



ST. ANDREW'S GRAMMAR

International Students Information Guide

St. Andrew's Grammar is proud to welcome International students into our caring and multicultural school community. We understand how important it is for parents to choose a school where their children will feel safe, supported, and inspired to grow.

At St. Andrew's, students from many different countries learn and grow together. This rich cultural mix helps children develop important life skills including understanding others, working as a team, and seeing the world from different perspectives.

We believe these experiences prepare students not only for academic success, but also to become kind, thoughtful, and confident global citizens.

General Enrolment Information

Applications for enrolment must be made on the International Students Application Form and a preliminary interview with the parents and student is required prior to enrolment.

Our Applications for Enrolment are done online via our school website www.sag.wa.edu.au or you can click here and [Apply Now](#). The Application Form must be completed and signed by the Parents/Guardians. You will be required to upload copies of Birth certificate, Passport, VISA documentation, Immunization records, current School and English reports. A non-refundable fee of \$85 for each applicant will need to be paid at the time of lodgment.

Criteria for selection is explained in our Enrolments Policy which can be found on our website under Employment and Policies. [Employment and Policies](#)

It is the duty of the parents to advise the School of any change of particulars shown on the original Application for Enrolment Form.

Information regarding the school complaints and grievance procedures can be found on the school website also under Employment and Policies [Employment and Policies](#)

The Australian Government wants overseas students in Australia to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. Australia's laws promote quality education and consumer protection for overseas students. These laws are known as the ESOS Framework and further information can be found at:

[Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Framework - Department of Education, Australian Government](#)

Agents

St. Andrew's Grammar uses Agents who act on our behalf in dealing with overseas students or intending overseas students. Enrolment enquiries can be conducted directly with the School through the Registrar.

Entry Requirements

International students must meet the School's academic and English requirements before enrolling. As per the Application Form, students from English speaking countries are required to submit two recent school reports.

Please refer to the International Students English Language Policy for further information. This Policy is available on the School's website

Course Details

Students enrolled at St. Andrew's Grammar School follow a course of study determined by their age, interest and academic ability. Full details of courses are available on the school website.

Course Credit

For years PP-10 we do not accept course credit. Students enter their age-appropriate year. For Years 11 & 12, we liaise with the WA School Curriculum & Standards Authority to assess the student's academic history and what year level they should enter. More information can be found at [SCSA Senior Secondary](#)

Enrolment Process

Enrolling as an International Student - please complete the International Application Form online.

Once your Application for Admission is received by the school, you will receive a letter of acknowledgement. The next step is an enrolment interview. This will need to take place before the student begins school. After the interview, if a formal offer of a place is made, parents will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the offer by payment of an acceptance fee. Once the acceptance fee is paid, the place is confirmed.

Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

Upon receipt of the signed Enrolment Confirmation and payment of the acceptance Fee and pre-paid 25% of Tuition Fees the school will produce a Confirmation of Enrolment and if needed, a Student Welfare Letter for a student visa to be issued by the Australian Embassy or High Commission. More information can be found at: [Immigration and citizenship](#)

Complying with Visa Conditions

Full fee overseas students are required to have a current student visa which requires students to comply with several visa conditions including:

- maintaining satisfactory attendance;
- achieving satisfactory academic results;
- notifying the School of any change of your address; and
- maintaining medical cover.

Further information can be found in the following policies available on the school website:

International Students Attendance and Behaviour Policy

International Students Monitoring Course Progress Policy

Deferment, suspension or cancellation of a student's enrolment

Deferment can occur due to either compassionate or compelling circumstances such as where a medical certificate states that the student is unable to attend classes. This must be requested by the student and the school will then assess the request and make a decision.

Suspension or cancellation of a student's enrolment can be initiated by the school in circumstances such as misbehaviour by a student. The school will inform the student in writing of its intention to suspend or cancel the student's enrolment and notify the student that he or she has 20 working days to access the school's internal complaints and appeals process.

If the student accesses the school's internal complaints and appeals process, the suspension or cancellation of the student's enrolment can not take effect until the internal process is completed, unless extenuating circumstances relating to the welfare of the student apply.

The student will be advised that deferring, suspending or cancelling their enrolment may affect their student visa and of their responsibility to contact the Department of Home Affairs regarding any visa implications. The student will also be advised that the secretary of the COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONS via PRISMS, as required under section 9 of the ESOS Act, will be notified of the deferment, suspension or cancellation.

Orientation Program

An age and culturally sensitive orientation day takes place for all new students including international students.

The orientation day includes the following information:

A School campus tour

Introduction to relevant teaching staff, IT services for collection of laptop and timetable

Support services available at the School to assist the student in the transition into life and study in Australia.

Please note that student support services extend beyond academic matters. They also include:

- Legal services and advice
- Emergency and health services
- Access to facilities and resources
- Complaints and appeals processes
- An overview of the Critical Incident Policy, including procedures outlining required actions during a critical incident, follow-up processes, documentation requirements, and records of actions taken.

School Fees

A list of International School fees are available on our website.

International Students Refund Policy

As per our Rules & Regulations [Rules Regulations and conditions for Enrolment](#)

Should a student be required to withdraw from the School due to a breach of the institution's rules a full term's fees being one quarter of the annual tuition fee will be imposed and must be paid within six (6) weeks of withdrawal.

Refunds by the School

The School will refund to the student's family within two weeks, any pre-paid course money that is above and beyond the equivalent of one quarter of the annual tuition fee in the event of a withdrawal without notice.

The School will refund to the student's family within two weeks all pre-paid course money that was required to be paid less the amount to be withdrawn under the Regulations, as a minimum refund if:
the course offered by the School does not start on the agreed starting date; or
the School ceases to provide the course during its term; and
the student has not withdrawn before the default date.

To claim a refund, please contact the school by phone or email.

Change of visa status

If the student changes visa status (e.g. becomes a temporary or permanent resident) he/she will continue to pay full overseas student's fees for the duration of that semester.

*****Please note that this agreement and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.*****

Student welfare

The Registrar will be the direct contact point for all international students on all matters. Other support services are available through the Heads of School, School Chaplain, Class and Mentor Teachers, and the Principal.

School Uniforms

School uniform can be purchased from Perm-a-pleat. [Perm a Pleat Malaga](#)
Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Accommodation

Please note that St. Andrew's Grammar prefers students to reside in the full-time care of a legal guardian or family member whilst completing their education in Western Australia.

Should neither a parent nor a suitable relative be in Australia to directly provide for the welfare of a student, suitable homestay accommodation can be sourced by the family through approved providers.

Education at St. Andrew's Grammar

Book Lists

Information regarding textbook requirements is available on the school website via Parent Resources [Parent resources](#)

Parent Information Evening

Parent Information Evenings and Parent-Teacher interviews take place at key times during the year. All information will be communicated to parents prior to the event.

School Hours

The School day in Australia is generally between the hours of 8.30am and 3.20pm. For specific times, please refer to the times listed within the School Diary.

Term Dates

This information will also be available on the School website www.sag.wa.edu.au

Student Academic Progress

St. Andrew's Grammar School uses a variety of means to determine whether a student has made satisfactory progress. Further information is available in the International Students Monitoring Course Progress Policy available on the school website.

The school can extend the duration of a student's course where compassionate circumstances are evidenced, an intervention strategy is in place or there is an approved deferral or suspension of the enrolment. These decisions will be made in line with the requirements set out in the ESOS Standards.

St. Andrew's Grammar is divided into two distinct sub-schools: Primary School (Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6) and Secondary School (Years 7 to Year 12). Each sub-school has a Head of School and a group of teaching staff who primarily teach within that sub-school.

Information about curriculum, pastoral care, facilities, co-curricular activities, Interstate and overseas tours, specialist programs and academies can be found on the school website.

Living in Perth The Local Environment

St. Andrew's Grammar is situated at 4 Hellenic Drive Dianella, Western Australia.

Dianella

Dianella is a suburb of Perth, Western Australia and was named after the botanical title of a small blue lily, *Dianella revoluta*, which is a narrow-leafed plant which was plentiful in the area prior to residential development.

There are a number of small parks in Dianella and a large regional open space. There is a major shopping Centre in the suburb, with several smaller local stores. [Morley Galleria Shopping Centre](#)

Dianella Regional Open Space is at the junction of Alexander Drive and Morley Drive and provides a landscape feature for the suburb as well as sporting facilities and BMX cycling track. The area is home to a number of sporting codes, including lacrosse, football, little athletics, soccer and cricket as well as many more indoor sports.

Perth City

Perth is the capital city of Western Australia and is the fourth largest city in Australia, with a population of approximately 2.5 million. It is a coastal city, located beside the Indian Ocean, and situated on the Swan River in the lower south-western portion of the Australian continent.

Traditionally, Perth and Perth's Swan River have usually been viewed and photographed from Kings Park, situated on a hill to the south-west of the city or from the South Perth foreshore.

The Central Business District of Perth bustles with activity during the week and offers a range of choices for shopping, theatre productions and of course enjoying water activities on the Swan River such as jet skiing, surf-cats and river cruises. Despite Perth's CBD being quite small, Perth has many large suburbs, including Dianella, which have shopping centres, supermarkets, cinemas, takeaways and many other amenities.

Climate

Perth summers are hot and dry. Summer lasts from late December to late February, with February generally being the hottest month of the year. Winters are cool and moist. Even in mid-winter, maximum daytime temperatures only occasionally fall below 16 °C (60 °F). On most summer afternoons a sea breeze, which locals refer to as "The Fremantle Doctor", blows from the south-west cooling the city.

Demographics

Because Fremantle was the first landfall in Australia for migrant ships coming from Europe in the 1950s and '60s, Perth experienced an influx of Croatian, British, Macedonian, Italian, Dutch and Greek migrants. More recently, large-scale immigration to Perth by air from the UK has continued, giving Perth the highest-proportion of British-born residents of any Australian city.

Perth also has substantial immigrant communities from South East Asia such as Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, China, India and Sri Lanka (Many of whom have emigrated from their home countries for educational purposes). The Indian community includes a substantial number of Parsees who emigrated from Mumbai. Another source of immigration has been Southern Africa, with many white South Africans and Zimbabweans settling in the city, giving the city a very South African feel. Perth nowadays also has the largest population of Anglo-Burmese in the world, in addition to a substantial Anglo-Indian community.

Transport

Perth is served by Perth Airport in the city's east for domestic and international flights and Jandakot Airport in the city's southern suburbs for light aviation.

Perth has a road network with freeways, metropolitan highways and no toll roads.

Perth metropolitan public transport, including trains, buses and ferries, are provided by Transperth, with links to rural areas provided by Transwa. You can plan your public transport journey via their website: [Transperth](#). The Government of Western Australia has significantly increased metropolitan public transport funding in recent years. Initiatives include progressive replacement of the bus fleet and the SmartRider contactless smartcard ticketing system.

Education

Education in Western Australia consists of two years of non-compulsory Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten at age 3 and one compulsory year of Pre-primary at age 5 followed by six years of primary school education from Years 1 through 6. Students move into Year 7 at approximately age 12 or 13 and have five years of secondary education. All students are required to complete 13 years of study before leaving school.

The major universities in Western Australia are the University of Western Australia, Edith Cowan University, Curtin University, Murdoch University and the University of Notre Dame.

For further information about St. Andrew's Grammar please contact the Registrar by email at enrolments@sag.wa.edu.au

Useful Websites:

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (Victoria) Phone: 1300 656 419 (local call)
Email: complaintsinfo@humanrights.gov.au TTY 1800 620 241 (toll free)

The Commonwealth Overseas Students Ombudsman's Office Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au
Call: 1300 362 072* within Australia. Outside Australia call +61 2 6276 0111. Enquiries: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, Australian Eastern Standard Time (Australian Eastern Daylight Time when daylight savings is in effect)
Fax: 02 6276 0123 within Australia. Outside Australia +61 2 6276 0123.
Postal: GPO Box 442 Canberra ACT 2601.

Information on studying in Australia

[Explore visa options for studying in Australia](#)

Council for International Students of Western Australia

<http://www.ciswa.com/>

Cost of living in Perth

http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city_result.jsp?country=Australia&city=Perth

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