



Carey
Baptist Grammar School



International Student Prospectus



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Welcome to Carey

The Carey community takes great pride and pleasure in welcoming students and their families from around the globe.

It is not always easy to settle into a new environment away from friends and extended family. At Carey, we are committed to making the process as simple and enjoyable as possible.

We know that the students who come to Australia will find the friendship, help and guidance they need and want within our school community. Our goal is to make their time in Australia an enriching educational and cultural experience, while also being fun and filled with lasting friendships and happy memories. Carey will prepare students for university and help them decide on courses and career options.

This booklet will answer many of your questions about coming to Australia and to Carey. We look forward to welcoming you to our school. If you would like any additional support or advice, please contact us.

Learn more on the International Students information page on our website.





An overview of Carey

Carey is one of Australia's leading co-educational schools. Established in 1923, Carey has a history of high achievement and excellence in education.

We warmly welcome international students from around the world. Carey is proud to have a diverse and inclusive community. We aim to create an environment where students from a wide range of cultural backgrounds can thrive and connect.

Carey has approximately 2700 students and has a capacity to educate 90 international students on student visas. For many years, Carey has offered the International Student program at our Senior School (Years 10 to 12). Approximately 20 International Students attend our Senior School each year.

Carey is known for being innovative and leading the way in teaching and learning. Our students are encouraged to explore their passions, take responsibility and become confident global citizens. We place a strong focus on wellbeing and personal growth. Our bright, modern learning spaces help students succeed in their academic studies.

Carey's Year 12 results regularly place the School among the top schools in the state of Victoria. Go to carey.com.au to learn more.

Academic studies are complemented by an growing range of co-curricular activities, including debating, dance, yoga, bike riding, and over 20 competitive sports. Students also experience outdoor education in a variety of environments, supervised by specialist staff. A broad range of performing arts opportunities

includes drama, musicals, orchestras, choirs and instrumental ensembles, covering the spectrum of music styles. Private music lessons are also available.

Every student is part of a House group, which provides activities that build friendships and a sense of belonging. Within their House, students are placed into smaller mentor or class groups to ensure they receive individual support.

Carey has four campuses. The main campus is in Kew, an affluent suburb in the inner east of Melbourne, about eight kilometres from the Central Business District. The Kew campus caters for students from three-year-old Early Learning to Year 12, and hosts our Senior School International Student program. Our Donvale campus, also in the east of Melbourne, has an Early Learning Centre and Junior School. Our nearby Bulleen Sports Complex has five playing fields, a gymnasium, weights rooms, ball courts, swimming and diving pools. Carey also has a beautiful Outdoor Education campus on the Gippsland Lakes in country Victoria, as well as a campground for our Year 10 Carey Zero program in Mission Beach, Queensland.

The Performing Arts Centre at the Kew campus includes a large auditorium and stage, as well as teaching and rehearsal rooms.





Why study at Carey?

- Excellent academic results
- Caring, supportive environment
- Extensive subject selection
- VCE and IB programs in Year 11 and 12
- Excellent teaching staff
- Broad range of co-curricular activities available
- Strong core values
- Well-known around the world
- A connected community
- Beautiful campus close to central Melbourne
- Access to public transport
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Integrated wellbeing program



Explore our Kew campus

Keyhole Garden



Across our campuses, we have many recreation spaces for relaxation, play and friendships, enriching social development.

Macafee Courts



As well as providing playspaces for break times, the courts and ovals on campus are outdoor classrooms for physical education.

Centre for Creativity and Collaboration



With its award-winning architecture focussed on student development, the CCC is home to our Middle School.

De Young Centre for Performing Arts



Performing Arts facilities and access to a wide range of resources enhance the music and theatre experiences for all students.

The UN Room



Sitting atop the CLI, the UN Room reflects our commitment to inclusion, social justice and a collaborative approach to learning.

Art Gallery



The Art Gallery embodies our commitment to the arts, and is an endpoint for the creations made in art and design studios.

Grutzner Centre for Learning and Innovation



The impressive CLI is mostly for our Senior School. It features modern learning spaces and an expansive multi-storey library.



GADSDEN

THE ROAD TO WINTER



Middle School (Years 7–9)

Middle School is an important and exciting time of discovery, exploration and learning. The social and emotional development of our young people is a priority.

At Carey, Middle School is made up of Year 7, 8 and 9, and is based at our Kew campus. These years are focussed on making connections, finding passions and developing independent, purposeful students.

Motivation and engagement in these years is crucial. We achieve this by tailoring our approaches to teaching and providing flexible and multipurpose learning spaces – like the Centre for Creativity and Collaboration (CCC).

The CCC was designed as an environment where Middle School students experience belonging and a sense of security to give them confidence to take risks with their learning. The building is elegant and aesthetic but functional, is humble in its presence but also fun and joyous, flexible but purposeful, and allows for the evolving landscape of education.

Curriculum

The curriculum and environment are tailored to their particular needs, with 38 elective subjects for students to choose from, a strong focus on wellbeing and real-world learning experiences.

All students also participate in a sport and musical instrument of their choice. Experiential and immersive learning is an important part of the Middle School experience, with many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom through camps and special programs.

For detailed information on subject options, content, teaching methods and assessment, go to pathways.carey.com.au

You can see the full list of subjects on our website:

**Middle School
subjects**





Senior School (Years 10–12)

In Senior School, students choose to study for either the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB). These provide qualifications for entry to universities in Australia and internationally. Both courses require students to sit examinations. The School provides advice on subject selection, career choices and preparation for tertiary education or job seeking.

The Senior School environment is inspired by a university campus. The main building, the Centre for Learning and Innovation (CLI), was designed for a contemporary education, including modular classrooms, shared learning spaces and science rooms. The CLI Library houses our extensive catalogue of books and resources and offers a variety of spaces for the different needs of our students. The top floor of the building includes our United Nations Room, which encourages global citizenship and a commitment to social justice. This helps to prepare our students for the rapidly changing local, national and international communities they live in. The building also includes a large, covered quadrangle for relaxation and private study, and a canteen offering high quality meals and snacks.

These facilities are designed to prepare our students for life beyond Carey, particularly tertiary education. Our students achieve excellent academic results and gain entry into the top universities in Australia and around the world.



Curriculum

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Careers practitioners, counsellors, subject teachers and specialists can help and guide students as they decide on which subjects and courses to choose based on their interests and abilities.

The curriculum is supported by a comprehensive Information Resource Centre that provides the latest in educational technology, resource and reference material. Our subject options include Art and Design, Humanities, Information Technology, Languages, Mathematics, Music and Theatre, Physical Health and Education, and Science. You can see the full range of subjects on our website:

VCE subjects

IB subjects





Carey Zero

All Year 10 students participate in Carey Zero. This subject is an exciting opportunity for all students to learn about the environment and focusses on student wellbeing. Students develop useful skills that will help them through their final years of school and beyond.

The subject includes an optional three-week expedition in Queensland. Here, students contribute to environmental research projects and conservation work. They also develop independence and important life skills like collaboration, communication and reflection.

[Learn more about Carey Zero](#)



Daily life at Carey

Timetables and School organisation

All students are given a student handbook at the start of each new year. The handbook has important contact details, timetable information, School policies and procedures, uniform guidelines and other information to help them settle into life at Carey.

Students are given their timetable on the first day of school. Classes start at 8.20am and during the school day there is a morning break and a lunchtime break. On most days, classes finish at 3.05pm.

At least once a week after school and on Saturday mornings, students are involved in a sport or activity of their choice. There are many co-curricular activities to choose from.

The Learning Management System is an online resource for students and parents or the Local Support Person. It shares details about all subjects, information documents, learning activities, assignment sheets, due dates, web links, discussion boards and contact details for teachers. You will be given a password that will give you access to the Learning Management System.

For students in Years 11 and 12, the Learning Management System is used as a place to store resources that support learning in the classroom. This includes revision tools to help prepare for the IB and VCE examinations.

Example of a day at Carey

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| 8.20am–9.35am | Period 1 |
| 9.40am–10.55am | Period 2 |
| 10.55am–11.15am | Recess |
| 11.20am–12.35pm | Period 3 |
| 12.40pm–1.05pm | Community Time |
| 1.05pm–1.45pm | Lunch |
| 1.50pm–3.05pm | Period 4 |
| 3.05pm–5.00pm | Co-curricular – training and rehearsals as per selected activities |



Canteen

The School Canteen is open from 8.00am to 3.30pm. Here, students can purchase food including snack foods, coffee, cold drinks and full meals like pasta, stew, salad and rice dishes. Adjoining the Canteen is a large, indoor Quadrangle for Senior School students. The space has tables and chairs for eating, recreation and socialising at morning break and lunchtimes.

Information Resource Centre

Carey has excellent learning facilities for its students, like our Information Resource Centre. Highly professional and knowledgeable staff can help students find what they need from a large range of resources. Middle and Senior School students can develop the reading and research skills required for university and beyond.





The Information Resource Centre also has many study spaces, intended for all different styles of learning. This includes areas for co-operative group work or quiet spaces for individual study and reading.

All students, parents and teachers have 24-hour access to the online catalogue, eBooks and databases and subject pathfinders on the Carey intranet. This is an invaluable resource for students undertaking study outside their timetabled classes.

School uniform

Carey students wear the school uniform. New items of uniform can be purchased from

Bob Stewart,
207 High Street, Kew
p: 9853 8429 w: bobstewart.com.au

A completely new Carey uniform will cost approximately AUD\$1000. This cost can be reduced significantly by purchasing good quality, clean, second-hand uniform from the Swap Shop at Carey.

Books

Booklists for the new year are distributed in November of the year before. A Book Exchange, at which used textbooks can be purchased from other students at Carey, is held in early December. Textbooks and stationery for Years 9 to 12 cost approximately AUD\$350–AUD\$450.

New textbooks can be purchased from Champion Education, either at the School or at

Champion Education
632 Mitcham Road, Mitcham
Phone 9872 8888, champion.com.au

Computers

All Carey students are required to lease a digital device from the School. Middle School students can lease a HP laptop and Senior School students have the option of leasing either an Apple Macbook Air or a HP Laptop. Fees for digital device rental are set out in the Fee Schedule, which is available on our website. Personal computers cannot be used at School or connected to the Carey network.



Performing arts

Each year, the Middle School (Years 7–9) and Senior School (Years 10–12) both hold a musical and a play. Theatre production is another co-curricular choice for students who are interested in working behind the scenes.

Instrumental and vocal tuition is available from specialist staff who are experts in their field. Students can be involved in bands, orchestras, choirs, chamber groups and contemporary ensembles at all levels. Students may choose to learn:

- brass instruments
- percussion instruments
- orchestral string or woodwind instruments
- keyboard instruments including pianoforte and harpsichord
- fretted strings including guitar and electric bass
- classical or contemporary voice.



Debating

Another popular option for Middle and Senior School students is debating. Carey teams compete at the Debaters Association of Victoria Schools' Competition, as well as other local and international competitions.



Melbourne Schools Partnership International

Carey Baptist Grammar School is a member of the Melbourne Schools Partnership International (MSPI) with the University of Melbourne. For more information about the MSPI, go to futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/mspi



Co-curricular activities

There are many co-curricular activities for students to choose from. The options are varied so every student can do what they love.

Sport

All students choose a sport or non-competitive activity to take part in during the summer season, winter season and, optionally, the spring season. These are some of the options students can choose from, subject to availability, season and student age:

- Athletics
- Australian Rules Football
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bike Fitness
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Dance Fitness
- Diving
- Fencing
- Fitness Club
- Futsal
- Hockey
- Kayaking
- Netball
- Park Run
- Pilates
- Rowing
- Snowsports
- Soccer (association football)
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Yoga
- Water polo







Student wellbeing and care

The welfare of every student is very important and has a high priority at Carey. All staff members have responsibility for ensuring you are happy, healthy and progressing well with your studies.

Our award-winning wellbeing program is built into everything we do and supports each student in every year level. This program brings together different areas of care into one connected system, so every student feels supported.

House system

Across the whole school, students are supported by our House system. Every student is part of one of 10 House groups, which helps build friendships and a sense of belonging. Within each House, students are placed in smaller mentor or class groups to ensure they receive personal support.

Students and families can contact classroom House Mentors or Heads of House for advice and support. The House System has been designed to make sure that each student receives individual care.

Outside of school, students can seek help from their Local Support Person, if applicable.

Other people at Carey who can help

As well as the classroom teacher, House Mentor or Head of House, several other people are available to provide students with help, support and advice:

- For help with schoolwork, talk to the class teacher.
- For help with medical matters, talk to the School Nurse. The Nurse may recommend a doctor or dentist if necessary.
- In Senior School, for advice on subject choices, career options and tertiary placements, talk to the Careers Practitioner.
- For advice on your visa, Homestay or Local Support Person matters, consult the International Student Manager at Carey.

Overseas Student Health Care

It is a condition of a student visa that they have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the whole time they are in Australia. OSHC gives you access to out-of-hospital and in-hospital medical services to help you maintain your health.

Please see the fee schedule for information on costs. Carey's preferred healthcare provider is BUPA Australia: bupa.com.au

For more information, contact the Admissions Office on (03) 9816 1242 or admissions@carey.com.au





Accommodation and welfare

Local Support Person

All International Students under 15 years of age must stay in Australia with a parent or nominated guardian approved by the Department of Home Affairs.

International Students who are 15 years and older issued with a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letter must live with our School-approved Homestay family and have a Local Support Person (LSP) who meets Carey's eligibility criteria at all times while enrolled at Carey.

An LSP can be a relative or a family friend living in Melbourne and nominated by the student's parents or legal guardian, or engaged by Carey's preferred

Local Support Person provider, International Student Advocates (ISA): studentguardians.com (service fee is payable directly to ISA.)

Support arrangements must be in place before the CAAW letter and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is issued.

The student's parents must provide the nominated LSP's contact details in the Accommodation and Welfare Arrangement Form. This must include the nominated LSP's name, address, telephone numbers, email address and other information. The School will arrange for the proposed LSP to meet with the Manager – International Students, verify the LSP's Working With Children Check status and sight proof of identity.

[Click here to see our International Student policies for more information about accommodation and welfare, including details about the responsibilities of the LSP.](#)





Homestay

International Students over 15 years old can apply to live with one of our Homestay families*. At Carey, we are proud of the close relationships we have developed with experienced Homestay providers. Each of our Homestay families has been approved by the School and follows our strict guidelines to support the academic needs and wellbeing of our International Students.

Homestay families ensure that students benefit from a nurturing home environment, experience Australian community and culture, and develop friendships with both local and International Students. Ideally, Homestay families will speak English as a first language to provide immersion in the English language and the opportunity for students to develop fluency.

Homestay broadens each of our students' perspective on life, equipping them for their tertiary years in being independent, responsible and resilient.

What is Homestay?

A house is a place to stay, but a home means feeling like a member of a family. Our Homestay families are chosen because they enjoy hosting students and making a difference to the quality of their experience while studying at Carey.

Our Carey Homestay program provides:

- a comfortable, secure and clean home
- a well-equipped room for study, rest and recreation
- efficient internet access
- a broad and balanced diet that satisfies the energy requirements of each student
- a responsible and nurturing home that reflects both the guardian's and the student's family's values
- close communication with both the student's guardian and the student's family.



Our Manager – International Students will find a Homestay family that best suits the student's individual needs and expectations.

The School values close and open communication between the student, guardian, our Manager – International Students and School support staff to guarantee each student feels settled and happy.

Homestay fees are set by the School and are currently \$450 per week. Payment arrangements for the homestay program are arranged between Homestay Host and the student's parents. Carey is also authorised to hold a bond for all homestays equivalent to four weeks' Homestay fees. Carey charges a Homestay administration fee of \$500 which covers the cost of administering the program.

During a holiday period when a student is absent from the Homestay, reduced fees may be payable, subject to agreement between the Homestay Host and the student's parents.

Carey will hold a homestay bond, as set out in the International Student Fee Schedule, for the duration of the Homestay on behalf of the Homestay Host. The Homestay bond will be administered, monitored and refunded in accordance with the Homestay Host Agreement.

* All international students who are in Australia on the authority of a CAAW letter issued by the School must live in Homestay accommodation approved by the School for the full duration of the study period defined in their CoE.



Studying in Australia

Information regarding visa requirements and other matters related to studying in Australia may be found at the Department of Home Affairs (DOHA) website: homeaffairs.gov.au

How to enrol

- 1 Contact the Admissions Office and inquire about the course and availability
- 2 Parents or an authorised education agent submit the application form and pay an application fee of AUD\$200
- 3 Provide the supporting documentation to Admissions Office – outlined below
- 4 The School reviews applications and invites the family to an interview if required
- 5 The family receives an offer or provisional offer if the application is successful
- 6 Parents accept by completing the enrolment documents and making payment, or decline the offer
- 7 After acceptance, parents will receive the Confirmation of Enrolment and/or the Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare letter if applicable
- 8 Apply for a student visa and inform the School as soon as the visa is granted or refused

To apply for entry to Carey, please provide us with:

- a completed Application for Enrolment form
- a copy of the student's birth certificate and current passport
- a copy of the student's most recent academic results/school reports for the previous two semesters (translated into English)
- information regarding any English language courses that the student has completed or is undertaking and any associated reports
- a copy of AEAS report dated within the last 12 months (if applicable)
- any relevant supporting documentation, including medical information
- payment of the non-refundable application fee of AUD\$200.

This information should be sent to:

Admissions Manager

Carey Baptist Grammar School
349 Barkers Road Kew 3101, Victoria, Australia
Telephone + 61 3 9816 1242
Email: admissions@carey.com.au





AEAS test

Carey requires non-English-speaking applicants to sit an Australian Educational Assessment Services (AEAS) test. This determines language proficiency and recommends the length of the intensive English program necessary on arrival. The School can recommend language schools for intensive English classes before commencement at Carey.

The AEAS report must not be older than 12 months at the time of application to Carey.

AEAS reports may not be required if the student:

- has attended a school for the past three years where the language of instruction is English
- has studied in a mainstream school in Australia for more than one year.



To apply for Years 9 to 12, the minimum required AEAS score is 60%, with above average stanine scores of 7 to 9 preferred. As a minimum requirement before commencing at Carey, students need to have completed previous year levels, passed all the core subjects and obtained a result of at least 75% for English language studies.

Attendance and academic results

Students must satisfy attendance and course requirements and must not be absent from school without written notification from their parents or guardians. Please note that the Department of Home Affairs (DOHA) regulations require you to attend a minimum of 80% of classes and achieve satisfactory results in your course.

Subject selection

Entry into any course, subject or unit is subject to the assessment of the School. Every application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Fees and Charges

For the latest fee information please go to our current International Student Fee Schedule on the website – carey.com.au/international-students – or contact the Admissions Office.

It is a condition of your visa that fees are paid to the School by the due dates set out in the School's invoices. If a student does not start their course on the agreed date, refunds will be payable in accordance with the terms of the Enrolment Agreement. A parent may cancel a student's enrolment at any time in writing as outlined in the Enrolment Agreement. If the required notice is not received, a fee equivalent to one-eighth of the annual Tuition Fee is payable. The Enrolment Agreement does not affect the right of students or parents to take further action under the Australian Consumer Laws.

Child safety

Carey Baptist Grammar School is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students, with the wellbeing and best interests of children at the centre of everything we do. Everyone in our school community – including staff, students, board members, contractors, parents, Homestay, Local Support Person and volunteers – shares responsibility for upholding our zero tolerance of child abuse. This includes actively

promoting the safety and empowerment of all students, including those with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; protecting students from abuse by listening and responding to concerns; reporting any allegations to the appropriate authorities; and fostering a culture of openness, risk minimisation and continuous improvement in student safety practices. Carey provides confidential support and counselling to any student affected by abuse, ensuring that their care and wellbeing remain our highest priority.

Please read our full child safety policy on our website: <https://www.carey.com.au/about-carey/policies>

Complaints and grievances

Carey acknowledges that occasionally students and parents may encounter problems or concerns while enrolled at the School. In the first instance, students and parent(s) may raise a concern by contacting the Manager – International Students who will consult with the relevant staff to resolve the concern.

Where a formal complaint is raised, the School will handle it in accordance with the School's Complaints and Appeals Policy – International Students.

Grievances raised by one student against another student will be dealt with under the School's Code of Conduct. Both of these policies can be found on our website, [carey.com.au/policies](https://www.carey.com.au/policies)

If the complaint is still not resolved to the International Student/parent's satisfaction, then the School will advise the International Student within 10 days of concluding the internal process of their right to access an external complaints handling and appeals process at minimal or no cost.

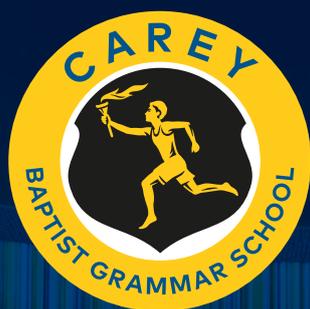


Use of personal information

Carey handles personal information in accordance with its Privacy Policy ([carey.com.au/privacy-policy](https://www.carey.com.au/privacy-policy)) and collection statements, as published and amended by the School from time to time.

Carey may, from time to time, be required to use or disclose certain personal information and sensitive information for administrative and educational purposes, including to comply with the requirement to notify the Commonwealth of any breach of visa conditions, to check visa entitlements electronically via the Department of Home Affairs Visa Entitlement Verification Online system (VEVO), or to facilitate the transfer of a student to another school. Carey may disclose personal information to other schools, the Australian Government and designated authorities, medical practitioners and people providing services to Carey including specialist teachers, outdoor education professionals, coaches, volunteers, counsellors and (if relevant) the Tuition Protection Scheme.





Kew campus

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