

Registered Exchange Student

Enrolment Policy



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Brighton Secondary School recognises the importance of intercultural experiences in fostering diverse perspectives, empathy, and the development of global citizens. We aim to facilitate two-way learning that equips all students in our learning community with the attitudes and intercultural understandings necessary for success in their future studies and careers.

We promote and support these experiences through our International Student Program, in partnership with International Education Services: SA Government Schools. Other school-based programs and opportunities include our Japanese Sister School partnership with Toyodai-Himeji High School, associated study tour programs, French study tours, and various other international trips and experiences.

Registered Overseas Student Exchange Programs

Registered Overseas Student Exchange Programs offer another avenue for individual students to pursue intercultural learning. These programs provide Australian secondary school students the opportunity to study overseas, while also welcoming students from other countries to study in Australia. Exchanges typically last a minimum of three months or one school term of full-time study. Managed by student exchange organizations (SEOs), these programs operate independently of Brighton Secondary School and the South Australian Department for Education.

You can learn more here: <https://www.esb.sa.gov.au/schools-and-international-education/student-exchange>

Incoming students

Brighton Secondary School will consider exchange student enrolments on a case-by-case basis and only where there is a direct reciprocal exchange agreement with a recognised provider (e.g., 1 for 1). These students must be part of a registered student exchange program and must present a completed Acceptance Advice for Secondary Exchange Student (AASES) form at the school for enrolment. Enrolment enquiries can be made by submitting an online form via our website:

<https://www.brightonss.sa.edu.au/enrolment/>

If an enrolment is offered, the exchange student and their family are required to pay fees for:

- School fees of the amount equal to that incurred by all local students, prorated for the duration of enrolment
- Textbooks, uniform, excursions, and camps
- Knock out and zone sport and SA Volleyball Affiliation fees
- Individual music tuition fees and hire of instruments
- School of Languages subject fees
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses and associated fees
- The cost of repairs or replacement if loss or damages are incurred to loan laptop and/or school resources (note: there is no fee for the loan of a laptop)



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Outgoing students

Families considering an exchange are strongly encouraged to contact the school to discuss the student's individual circumstances before applying for or committing to an exchange program.

Students wishing to participate in an exchange program in another country must organise this independently and apply to the Principal or their delegate for an exemption from school for the duration of the exchange.

It is important for students and families to understand the implications of an exchange on their South Australian study program, particularly concerning the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Please note that a Brighton Secondary School student's SACE journey begins in Year 10 with Exploring Identities and Futures.

SACE and student exchange programs

The following information is from the SACE Board's website at <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/recognised-learning/other>

Students who undertake a full-year exchange program are eligible to apply for up to 110 credits at Stage 1 (70 credits, plus 20 credits for meeting the literacy requirement, 10 credits for meeting the numeracy requirement, and 10 credits for the Personal Learning Plan/Exploring Identities and Futures).

Students who undertake an exchange program for part of the year are able to gain up to 100 credits towards Stage 1. This does not include the Personal Learning Plan/ Exploring Identities and Futures.

Students will need to demonstrate that they meet the literacy and numeracy requirements as described in the SACE Accreditation, Recognition, and Certification Policy in the SACE Board of South Australia SACE Policy Framework.

Students will need to provide copies of letters advising of the exchange and subsequent certificates or final school reports or letters from the host school as evidence.

It is the responsibility of the student and their family to ensure that appropriate documentation is obtained from the registered exchange program provider and the school attended whilst overseas. Brighton Secondary School will support students in applying for recognition of equivalent studies, but families must understand that recognition is not guaranteed and subject to the SACE Board's discretion. If recognition is not granted, it can impact the student's study program. For example, a student may need to enrol in a Year 11 subject during Year 12, in addition to a full-time study load, to ensure they meet SACE credits and compulsory subject requirements.

