

## International Education

At Mitcham Girls High School, our International Students are valued members of our school community. MGHS work directly with [South Australian Government Schools](#) (SAGS), a department that has been providing study abroad experiences to international students since 1989. With over 100 schools accredited to deliver the International Student Program, SAGS are able to offer a range of short and long term study programs.

Mitcham Girls High School happily welcome international students from around the world, and support them throughout their educational journey in South Australia.

**Mitcham Girls High School currently offer the following programs:**

### High School (Graduate) Program (HSP)

The High School, or Graduate, Program is a course program for international students who enrol in a South Australian Government School with the intention of graduating to complete the SACE.

This longer-term program provides the opportunity to pursue individual academic interests and ambitions, gain a world class education, and graduate with the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Students can commence studies at the beginning of any school term from Year 7 to Year 12. Note: to enter directly into Year 12, students need to have successfully completed Year 11 equivalent in their home country and provide evidence of their English proficiency if coming from a non-English speaking country, or IELTS 5.5 or equivalent.

- *The minimum study time for a HSP is one year, with a maximum of 5 years pending program and visa extension.*
- *The minimum age for enrolment in the HSP program is 12 years old.*
- *These students are usually, but not always, on a 5000-class visa grant.*
- *They are assessed as local students (as per ACARA or SACE frameworks)*

Note: Many HSP students are graduates of the ISEC program (see relevant section below).



## Intensive Secondary English Program (ISEC)

The Intensive Secondary English Course (ISEC) is a program for international students who enrol in a South Australian Government School with the general intention of completing longer-term study, yet may require tailored English learning support before transitioning to mainstream Australian classes.

The ISEC program at MGHS is offered in a learning environment that encourages students' language skills, collaboration and social skills, and intercultural perspectives, as preparation for entering mainstream classes. The ISEC program is specially designed to assist in developing international students' English proficiency, knowledge and familiarisation of Australian lifestyle/culture, and acclimatisation to the Australian schooling system.

This interim study program provides specially-designed and curriculum support to students who have a **limited English level** upon arriving in Australia.

- *The minimum study time for ISEC is 2 terms (6 months)*
- *ISEC is available for MGHS students in years 7-10*
- *These students are usually, but not always, on a 500o-class visa grant.*



## Study Abroad Program (SAP)

The Study Abroad Program is a course program for international students who enrol in a South Australian Government School with the intention of gaining an immersive cross-cultural experience.

The SAP experience provides the opportunity for international students to try new subjects, enrol in a special interest program, and participate in exciting school-based activities (such as clubs, productions, bands, sports and extra-curricular activities). SAP students can commence studies at the beginning of any school term from Year 7 to Year 12.

- *Minimum study time for SAPs is 5 weeks, with a maximum of one year.*
- *The minimum age for enrolment in the SAP program is 12 years old.*
- *These students are usually, but not always, on a 600-class visa grant.*
- *These students are not formally assessed (yet academic transcripts can be provided).*



## Study Tours

A Study Tour is a short-term visit, designed for small-medium groups of international students, 12 years of age and above. Students are either from the same school, or are participating in a program developed by an overseas governing body, travel agent or education agent.

Study Tours can also have a specific focus or theme, such as STEM or Sport.

Each program is customised to suit the needs of the group.

Duration of Study Tours is usually 10 to 14 days

**A typical study tour generally includes the following:**

- *Specialised sessions for the participating students*
- *Integration in school activities and daily school life*
- *Buddy systems, whereby students are paired with local buddy guides*
- *Homestay accommodation*
- *Tourism excursions*



### More information:

For more information, about **Mitcham Girls High School**, please visit our school website.

<https://www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/>

For more information, about the **international school programs** on offer, please contact **South Australian Government Schools**, also known locally as **IES**, via their website.

Information is available in several languages, by selecting the 'Languages' menu at the top.

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