

Bendigo Senior Secondary College

Bendigo, Central Victoria, Australia



About Bendigo Senior Secondary College

Bendigo Senior Secondary College (BSSC) was established in 1907 and is situated in central Bendigo overlooking the historic Rosalind Park. Our school is a Year 11 and 12 school located in one of Victoria's strongest and fastest growing regional areas. With over 1750 students, it is the largest provider of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) certificate programs in the state. The international focus of the College is wide ranging and includes friendship and sister school relationships in Germany, France, Indonesia and China. Students participate in regular curriculum-based trips to these countries, and also to Italy and Greece.



Our **ROLE** at BSSC is to empower learners for individual, community and global leadership. Our values are **Respect, Optimism, Learning, and Environment**.

BSSC provides quality instruction and a range of specialist programs which attracts student enrolments from government and independent schools in the Greater Bendigo region and from a broad geographic area across Victoria and internationally. Many students choose to enroll at BSSC from China and other countries as fee paying students within our accredited International Student Program (ISP). We also host exchange students for 6 – 18 months from a variety of Asian and European countries each year.



The College provides a student centered environment where sound work ethics, self-discipline and independent learning skills are fostered. Staff are committed to the academic progress and wellbeing of students, and all students are encouraged to interact closely with their teachers and seek help at any time. At BSSC we are all committed to 'educating young people for life'. The strength of the College is built upon the expertise and commitment of its staff and the quality facilities we have to deliver world class programs. Teachers at BSSC play a leading role in state wide curriculum development, subject associations, statewide assessment and examination processes and in leading the learning of teachers across Victoria. Teachers and school leaders are expected to demonstrate the highest professional standards and a commitment to excellence.

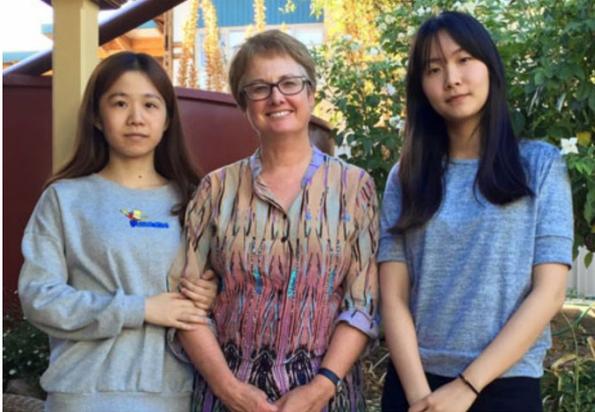
BSSC offers students the widest range of VCE studies of any school in the state with over 70 different subject offerings at each year level. Students can select units in Visual and Performing Arts, Business & Computing Technologies, English and EAL, Humanities, Languages, Health, Mathematics, Sciences and Technology. The College also has an international reputation for high level use of ICT and delivery of online learning, supporting students to access VCE Maths and Science subjects in fifty schools around the state of Victoria. Students have high level access to ICT, including computers, interactive whiteboards, mobile phone technology, iPods, and a well resourced Multimedia Centre and modern new Library.

Support for International Students at BSSC

Students in the International Student Program at BSSC are extremely well supported by a large team of committed professionals, including a number of bilingual staff. Our team includes; Assistant Principal (Bronnie Bishop), International Program Coordinator (Juncai Lin), Homestay Coordinator (Christina Xie), Chinese student advisor and International Liaison Coordinator (June Featherstone), English Language Centre Teacher (Peta Godfrey), Administrative Assistant (Deanne Webb) and a number of Chinese Teachers. Every student is treated as an individual and given the support, tuition and advice required to ensure that each student experiences success.

BSSC English Language Centre

We have an accredited English Language Centre (ELC) on site at BSSC, which provides international students with 20-30 weeks of personalised English language tuition to prepare students for the two year VCE program. Our ELC provides flexibility for student tuition start dates and provides tailored support for students whilst completing their VCE studies. We are able to offer students early trial options in many VCE studies to assist them in making the best informed choices about VCE study options.



Homestay arrangements at BSSC

International fee paying students are provided with Homestay support (\$270 per week) during their time at our College. Our Homestay families are very caring and supportive and treat our international students like a member of the family. This provides our international students with the best possible home environment to assist students with their development of English and in learning about the culture and customs of Australia. We hold International dinners each semester with all international students and their Homestay families to celebrate student birthdays and share in the successes of the term. These are much anticipated and enjoyed evenings.

Why should you choose to study in Central Victoria at BSSC in Bendigo?

The Victorian education system and BSSC provides students from within Australia and overseas with the highest standard education available, equal to anywhere in the world. Our school is ideally situated in the centre of Bendigo and is only a short 1½-2 hours from Melbourne by train or car. Bendigo provides students with a safe and friendly community in which to become immersed in Australian culture. The city does not have a high proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds so our community warmly welcomes people from other countries and assists them to quickly improve their English language skills. At BSSC we provide students with the widest range of course options available in any school in the state and we provide an outstanding level of support for all students to ensure that they achieve personal and academic success.



We look forward to welcoming students from overseas to study with us at

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For more information visit www.bssc.edu.au

Bendigo Senior Secondary College is accredited under the Department of Education and Training's CRICOS registration (CRICOS provider name and code: Department of Education and Training, 00861K). For further information refer to www.study.vic.gov.au