



## ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA | DUNCRAIG & CARRAMAR,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CRICOS PROVIDER NUMBER 02807M

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: STUDENT COUNSELLING

The School is committed to providing significant care to each student in social, educational and personal matters. To facilitate this commitment, the students and staff are allocated to one of three Houses on each campus containing students from each year level. Each House is guided by a Dean. Normally, students remain in their House throughout their time at St Stephen's School. The Deans play a significant role in the lives of students, getting to know students well, monitoring their welfare and supporting them during difficult times.

The House system enables

- the development of relationships with adults, peers, and older and younger students in groups of manageable size,
- growth of faith and values can be fostered,
- social development can occur
- concerns and feelings can be expressed
- individual significance and group membership can be experienced, and
- transition through different sections of the school can be monitored.

The Head of the Secondary School will make initial contact with international students, following their confirmation of enrolment. He/She will

- ascertain their travel plans,
- discuss accommodation arrangements,
- arrange to meet them as soon as possible after their arrival in Australia, and
- introduce them to their Dean and other significant staff,
- introduce them to a Course Counsellor, who will arrange for them to complete the English Proficiency Test (if appropriate) and advise the student on appropriate courses, given the student's interests, future plans and past studies.

Through the Dean and other senior staff, he/she will

- introduce the student to an appropriate group of peers,
- monitor their academic progress,
- monitor their adjustment to the school and culture,
- monitor issues relating to the student's health and well-being,
- provide support and counselling as appropriate,
- provide continuing course counselling as appropriate.
- deal with ongoing issues concerning accommodation,
- monitor visa and other legal obligations,

and, in whatever other ways necessary, seek at all times to ensure that the student's needs are well and appropriately met, and that the student is cared for and supported emotionally.