Program for Language Acquisition and Cultural Engagement (PLACE)

Our Program for Language Acquisition and Cultural Engagement (PLACE) has been developed specifically by the College to prepare students from non-English speaking backgrounds to transition from living and learning in their home-country, to moving into mainstream classes at St Leonard's College and life in Australia.

There are four interrelated elements of the program:

Student induction

The process of induction for international students commences after accepting of a Letter of Offer. Contact will be established between the student and teaching and pastoral staff, their potential homestay parents, and future classmates. The frequency of contact will increase as the date of commencement in the Program approaches, so as to facilitate a smooth transition into life at the College and settling into living and learning in Australia.

Community-based homestay

Upon arriving in Australia, international students not residing with a family member or an approved guardian will be matched with a homestay family by the College. Our homestay network includes alumni, members of staff, past parents and the families of current students. For further details please refer to our *International Homestay* flyer.

Intensive English language classes

Initially, international students will join Intensive English language classes scheduled as part of PLACE, within the normal College timetable. These classes are personalised and focus on the development of each student's reading, writing, listening, speaking and vocabulary. During their program, students are assisted with the selection of subjects and upon completion, they will continue to study English as an Additional Language (EAL). International students will attend assemblies, be a member of a Mentor Group, and participate in the College's wide range of cocurricular programs.

Ongoing learning support

International students will remain in PLACE until they have attained a level of English language competency that allows them to enter mainstream classes. This transition will begin with one or more subjects and increase over time until they are fully integrated into mainstream classes. International students will also continue to receive support from their teachers until graduation, after which time they automatically become an Old Collegian - the College's alumni program.

International students enrolled at the College are not required to pay additional fees for PLACE.

For further information please refer to our *International Student Fees and Charges* document.