

### **Student Visa Requirements**

If granted a visa, students must abide by their visa conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions could result in the cancellation of their visa. These conditions include (but are not limited to):

- Complete the course within the duration specific on the CoE
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Maintain satisfactory attendance
- Maintain approved Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) while in Australia
- Remain with their education provider for 6 calendar months of their first school course, unless issued a letter of release from Firbank to attend another institution
- Notify your training provider of your Australian address, phone, email, emergency contact details
  / next of kin within 7 days

#### **Mode of Assessment**

Assessment is aligned to the achievement standards of the Australian Curriculum Junior School:

Grade assessment on specific areas of work (tests, practical reports, essays and assignments as appropriate to the subject).

Senior School:

Years 7 - 10: Assessment is on-going with progressive online reporting, and an end-of-semester transcript report.

#### **Our Courses**

Year 11: Satisfactory Completion (demonstrated achievement of each of the outcomes for that unit) and grade assessment on specific areas of work (tests, practical reports, essays and assignments as appropriate to the subject).

Year 12: Satisfactory Completion

(demonstrated achievement of each of the outcomes for that unit), school assessed coursework, school assessed tasks and in most subjects at least 50% of the assessment will be based on externally set exams.

# **Welfare and Accommodation**

At Firbank, ALL students on a Student Visa are required to have a Local Support Person, regardless of their age. Only Firbank will approve holiday Homestay arrangements and Local Support Person (not legal guardians), this cannot be delegated. Firbank understands that Firbank's CAAW liabilities will lapse when a student turns 18. It should be noted that as part of a student's ongoing enrolment at Firbank they will be required to remain in Firbank approved



accommodation and have a Firbank approved Local Support Person (not legal guardian) until they leave Firbank.

## **Appointing a Local Support Person**

As an enhancement to our internal welfare program Firbank requires all international students have a Local Support Person (not legal guardianship) for the duration of their enrolment at the School. Firbank has engaged ISA Guardian & Welfare Services to provide Local Support People for students who are in Australia without their parents.

Information and costs for ISA can be accessed via their website at <u>www.studentguardians.com</u> The role of the Firbank approved Local Support Person is:

- To maintain regular contact with Firbank regarding a student's welfare and progress and to be a point of contact for the School at all times
- To sign camp activities and medical authorisations as required by the School
- To assist with the arrangements of a student's leisure activities and travel during holiday periods
- To assist with the management of finances if required
- To maintain regular contact with parents with regard to their daughter's welfare
- To ensure the student possesses a valid passport and visa at all times and to arrange any extensions or renewals required
- To attend Parent Teacher nights and report back to the parents. Students are not to alter their Welfare

#### **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**

- Individuals applying to study in Australia must satisfy the health requirements specified in the Migration Regulations. Any family members who are included in the visa application are also required to satisfy health requirements. As a condition of their visa for studies in Australia, International Students are required to take out medical and hospital insurance, through the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) scheme operated by OSHC World Care. The School arranges OSHC on enrolment. Additional health insurance is also recommended for items not covered by OSHC such as dental and ambulance fees.
- Apart from accidental injury, a healthy lifestyle is the best way to guard against sickness. Proper rest and good nutrition are important for all students.

### **Child Safe School**

A priority at Firbank Grammar is the Wellbeing of our students. All students who attend Firbank have the right to feel safe. At Firbank Grammar we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to acting in children's best interests and keeping them safe from harm. The



School regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such, is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and maintain a child safe culture.

Student Safety Cards, containing emergency contact information, are given to all international students.

# **Reporting Child Safety Concerns**

Our Child Protection Program relates to all aspects of protecting children from abuse and establishes work systems, practices, policies and procedures to protect children from abuse. It also contains detailed procedures with respect to the reporting of child abuse incidents to the relevant authorities.

As a part of Firbank Grammar's induction process, all staff and Direct Contact Volunteers are required to complete a selection of training modules on the content of our Child Protection Program. All staff, Direct Contact Volunteers and School Board members are provided with additional, ongoing child protection training at least annually. Staff, Volunteers, Third Party Contractors and External Education Providers are supported and supervised by the School's Child Safety Officers to ensure that they are compliant with the School's approach to child protection.

#### **SAFETY**

We take you/your child's safety seriously, so we strongly advise you to read all the links in this document to be very well informed on all aspects of your/their safety prior to coming to Australia. The links below also cover insurance, phone, internet and banking. Students coming to Australia need to be aware of the very different conditions such as swimming at our beaches and swimming safety as well as becoming aware of sun safety. If you have any difficulty assessing these links please advise the School to enable us to assist you.