

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME



TIGS

The Illawarra Grammar School

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THE SCHOOL

Opened in 1959, The Illawarra Grammar School (TIGS) is an independent co-educational Anglican day school located on the eastern coast of New South Wales in the City of Wollongong, approximately 70km south of Sydney.

TIGS is a dynamic educational centre that encourages each student to pursue the highest level of academic excellence, personal achievement and fulfilment of which they are capable. We aim to encourage independent thought and serious study, a high level of personal presentation and responsibility, the ability to lead and work with others, and develop individual talents and interests.

We believe that TIGS is a happy and positive place with a strong commitment to high standards, hard work, an adventurous spirit and a thoughtful concern for others. Our students are not sheltered from the many philosophies of our age, nevertheless the School is clearly conducted within its commitment to a Christian world view.

The School employs highly qualified, university trained teachers, integrates the latest technology extensively throughout the curriculum and has well-resourced classrooms and laboratories.





ABOUT WOLLONGONG

Wollongong is one of Australia's most liveable regional cities located just one hour south of Sydney CBD and the international airport.

Wollongong is the third largest city in New South Wales, and the tenth largest city in Australia. Located in a narrow coastal strip, Wollongong is home to over 200,000 residents, beautiful landscapes and one of Australia's finest universities, the University of Wollongong.

Wollongong is the heart of the Illawarra Region enjoying a magnificent natural environment from rainforests to spectacular sea cliffs and unspoilt beaches.

Wollongong has a mild, sunny coastal climate with winter temperatures averaging 17 degrees and a summer average of 27 degrees tempered with sea breezes. Most rainfall occurs between February and June.

Key economic sectors include manufacturing, education, technology, research and development, coal mining, retail services, tourism, port activities, health and community services.



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The Illawarra Grammar School welcomes applications from students living in other countries who wish to study in Australia.

The Illawarra Grammar School has consistently maintained a fine reputation as a leading choice for both local and international parents in their desire to provide the best education for their child.

A TIGS world class education focusses on academic excellence and incorporates a multi-faceted cultural approach in which the visual and performing arts, languages (both European and Asian), and technology are vital components.

Graduates from TIGS have great success in gaining entry to university and tertiary courses every year.

International students at TIGS are encouraged to become part of a vibrant student body and gain access to and understanding of Australia, its culture and people, whilst living in a friendly, caring homestay environment.

One of the strengths of the School is the care provided for each student as an individual. Every effort is made to ensure that international students become a part of the School community and mix with Australian students from their first day.

Adjusting to life in Australia can be challenging for some, so we work closely with our students to ensure their transition and time spent with us is as positive and rewarding as possible.

We ensure a safe and enjoyable school environment by carefully supervising the welfare of our students. Every staff member is trained and committed to maximising every student's personal growth, encouraging them to make an ongoing positive contribution to the School and the wider community.

The School has an inclusive enrolment policy and welcomes students from all faiths and denominations.





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

TIGS fosters a positive attitude to learning by encouraging students to ask challenging questions, to critically reflect, to develop research skills and efficient learning strategies, and to participate in community service.

The Illawarra Grammar School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) in our Junior School, Kindergarten to Year 6. The NSW Government curriculum is studied in the Senior School in Years 7 to 10 with the NSW Higher School Certificate Course offered for Year 11 and Year 12.

Our teaching staff are committed, caring and experienced professionals who provide personalised support and challenge to help students make outstanding progress across the curriculum. Strong and effective student-teacher relationships are at the heart of our holistic academic philosophy.

Classrooms are orderly and engaged with strong participation and enthusiastic learning taking place throughout the school. We work hard to keep class sizes to a minimum to ensure that lessons provide plenty of scope for personalisation, interaction, questioning and feedback.

Opportunities for inquiry-based learning are prevalent throughout the curriculum as we seek to provide students with the learning dispositions they will need to become lifelong learners and make meaningful contributions to their communities and to society as a whole.

STUDY ENGLISH AT TIGS

The Illawarra Grammar School offers English language tuition to high school age international students.

The School's Centre for English provides a high quality English course to prepare students for the Senior School.

The Centre is located within the TIGS campus giving students full access to all TIGS facilities and support services.

Our high school English preparation course teaches the English and academic skills that students need to be successful in the Senior School at The Illawarra Grammar School.

The course combines intensive English language study with English for specific Australian high school subjects. Time is allocated to focus on Australian study methods and techniques.

While studying at the Centre for English, students are integrated with TIGS students, participating in activities as part of the academic, cultural, sporting and social life of the School. Where appropriate, students are placed in Mathematics classes in the mainstream. This interaction increases confidence and helps students adapt to life in the School.

The course also includes study in the library, computer and internet skills, project work, self study and educational excursions.





OUR COURSES

ELICOS – ENGLISH FOR HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Duration: 10-30 weeks
Level: Elementary to Upper Intermediate
Hours: 26.5 per week
(Course Code 059794G)

PRIMARY

Kindergarten to Year 6
Duration: 7 years
(Course Code 041427M)

JUNIOR SECONDARY

Years 7 to 10
Duration: 4 years
(Course Code 041428K)

SENIOR SECONDARY

Years 11 and 12
Duration: 2 years
(Course Code 041429J)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

International students should complete English and ability testing through Australian Education Assessment Services (AEAS) or other testing agencies approved by the School.

Where required, the applicant will be offered a place in the School's Centre for English to study ELICOS until a sufficient English level, as determined by the School, is achieved.

Students wishing to enter Year 7 to Year 10 must have a minimum IELTS (Academic) score of 5.0 or equivalent. Students wishing to enter Years 11 and 12 must have a minimum IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 or equivalent.

LIVING ABROAD

HOMESTAY

Homestay offers a unique opportunity for students to experience Australian lifestyle and culture in a safe, friendly and caring 'home away from home' environment, as well as the opportunity to practice their English in real-life situations.

Our international students are accommodated in carefully selected homestays with either a TIGS family or a family from the local community. These families are reputable and provide quality accommodation.

To ensure our students are provided with a safe and caring environment, all our families undergo regular insurance and police checks. We interview and inspect all families in their homes prior to their being accepted as homestay families and on an ongoing basis, in order to ensure high standards are maintained.

Our Homestay Coordinator is available to deal with any problems that may arise.

Transport to school is available from all homestay locations.

GUARDIANSHIP

Guardianship can be provided for students under 18 years of age who are not living in Australia with a parent/custodian or nominated relative.





CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

The Illawarra Grammar School's co-curricular programme provides students with the opportunity to learn valuable lessons beyond what is possible within the confines of a classroom, enhancing their academic achievements and setting them up for success in later life.

The extent and diversity of the programme reflects the School's objective to deliver a holistic approach to each student's academic, spiritual, physical, aesthetic, cultural, social and emotional development. Students are encouraged to embrace the opportunities on offer, allowing them to develop their unique gifts and talents to the fullest extent.

The School offers a diverse range of activities including sports, community service, visual and performing arts, academic challenge, language and culture clubs, chess, outdoor education and overseas tours.

HOW TO ENROL

1 Complete the online Application for Enrolment.

Along with the application, please upload:

- copy of applicant's two (2) most recent school reports
- copy of applicant's birth certificate or passport
- copy of English testing results
- letter of recommendation from the Principal of the applicant's present school, if readily obtainable
- copies of recent references

The School will require any proposed student to attend an interview via Zoom or in person.

2 Successful applicants will be provided with an Offer of Enrolment.

To accept the offer of a place at The Illawarra Grammar School, the following must be forwarded to the School:

- payment of fees as requested on the Offer of Enrolment.
- signed Acceptance of Offer

An electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) will be issued on receipt of the above.

The School's official Offer of Enrolment, together with the Confirmation of Enrolment should be used to support an application for a student visa.

Enquiries should be directed to:

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