



Banksia Park International High School

EDUCATING FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE



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BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL is a South Australian Government School situated in the picturesque foothills of Adelaide.

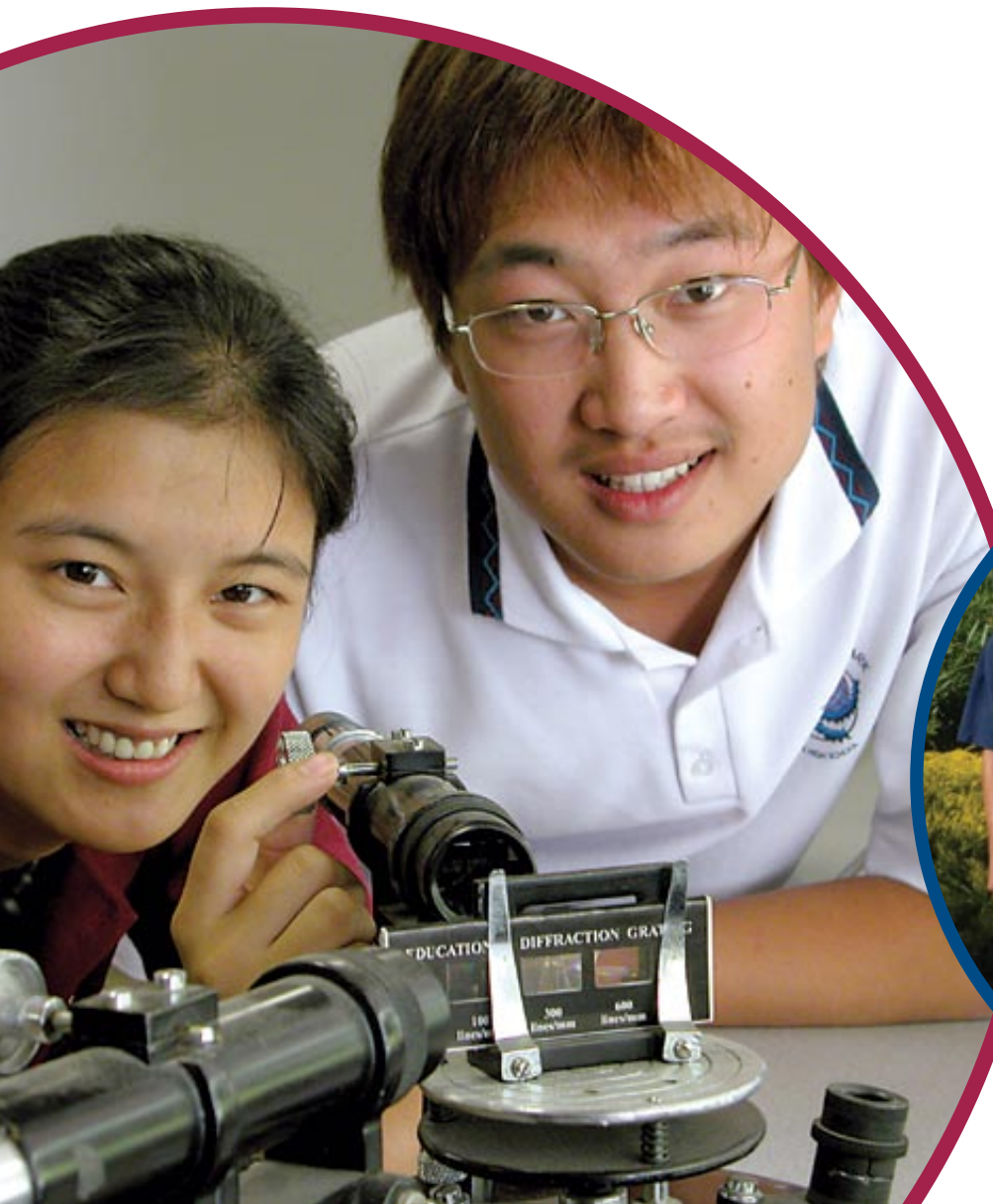
Learning is central in our school's philosophy.

At Banksia Park International High School we are proud to offer our students an education that:

- Offers a challenging curriculum with choice and flexibility;
- Celebrates individual achievement and growth;
- Recognises the importance of global citizenship;
- Establishes successful pathways to fulfilling lives beyond secondary school.

We acknowledge that students learn best when they feel valued, safe and comfortable in their surroundings. Our local and international students share the benefits of an international education, which is delivered in supportive, respectful learning communities (sub-schools). Similarly, Banksia Park International High School's physical environment, like our name, captures our Australian identity with wide-open spaces, gum trees, native flowers and birds.

As an international school, Banksia Park International High School prepares students to assume their roles as citizens of an increasingly intercultural, highly technological and complex society.





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Principal's perspective

As principal of Banksia Park International High School it is always a privilege to welcome students, parents, families, national and international colleagues and community members to our school.

A highlight of my role is observing how members of our school community positively contribute to the school's rich learning experiences such as:

- Students from all year levels striving to achieve their best;
- Students working in teams, and individually, supported by teachers and technology, to explore questions and solve problems;
- The chance for our students to engage in many cultural learning experiences, including acting as hosts for students from other countries;
- Local families participating in our highly successful and celebrated home-stay programs;
- Partnerships with primary schools, who share in our transition program and international visits;
- Students, parents and teachers working together to plan successful pathways within and beyond school;
- Staff leading and sharing professional development with colleagues from international teaching communities including our sister schools in China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam;
- Varied ways in which we celebrate student learning achievement and success.

I firmly believe our school's exciting, extensive and active local and international community partnerships enable us to offer an educational program that assists students to develop academically and personally.

By broadening our students' opportunities we prepare them for their global future.

Lyndall Bain
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Principal



We are dedicated to educating our students for a global future



International Status, National Recognition and Local Accolades

Banksia Park International High School has been recognised internationally, nationally and locally.

In 2003 the school gained accreditation through the Council of International Schools (CIS) by meeting the rigorous standards of global international education. To ensure that international standards are maintained, the school undergoes regular assessment by the CIS.

In 2003 Banksia Park International High School introduced its Global Citizens Medal and in 2004 this program won national acclaim in the National Quality Teaching Awards and continues to attract interest locally and internationally.

Our fully supervised Home-Stay program is managed by the school and meets strict Department of Education and Children's Services standards. Not only does our program offer accommodation to long-term and short-term international students, but we also provide accommodation for students from isolated areas of South Australia to access world-class education.



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How we make a difference

At Banksia Park International High School our students are provided with guidance and opportunities to enjoy learning and to develop their personal skills to confidently show initiative, think critically and creatively, use sound decision making processes and to take risks and explore new challenges.



We focus on:

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- Ensuring our long running transition program from primary to secondary school maintains its excellent reputation, where students entering year 8 feel safe, respected and challenged;
- Valuing students as important and contributing members of our school community;
- Delivering a well-planned pastoral care program tailored to meet the needs of each year level;
- Maintaining our consultative and thorough course counselling processes;
- Assisting students to understand how to operate in a community by having codes of behaviour that are underpinned by clear expectations and restorative processes;
- Creating smaller, more personalised learning communities through our sub-schools;
- Supporting individual needs with easy access to student counsellors, transition pathways coordinators, year level managers, the school chaplain, special needs teachers, student mentoring through our Learning Assistance Program (LAP), and services beyond school.

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Student life

Study

Banksia Park International High School offers a broad curriculum. In years 8 and 9 students study subjects within the eight Learning Areas –

The Arts, Design and Technology, English, Health and Physical Education, Languages, Mathematics, Science, and Society and Environment.

In year 10 students select from a variety of subjects within the Learning Areas as they establish foundations for their senior school pathways.

In years 11 and 12 students refine their subject selection and focus on post secondary pathways as they qualify for their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). For some students preparation to enter the world of work occurs. For others vocational educational opportunities are available through our NEVO (North Eastern Vocational Opportunities) program, while TAFE and University study are destinations selected by other students. The school is very conscious that students have individual hopes and dreams for their future.

Our goal is to nurture and guide all students so that they can step confidently into their lives beyond secondary education.





Sport

Healthy and active lifestyles assist students in their approach to life. In addition to participating in the Health and Physical Education curriculum at Banksia Park International High School, students can join VISTA sporting teams and be involved in inter-local school competition, compete in swimming and athletics carnivals at different levels, become a member of our State Knock Out teams or students can contribute by being umpires, coaches and officials.

Special activities

Banksia Park International Students fondly remember the Year 10 History tour to Canberra as one of the highlights of their school life, while others recall wonderful learning experiences while in the Flinders Rangers on the Outdoor Education Camp or participating in the school's Ski Trip.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award and Active 8 programs offer our students a chance to contribute to worthwhile activities in their community and take up personal challenges.

All year 12 students can apply for the school's Global Citizens Medal, which celebrates their capacity to demonstrate their personal skills and qualities to operate as global citizens. Students have the added opportunity to travel to other countries and attend school and live with host families, so that they gain a first-hand global view of the world.



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