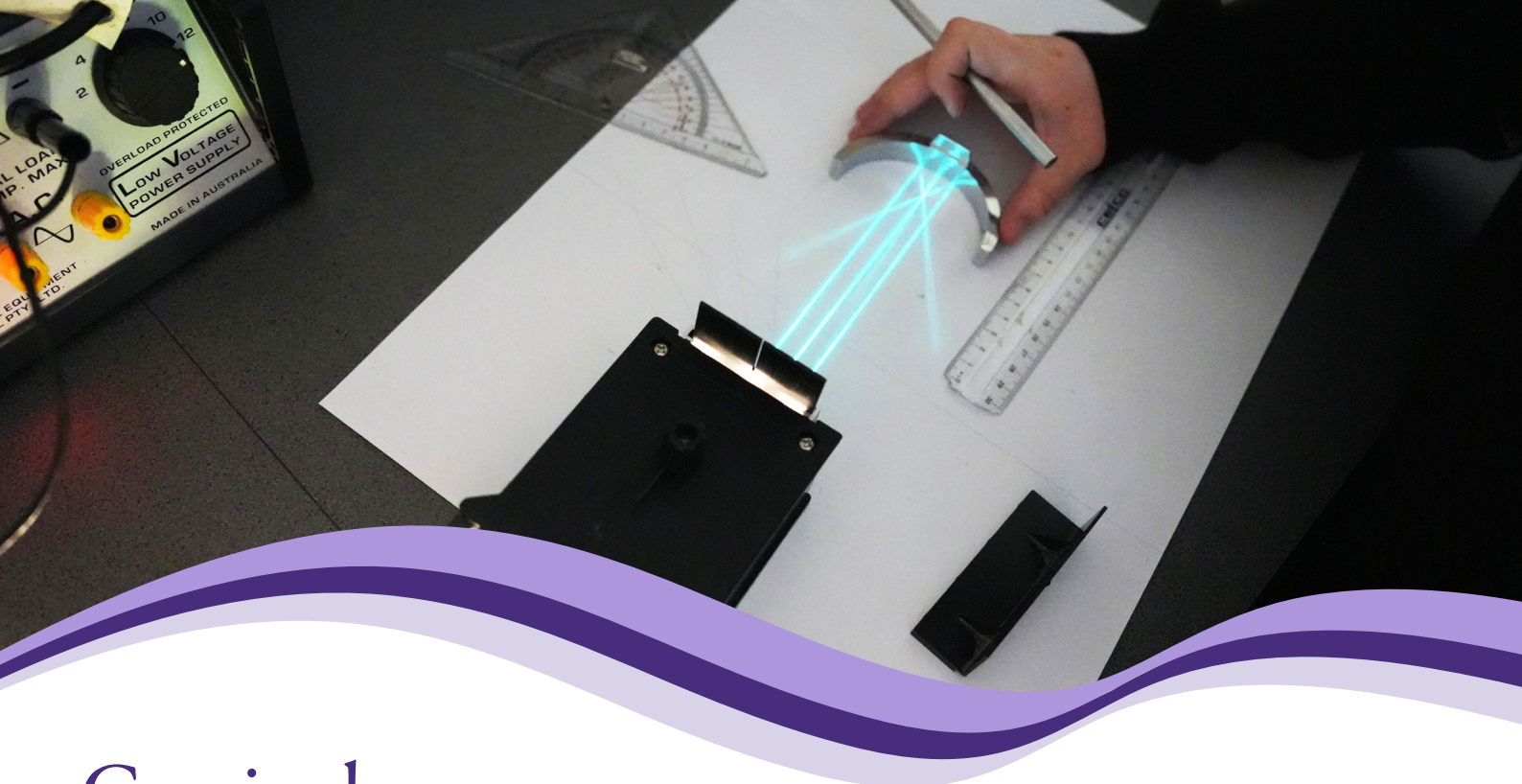
Transition to school in Australia

Students usually enrol in at least 20 weeks of intensive a local English language school 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, assessments 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 range 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:

- 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)

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

Amy, Year 7 International Student



School Activities

Students at St Aloysius College have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities designed to deepen their knowledge and understanding of concepts covered within the curriculum.

From the early years, our students are encouraged to challenge the gender narrative around careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through learning opportunities in the Careers Centre, Digital Technologies and Sciences as well as curriculum extension activities such as Minecraft and STEM Club, Tournament of Minds and Oliphant Science Awards. Our students recognise the importance of continuing their learning in these areas, with a significant proportion studying Mathematics and Sciences through to Year 12. Many of our graduates go on to pursue careers in these fields and are involved in our programs to increase the visibility of these pathways for our students.

Our curriculum extension program also nurtures students' talents in The Arts, with opportunities for all students to be involved in school productions, choirs, musical ensembles, clubs and workshops, and SAC Spectacular – a major school event showcasing the creative talents of our school community. SAC Spectacular is held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, the city's premier entertainment venue.

The Justice and Mercy (JAM) program is the core of community service initiatives at St Aloysius College and is open to both Primary and Secondary students. Involvement in these student-led initiatives gives your daughter the chance to collaborate with others, develop a passion for both environmental and social justice in our world and undertake a leadership position within smaller groups. JAM is a community that upholds the values of Mercy and fosters global thinkers who know how to make a difference and create positive change starting with small actions.

For over a decade, St Aloysius College has had the highest number of female participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program in South Australia. When your daughter is over the age of 13½, she is eligible for the program. At every stage of the award she will learn a skill, participate in voluntary service and physical recreation. Participants also learn life skills on adventurous journeys that involve camping, hiking and kayaking in South Australia and beyond.

Our Physical Education faculty has created a culture focused around students having fun while being physically active. Students develop skills

by 'giving everything a go' and are provided numerous opportunities to extend themselves. Throughout every stage of her education, your daughter will undertake her Physical Education lessons in our state-of-the-art gymnasium and sports centre on campus. Field sports are held in the South Parklands, just one kilometre from the College.

Students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular sport opportunities at various year levels, including AFL 9-a-side football, athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, cricket, dance, indoor volleyball, lacrosse, netball, soccer, swimming, tennis, touch football and water polo.



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 support these additional resources:

- International Students Coordinator
- EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) classroom help
- Supervised homework club (after school)
- Academic advisor
- Career advisor

The College is one of a limited number in Adelaide that teach Chinese from Reception to Year 12.

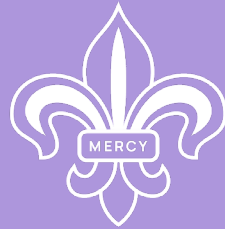
The specialised support we provide assists our international students to be successful in their Year 12 examinations, opening up diverse pathways beyond school.

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

Ms Louise Tunney
(Teacher)







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