



PREAMBLE

Stella Maris College (the College) is a school of Good Samaritan Education established in 1931 in the Benedictine tradition. The policies of the College give expression to its values and ethos and/or reflect the legal requirements of a school registered and accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

POLICY

Stella Maris College, in fulfilment of its Mission and Vision, welcomes international students at all year levels. The College provides a safe and caring environment where students can strive for academic excellence and become confident young women, ready to contribute to and rise to the challenges of our world. The presence of students from across the globe enriches the culture and diversity of the College and builds ties that last a lifetime.

PROCEDURE

Enrolment Numbers

The College is, first and foremost, an Australian Catholic girls' school and seeks to maintain its integrity as such. International students have special language, learning and social needs. Resources available to cope with these needs are limited, therefore the College limits international student numbers to 8% of the total student population.

Proficiency in English

All instruction at Stella Maris College is in English, therefore, students must possess an adequate level of proficiency in the English language to enable them to participate in class and meet written and oral class requirements. English language proficiency must be demonstrated and the College reserves the right to seek evidence of English ability, or an arrangement to acquire it, prior to commencement at the College. If further instruction in English is considered necessary, the College reserves the right to alter the student's entry level to satisfy those instructional needs.

Student Visa

It is the intention of the Australian Government Student Visa Program that students achieve their best educational outcome in a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place of study. The Student Visa 500 includes certain conditions requiring progress to be satisfactory, therefore it is a requirement of the College that international students will:

- Demonstrate satisfactory course progression (as per the Student Reporting Policy).
- Submit assessments and diligently complete homework.
- Maintain satisfactory course attendance (at least 85%). A Doctor's certificate is required if more than one sick day is taken at one time.
- Abide by the Enrolment (International Students) Policy.

Student Wellbeing

The wellbeing of our international students is a priority for the College and is overseen by our Wellbeing Team.

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