

CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 9/3/18

School number: 0803

School name: Brighton Secondary School

School profile text:

Vision:

Brighton Secondary School has a vision to be the school of choice to equip young people for a bright future.

Mission:

Our mission is to create lifelong learners who can problem solve, think creatively and critically, communicate effectively and act ethically in a dynamic global environment.

Our school motto is *Fac Omnia Bene – Do all things well.*

We value: curiosity, courage and citizenship.

Brighton's strategic priorities 2017-2019 are:

1. Successful learners
2. Confident and creative individuals
3. Active and informed citizens

Academic Success

Brighton Secondary School is well known for the academic success of its students. Many past scholars have progressed to highly regarded academic, vocational and professional careers. The school is proud that 2 of our alumni have become Rhodes Scholars. Most students continue their studies at local universities as a result of high levels of achievement in South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) studies.

Curriculum

A comprehensive curriculum offers increasing choice and diversity from year 8 to 12. The Learning and Humanitarian Laneways add creative approaches to engaging in learning.

International programs

The school offers very successful programs of study to fee-paying international students through an ISEC (Intensive Secondary English Course), short-term visits, study abroad and high school programs.

Special Interest programs

Our highly successful and internationally recognised Special Interest Music and Volleyball program students are selected by application and audition processes which occur initially in term 2 of the preceding school year. The **Special Interest Volleyball Program** is recognised across Australia as a very successful elite sports study and development program. Four of the program's alumni have become Olympians.

The **Special Interest Music Program** is a lighthouse of excellence in secondary music education which boasts an enviable international reputation for the quality of its choirs, orchestra, performance ensembles and classroom music activities.

The **Think Bright Program** is by application and interview and is open to students transitioning from year 7 to year 8. The program aims to develop entrepreneurial skills through a focus on creative and critical thinking. Students complete the program at the end of year 10.

Year 8 students with an interest in the performing arts have the opportunity to audition for the **Company Bright Program** which develops in-depth knowledge and practical skills in the performing arts through rigorous tailored programs that value curiosity, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. With outstanding performance opportunities utilising the Brighton Performing Arts Centre's state-of-the-art technology, alongside mentoring by industry experts, students develop exceptional skills in both production and performance.

Year 8 students apply for the **STEM Program** which is focused on students with or developing an interest in computer-aided design, engineering, marketing and coding. Students learn and utilise technology such as 3D printing and laser-cutting machinery. Students have access to digital technologies to develop their programming skills.

F1 in Schools is a specialist STEM subject offered to students from year 8. This challenge-based subject resulted in:

- 6 students win the 2012 National and World titles
- 2013 National title
- 2014 State title
- 2015 National title placing
- 2015 10th place out of 47 teams in the F1 in Schools World Final, Singapore
- 2017 2nd place in the Malaysian World titles with World Record for fastest car
- 2018 Winner National title, 2nd place National title

The F1 in Schools program is a worldwide initiative aimed at attracting students to Engineering studies. Whilst the program is fundamentally a study of aerodynamic form and performance, students are presented with opportunities into the corporate world of design, engineering, manufacture, business and enterprise. It is a rich STEM Program, requiring students to engage in all four disciplines, to be ultimately successful; as such, it is unique in the world.

In addition, students are required to establish community and industrial links in order to facilitate collaborative relationships, resulting in enhanced outcomes for their F1 in Schools teams. Each year teams represent the school in the State F1 in Schools finals, with the opportunity to win through to represent South Australia at the National competition and beyond in the World Title.

Student wellbeing

A dedicated Student Services Team assists students with their individual health and welfare concerns, course and career counselling and specific study needs. A house and year level model provides opportunities for developing character.

Co-curricular activities

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities.

1. General information

Part A

School name: BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL
School No.: 0803
Principal: Ms Olivia O'Neill
Postal Address: 305 Brighton Road, North Brighton 5048

Location Address: 305 Brighton Road, North Brighton 5048
 Region: Southern Adelaide
 Distance from GPO: 13km Phone No.: 08 8375 8200
 CPC attached: NO

February FTE Enrolment 2018

Secondary	Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.	
	Year 8	346
	Year 9	338
	Year 10	338
	Year 11	344
	Year 12	323
	Year 12 plus	4

TOTAL 1693 (includes 101 international students)

Male FTE	820
Female FTE	873
School Card Approvals (Persons)	300
NESB Total (Persons)	52.8
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment	39

Note: Placement points for Complexity and (Base plus Isolation) can be obtained from the document 'Placement Points History' in the 'schools/placement' section of the 'Legal and Policy Framework Library' available on the departmental web-site.

Part B

• **Deputy/assistant principals:**

Brighton Secondary School in 2018 has a Deputy Principal Director of Curriculum, Barbara Richards Band 5 and a Band 4, Head of Music, Andrew Barrett. Four Band 3 positions are filled by Jill Brindley, David Thomson, Kane Hillman and Tristan Kouwenhoven who form the Principal Team.

• **School e-mail address:** admin@brighton.sa.edu.au

• **Staffing numbers:** 106 FTE teacher staffing, 939.19 hours ancillary staffing. This includes FIR and Tier 2 staffing.

• **Enrolment trends:** The current February enrolment is near 1598 students. Apart from the Special Interest programs in music, volleyball and Think Bright, the school zone restricts enrolments, however, there are always many requests for out-of-zone entry to the school. All year levels are filled to 'ceiling' capacity and the retention rate remains as high as 90-100% into year 12.

• **Year of opening:** 1952

Brighton Secondary School is an amalgamation of 2 schools: Brighton High School and Mawson High School. The Brighton Secondary School community works to maintain the strengths of both previous schools as well as charting directions to provide excellent educational foundations and opportunities for students.

Brighton High School was the fifth high school in metropolitan Adelaide and was established in 1952. Brighton Boys Technical High School was established in 1967. With the introduction of comprehensive co-education, the school became known as Mawson High School in 1975. Mawson High School was formally closed in December 1993 and the school was consolidated on the Brighton campus with the completion of new facilities from the beginning of 1997.

The school motto of "Do All Things Well" underpins a philosophy of striving for excellence and doing your best. Staff and students are expected to work collaboratively in a safe, caring, respectful and engaging learning environment.

- **Public transport access:** The following bus services are available:
 - Route 263 via Anzac Highway and Brighton Road.
 - Route 265 via Anzac Highway, Glenelg and King George Avenue.
 - Bus C and B – Brighton Secondary School to Marion Shopping Centre, stop 38 King George Avenue
 - Bus Z – from stop 5 Anzac Highway to Marymount College (am only, to King George Avenue)
 - N from/to Noarlunga interchange, along King George Avenue
 - School Bus 670 to Grange Road stop 23
 - Train services provide access via the Hove and Brighton stations.

2. Students (and their welfare)

General characteristics

House teams

The house teams structure was implemented in 2010. It aims to create a sense of place and belonging. Students in years 8-11 are grouped according to their membership of one of the 4 houses, Buffalo, Cygnet, Holdfast and Rapid. Each house has dedicated house leadership staff team consisting of House Leader, Assistant Leader and Principal Team member.

Year level teams

Year level managers monitor student performance at years 8, 9, 10, 11.

Senior School

The Senior School includes year 11 and 12 students and staff mentors. The Senior School vision is for individuals to grow, mature and make informed choices for a successful, balanced life plan. The Spence Study Centre supports Senior School students.

Student wellbeing programs

Student Services Team

The Student Services Team includes the Principal Team/House Team leaders and assistants (8 to 11), year 8, 9, 10, 11 managers, year 12 Leader (SACE and Senior School Assistant Principal) and 3 School Well Being teachers. The team has oversight for the House system, year levels and Senior School mentoring. The team works closely with home group teachers and mentors to:

- support the full range of students to engage with learning and the life of the school
- promote and model 'doing all things well' and the character qualities of curiosity, courage and citizenship
- monitor attendance and achievement
- plan and deliver a responsive Personal Learning Plan (PLP) and Senior School Mentoring/Graduate Skills Program
- promote active learner voice and leadership development across the year levels
- celebrate success and community citizenship

Student Wellbeing

General Characteristics: Students at Brighton Secondary School are generally continuing students and international students.

Student support offered

School Well Being Teachers

Three School Well Being Teachers are available to assist students with personal concerns and guidance in study and career pathways planning. These staff are also responsible for student enrolments and have oversight for Peer Support.

Curriculum Support

A Curriculum Support Teacher and School Support Staff provide learning support to students with Negotiated Education plans and learning difficulties. Support is provided in the classroom and for small groups and individuals.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

An Aboriginal Secondary Education and Transition Officer (ASETO) provides mentoring support for the school's indigenous and ATSI students. Each student has an individual learning plan that helps guide their school experience and planned pathways beyond school. The Principal and the Aboriginal Education Teacher are trained in the 'Stronger Smarter' program.

Pastoral Care Worker

The Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) is appointed through the local Christian churches to provide spiritual support and guidance for students and staff. The PCW arranges whole school student information sessions relating to health and wellbeing and positive social behaviour and also supports class excursions/school events and the Community Humanitarian Project.

Student Reception

Student Reception is situated at the front of the Bright Centre. It is a busy place where students go if they become unwell during the school day, arrive late to school or need to leave early for appointments. Parents and students come to pay money for excursions, tickets for concerts, books, school and subject fees, computing fees or fees associated with other activities.

Students may hand in work to teachers and collect forms and notices.

Parents make contact with Student Reception via telephone or email if their students are absent from school. Student Reception staff are responsible for letting parents know if their student has multiple unexplained absences from school via a SMS.

The staff who work in Student Reception are trained in first aid procedures and are accustomed to dealing with a wide range of emergencies and student welfare issues. There are 2 sick rooms located within Student Reception and there is an emergency defibrillator.

All are kind, caring, professional people who have special skills in dealing with young people and the wide range of activities in a large metropolitan secondary school.

Special programs

Peer Support

The Peer Support program aims to support student transition between primary and high school. Year 11 students organise a variety of activities during the first semester of each year to support year 8 students to settle into high school life.

Student responsible behaviour

The school regards student behaviour as an educative process with a focus on restorative principles and practices. The School Discipline Policy has been developed in consultation with parents and students and is supportive of Department for Education guidelines. School Leadership teams have overall responsibility for managing responsible behaviour and follow procedures that include consultation and communication with relevant staff, students and parents, reporting of incidents and appropriate follow-up where necessary. A range of responses to inappropriate behaviour may be used and include behaviour change plans, conferencing, notices of concern, withdrawal, extended school days, suspension and exclusion.

Brighton Secondary took the lead to produce a pamphlet for neighbouring schools and kindergartens about bullying.

Student Leadership

Student Leadership is organised into a number of groups including, year 12 prefects, house, sports, international, music, volleyball captains, year 11 peer leaders and interest/high impact groups. This model provides opportunities for 12% of the student cohort in leadership positions.

3. Key school policies

- School Improvement Plan: The school's Towards 2020 priorities are:
 - Successful learners
 - Confident and creative Individuals
 - Active and informed citizens

4. Curriculum

The years 8 to 10 curriculum derived from the Australian Curriculum, aims to provide a broad, balanced learning program to prepare students for effective participation in society, and fulfill their needs to progress to future study and work options. Year 8 students have a general learning program with few choices. As students progress to years 9 and 10, more choices are available to enable students to begin to follow their preferred pathways and to undertake more specific and specialised learning programs.

The Senior School curriculum includes Stage 1 and Stage 2 subjects of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). In addition, a number of opportunities are offered for students to be involved in Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways. Students who participate in these VET programs work towards completing industry-based credentials as well as SACE accreditation.

- **Open Access:** Small numbers of students study through Open Access. This usually involves some students with a medical exemption from school attendance.
- **Special needs:** The school currently has 3.68 Special Education (Tier 2) staff and students are assisted both in separate lessons and as part of mainstream classes.
- **The SACE:** The Personal Learning Plan (PLP) year 8 to 10 is delivered by home group teachers during home group period.
- **ONE ISEC** (Intensive Secondary English Course) class provides intensive English language studies to fee-paying international students.
- **Special curriculum features:** The Think Bright Program, Company Bright, STEM, F1 in Schools, Special Interest Music and Volleyball programs. Students who live outside of the designated school zone can audition for entry into these programs.
- **Special Interest Music Program**

The music program fosters musical and academic excellence in gifted and highly committed young musicians through a comprehensive music curriculum, resulting in Brighton Secondary School students consistently achieving merits in SACE Music subjects.

Our strong extra-curricular ensemble program has raised the school's national and international profile through participation in music festivals, cultural events and tours, such as:

- The Big Bands Competition Generations in Jazz in Mount Gambier
- The Percussion Ensembles gold rating achievement at the ABODA Band Festival
- The Symphony Orchestra consistent achievement gold standard rating at the Australian International Music Festival
- Brighton's choirs regular high placement at the Choral Eisteddfod
- Involvement in ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies
- Involvement in Italian National Day celebrations
- Seven international tours since 2008 to China, Malaysia and Europe

- **Special Interest Volleyball Program**

The volleyball program is recognised both nationally and internationally for its curriculum and competition performances.

The aim of the volleyball program is to foster the holistic athletic development of talented students. The overall program goal is to promote skills, behaviours, attitudes and knowledge that will benefit students in their performance of volleyball and other sports, academic and vocational pursuits and personal development.

Volleyball classes operate at all year levels. Generally students enter the program at year 8 level then continue through to year 12. Entry at other year levels may occur through special application processes.

There are 3 main areas of the program:

During lesson time, students are involved in a structured learning program of practical and theoretical tasks designed to develop skills, knowledge and team attitudes. Other sports are also studied, particularly in the senior years, to enable accreditation via SACE Physical Education course pathways.

The other 2 areas of the program are training and competition. Due to the large number of students in the program and the desire to offer competition and training opportunities, students must be prepared to be involved out of school hours.

- **Think Bright Program**

The Think Bright Program focuses on creative and critical thinking to enrich the learning experience of students who have demonstrated initiative, leadership, problem-solving skills and an interest in rigorous learning. Students are in the same class for English, HASS, mathematics and science from year 8 to year 10 and study specialised subjects that focus on innovation and resilience. The program seeks to extend higher-order thinking and entrepreneurial skills through personalised, collaborative and challenge-based learning strategies. Teachers deliver a dynamic interdisciplinary program and embrace inquiry approaches to learning. Students may apply for the program by completing the application form, with shortlisted applicants being required to attend an interview.

- **STEM Program**

Year 8 students apply for the STEM Program which is focused on students with or developing an interest in computer-aided design, engineering, marketing and coding. Students learn and utilise technology such as 3D printing and laser-cutting machinery. Students have access to digital technologies to develop their programming skills.

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- **Teaching methodology**

The school has a focus on academic success within a school environment which values creativity and the development of teamwork. Current priorities are Flipped Learning, Positive Psychology and Pedagogical Shift to promote learner voice.

- **Digital Learning Program**

Since 2008, the Brighton Secondary School community has worked in collaboration to progress towards a comprehensive Digital Learning Program. An inclusive inquiry-based approach has been used to involve all members of the school community in the design and implementation of the project. The MacBook and iPad programs provide a vehicle for a personalised learning program and support a constructivist approach to creating curriculum. In keeping with the National Educational Goals for Young Australians, our aim is to promote and to lead world's best practice for curriculum delivery and assessment and to improve the educational outcomes for all students.

Brighton Secondary was selected to be in the first group of schools to receive wireless infrastructure upgrade. Installation was completed in 2010 and upgraded in 2012. Students in years 10, 11 and 12 have their own MacBook for use both at home and at school. iPads were introduced to year 8 students in 2014. All year 8 and 9 students have an iPad. The NBN was connected in 2015. This provides students with an increased ability to access resources including YouTube. Teachers use the dedicated Innovation Room to make learning objects to 'Flip' their classrooms.

- **Assessment procedures and reporting**

The assessment and report process includes:

- Formal assessment plans
- Reporting processes
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Daymap is the preferred Learner Management System
- Parent Portal

- **Community Partnerships**

Quality LinCs, Volleyball SA, Rotary, Returned Services League, Holdfast Bay City Council, Trade Schools of the Future, Rotary Club of Brighton, Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek, Schools in Business, Kiwanis and Brighton RSL, Submarine Corporation.

5. Sporting activities:

A wide range of interschool summer and winter sports are offered on a weekly basis and in knock-out competitions. Swimming and athletics carnivals are conducted, as well as participation in all SSSSA (Secondary School Sport South Australia) championships.

6. Other co-curricular activities

- The students regularly enter debating and public speaking competitions as well as competitions in English, science, mathematics, languages, geography, and ICT. The debating teams regularly succeed through to the finals as do the entrants in the Plain English Speaking Awards. Lift Dance Theatre is an independent dance company at Brighton Secondary School. The troupe regularly performs in The Fringe.
- Graduation and Recognition Assemblies are important events on the school calendar.

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- **Staff profile:** The teaching staff is approximately 48% men, 52% women.
- **Leadership structure:** There are 11 Band 1 and 2 Band 2 leaders in the Areas of Learning, School Development, Transition and Pathways and International. The leaders include 61% female and 39% male.
- **Staff support systems:** Staff work in faculty groups, project groups, house teams and in year level teams. Many staff are actively involved in subject associations, South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) committees and other curriculum and professional networks. The Professional Learning program endeavours to meet the needs of both teaching and non-teaching staff. For the past few years it has embraced an inquiry-based approach to a number of selected areas of interest. In 2018 teachers continue to work together in Teacher Learning Communities to develop strategies for implementing the Site Improvement Plan. Staff new to the school are expected to participate in a structured induction program. All staff are encouraged to become involved in school activities by joining at least 1 school committee.

Performance development:

The school has implemented 'professional conversations' as a means of ensuring regular, authentic professional discussions around quality teaching and learning. An Annual Leadership Conference develops leadership, capacity, skills and understanding to support performance development processes. The Performance Development Program is held in high regard by Department for Education Workforce Development. Since 2015 performance development includes classroom peer observation.

- Staff utilisation policies: The Personnel Advisory Committee assists the Principal in deployment of staff and leadership positions.
- Access to special staff: Staff are able to access advice from the Education Director, Chris Sheldon.
- The school is within close proximity to Daws Road Centre, Minda and South Australian School for Vision Impaired.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for staff

- Complexity placement points: 1.5
- Isolation placement points: 1.0
- Cooling for school buildings: All buildings are air-conditioned.

9. School facilities

• Buildings and grounds

The school was 1 of 4 schools nominated for expansion. In 2014 a new 21st century learning centre was opened to support an increased enrolment. A 400 seat concert hall and refurbished science laboratories, home economics kitchen, technical studies workshop and physical education complete the school. The Bright Centre incorporates general learning areas, a library and a cafeteria. Indoor and outdoor learning areas provide flexibility for students to learn independently or in groups. The buildings are of two-storey solid construction. Most of the buildings have recently been built or renovated. The grounds are well established and maintained with extensive lawn and paved areas.

The school has fully networked computer facilities with fibre optic cabling and connections for all classrooms and staff offices. There are some dedicated computing rooms for general use, and several other areas have computer facilities for subjects such as technology studies, the Brighton SoundHouse and Science research. All students have access to an iPad (years 8 to 9) and MacBook Pro laptops (years 10 to 12). Brighton is connected to the NBN.

- **Heating and cooling:** All areas are air-conditioned.

• Specialist facilities

The school has a well equipped gymnasium, a music suite with practice rooms, orchestra room and a soundhouse room, well equipped technology studies areas including design, electronics, robotics and photography areas, art rooms, media studies studio, science laboratories, computer rooms, home economics rooms and a senior research centre for students in years 11 and 12. Other subjects are grouped into faculty areas with staff offices near their classrooms. The State Volleyball Centre stadium was opened in 2007 to support and develop the Special Interest Volleyball Program. The Stadium has a 3 court indoor facility as well as 4 outdoor floodlit beach volleyball courts.

A state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre was opened in 2011 and a 400 seat Concert Hall was completed in January 2014.

- **Student facilities:** There is a separate student services area and the Spence Study Centre for year 11 and 12 students. The canteen is a traditional service canteen.
- **Staff facilities:** The new staff room in the Bright Centre provides a relaxing environment for staff. Most staff have shared offices.

- **Access for students and staff with disabilities:** The school has 2 lifts which provide access for people with disabilities to the first floor of the building although access for wheelchairs is difficult in the downstairs part of the older Spence building. All areas of the first floor are interconnected, with ramped walkways, and ramps have been installed in other areas on the ground floor.
- **Access to bus transport:** See above, public transport access.

10. School operations

- **Decision making structures**

Staff committees contribute to the development and review of school policies and programs, and include the Personnel Advisory Committee, school leaders, faculty and learning area groups, teacher learning communities, school teams and a Work Health Safety Committee among others.

The Student Leadership team is led by the head prefects, and includes a number of sub-committees: Environment, 'Bright'n Up', and Charities Committee. Student forums promote wider participation and learner voice.

The Brighton Secondary School Governing Council with parent, staff and student representatives is a strong and active influence in the school community. Several sub-committees including Finance and Facilities, School Uniform, Volleyball Parent Support Committee and the Music Parent Support Committee assist and support the work of the Governing Council. The 'Friends of Brighton Secondary School' provides links between the students of today and past students and staff. This group was of particular importance during the 60th celebrations in 2012.

- **Regular publications**

A suite of publications provides information about the school's programs/events. Student and staff bulletins are online each day. A comprehensive electronic school newsletter is emailed home. A comprehensive Curriculum Guide and the School Year Book are produced annually. The school's Facebook seeks employment opportunities for students. The Brighton App provides instant communication of notices and events. .

- **Other communication:** Whole school and school team assemblies and parent information evenings assist the promotion of school programs and broad involvement in school activities.
- **School financial position:** The school is in a sound financial state, with financial reserves.
- **Special funding:** The Special Interest Music Program funding is written into the school's partnerships agreement as a specific amendment. Students in the volleyball program pay an annual fee.

11. Local community

- **General characteristics**

The school is located within the Brighton community in the local Government area of the City of Holdfast Bay. The population is middle socio economic including significant numbers of professionals. Newer housing around the seafront and Glenelg is in the higher-price bracket for this state and tends to be medium-density. Students in the Special Interest programs often travel large distances to school from other parts of Adelaide and even near-country areas, but the majority of the students live in-zone.

- **Parent and community involvement**

Parent participation is welcomed in all school activities. Parents are particularly encouraged to become involved in the Governing Council and its various sub committees. Parent volunteers work in the school canteen and in the Special Interest Programs. The school facilities, especially the gymnasium, Brighton Theatre and Brighton Concert Hall, are widely used by the local community. The Music Parent Support Committee organises a fortnightly Sunday Market on the ovals. It is well publicised and supported by the community. The Volleyball Support Parent Committee run a successful annual Quiz Night.

- **Feeder or destination schools**
The main feeder schools for Brighton Secondary School are Glenelg, Brighton and Paringa Park, along with Warradale, St Leonards, Seacliff and Seaview Downs. Students also come from 50 other schools including independent and Catholic primary schools.
- **Other local care and educational facilities:** A number of child-care facilities operate near the school. Flinders University (approximately 4kms) is the nearest tertiary campus. Sacred Heart College and Marymount College are nearby.
- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:** The Marion shopping centre (approximately 3kms) is nearby. There are major shopping strips on Brighton Road and Jetty Roads in Glenelg and Brighton.
- **Other local facilities:** Minda Incorporated.
- **Availability of staff housing:** N/A
- **Accessibility:** The school is reached from Brighton Road via Ilfracombe Avenue. The rear staff car park is accessed from King George Avenue.
- **Local Government body:** The school is in the City of Holdfast Bay.

12. Further Comments

- **International Connections**
Brighton Secondary School is expanding its international connections through a strong International Program, Asian Studies Focus and increasing opportunities for overseas tours by students and staff. The school's web site is frequently visited by many overseas students and teachers, and several exchanges and community visits have been negotiated. During difficult times for recruiting students, Brighton Secondary School maintains approximately 100 students.

The number of international students grew to reach capacity at 125 in 2015; 101 in 2018.

Over the past decade, the Music Department has engaged in 7 overseas tours: China/Malaysia 2008; China/Europe 2010; China/Europe 2013; Belgium 2014; Europe 2015; Scandinavia 2017.

Sister School Relationship – a sister-school arrangement with Toyodai Himeji High School in Japan enriches the Japanese teaching program. Brighton students have a biennial tour to Japan for cultural and linguistic exchange. Brighton plays host to reciprocal visits from our sister school during alternate years. We also hosted an annual 2 week Japanese Study Tour from Hakuo Junior Primary School, Tokyo from 2009-2017. A new school, Marioka Chou High School, will be hosted in 2018.

Students participated in a successful French trip to Noumea for language classes and cultural pursuits. A sister school is being established in 2018 in the Loire Valley in France.

Brighton has a teacher exchange program with schools in Norway, Scandinavia and Finland.

The International student cohort originates mostly from China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Germany and Brazil.

The ISEC (Intensive Secondary English Course) supports newly arrived students from overseas who continue into mainstream courses, mostly in year 10.

A team of teachers and a Support Staff Officer supports the international students. The school offers at least 1 study tour opportunity to an overseas destination every year.

A significant number of staff has completed the "Including Studies of Asia in the Curriculum" professional development program as well as training to teach EALD students.

The school has had a commitment to send students on expeditions since 2009 to South East Asia destinations. In:

- 2009 4 staff members accompanied 2 teams of students in the World Challenge Expedition to Vietnam.
- 2011 2 expeditions travelled to Vietnam and Namibia.
- 2013 2 teams travelled to Vietnam.
- 2014 2 World Challenge teams of students and 4 staff visited Cambodia and assisted in the building of a school. The school community raised the money for the construction of the buildings and will continue to support the school building program with student participation and financial funding.
- 2016 2 staff members accompanied a team of students to Vietnam and Cambodia. In Cambodia students helped to build a new canteen for the kindergarten which was built in 2014. Brighton Secondary School funds the annual salary for 2 kindergarten teachers.
- 2017 2 staff and 2 students walked the Kokoda Track.
- 2018 Antipodean Tour to Cambodia and Vietnam.

Staff accompanied students to Korea in 2011 and 2012. A staff member was selected to present Professional Development for Thai teachers in Thailand.

A partnership was formed with Satree Phuket School in Thailand in 2014. In July 2016 a third staff member visited Satree Phuket School to present Professional Development to school staff and further develop the partnership between BSS and the Phuket School. Three teachers from Satree Phuket School visited Brighton Secondary School on a teacher training program in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

We regularly facilitate teacher training programs for teacher groups from Indonesia and Thailand.