



INTERNATIONAL SHORT-TERM STUDY EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School offers individual overseas students the opportunity to study at St Margaret's for the following study experience periods:

- 6 weeks
- 1 term
- 1 semester

Within this program, students will be fully immersed in the St Margaret's school culture by participating in the appropriate year level subjects and having access to all available extra-curricular activities including sports, music and cultural groups. With the exception of our 6-week study experience and Years 1-5 category, St Margaret's offers either boarding or homestay accommodation to study experience students.

Study experience is open to girls in Prep (age 5) to Year 10 (age 16). Students coming for 6-week study experience or are under 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Places in this program are limited. It is advisable to apply well in advance, particularly for the peak periods of July and August.

For Study Experience:

- Minimum of 6 weeks, or 1 term or 1 semester. 1 term (Term 4 only) for Prep.
- Years 1 -10 (subject to availability)
- Primary-aged students to be accompanied by a parent. We may consider boarding (only) for Year 6 also for 1 term or more – looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- Boarding/Homestay offered to secondary students who wish to do study experience for one term or more; otherwise they need to be accompanied by a parent. Minimum age would be 13 years old.

The boarding house is centrally located within the school campus and is home to approximately 190 students who are from urban and coastal areas of South-East Queensland, rural communities in Queensland and New South Wales, other Australian states and territories, and a wide variety of overseas locations such as Hong Kong, China, PNG, South Korea and Solomon Islands.

Our homestay accommodation is organised through an outside provider, International Student Care Australia (ISCA). Like boarding, a homestay environment can assist International students improve English language skills, and they can also experience living in a family situation and immersing themselves in the Australian culture and way of life.

2024 School Term Dates	
Term 1	Monday 22 January 2024 - Wednesday 27 March 2024
Term 2	Tuesday 16 April 2024 -Thursday 13 June 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 9 July 2024 - Thursday 12 September 2024
Term 4	Monday 30 September 2024 - Thursday 21 November 2024

2024 Package Pricing

Study Experience Program	Primary	Secondary
6 Week Program	Prep – Year 5: \$7,199 Year 6: \$7,360 Student to be accompanied by a parent	Years 7-10 \$8,258 Student to be accompanied by a parent
One Term Program	Prep – Year 5: \$10,602 Student to be accompanied by a parent. Year 6: Accompanied by a parent: \$10,857 In Boarding: \$17,410	Years 7-10: Accompanied by a parent: \$12,278 In Boarding: \$18,931 In Homestay: \$17,995
One Semester Program	Years 1-5: \$19,839 Student to be accompanied by a parent: Year 6: Accompanied by a Parent: \$20,349 In Boarding: \$33,554	Years 7-10: Accompanied by a parent: \$23,191 In Boarding: \$36,396 In Homestay: \$33,948

The package includes:

- Tuition fees
- If applicable, Boarding and Homestay fees include all food
- Airport Transfers
- St Margaret's school uniform, sport uniform, school bag, study resources (textbooks, laptop) are loaned to the student for the duration of their stay

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is there a minimum English requirement for students to participate in this program?

A: There is no formal English requirements. However, students will need to function in an English-speaking school environment and be able to communicate in their accommodation situation.

Q: Will students be given English lessons?

A: This is a full immersion program into the Australian curriculum in regular classes alongside local students; therefore, there will be no specialist English instruction as part of this program. However, in the Secondary school English as an Additional Language class is also available to students alongside mainstream English.

Q: What classes will student participate in?

A: All students participate in core classes of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Physical Education. There are also elective classes subject to availability such as Music, Drama, Art, Languages (French and Mandarin), Multimedia Studies, and Food Technology and Textiles. The exact program will depend on the student's year level and availability of subjects.

Q: What support and assistance is provided for study experience students?

A: The following staff are available to help study experience students settle in and give assistance at any time:

- International Pastoral Care Coordinator
- Dean of Students
- Head of Boarding (if boarder)
- Head of Senior House (Boarding)
Head of Junior House (Boarding)
Wellbeing Co-ordinator (Boarding)
- School Psychologist
- School Chaplain
- House Mother (if in boarding)
- Buddy
- Teachers
- Head of Admissions

Teachers are very supportive and encouraging. Each student is paired with a local student buddy who is in their same form class. The buddy will help the students navigate the school, find classes, meet teachers, make friends and adjust to St Margaret's.

Q: Can a student come for a different length of time?

A: Yes, as this is an individual program, students can participate in study experience from following lengths of study:

- 6 weeks
- 1 term
- 1 semester

Please note that students under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and boarding for Year 6 may be considered on a case-by-case basis. In addition, for Prep entry, only 6 weeks and 1 term are offered.

Q: What is the minimum age for students to stay unaccompanied in either boarding or homestay?

A: Homestay and boarding is not available to students under 12 years of age (Prep and Year 1-5) and students wishing to enrol in a 6-week program.

Please note Homestay is also not available for study experience in Year 6.

Q: How do parents make payments?

A: The study experience offer and agreement must be signed by the student's parent(s) or legal guardian. This offer and agreement documents state the package price that the school is charging for the experience and the dates that payments are due. Payment must be made directly to the school by Credit Card or Bank Transfer.

NOTE: We do not accept payments from Agents.

Q: How will Study Experience students in homestay travel to and from school?

A: Travel to and from school is by a variety of means, depending on the circumstances of individual Homestay families. Transport could be by train, public bus, St Margaret's school bus if on the designated school route, private car, or walking.

- We do not require Homestay parents to drop off and pick up students from school.
- Costs of transport to and from school (e.g. train or bus tickets) are not included in the package price.

- Local students will assist visiting students on public transport.
- Public transport in Australia is very safe.

Q: Do you take groups of students?

A: We may accept between 2 and 4 students; however, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on class sizes. We cannot accept large groups for study experience; however, St Margaret's also offers Study Tours and for further information please contact the Head of Admissions on admissions@stmargarets.qld.edu.au

Q: What does the student need to bring?

A: A student needs to bring the following:

- Seasonally appropriate clothing for weekends and recreation;
- Spending money for weekend entertainment, recreation and public transport;
- Mobile phone that is unlocked and can accept an Australian SIM card. If not, then student will need to purchase an Australian phone (around \$100);
- Money to buy an Australian phone SIM card (usually around \$40 per month);
- Personal items.

Q: Who will pick the student up from the Airport?

A: Students are met at the airport either by a St Margaret's school staff member or Homestay parent.

Q: What happens on weekends for Boarding or Homestay students?

A: Weekends are spent doing activities either with Homestay families or with the Boarding House. Activities may include visiting places such as the city, beaches, theme parks, museums, art galleries, shopping centres, etc.

Q: What information is provided about Homestay families before the student arrives?

A: Usually around 4 weeks before arrival students are sent their Homestay Family Profile. This includes family contact information, family composition, photos (if relevant) and details of access to transport, and any other relevant information. We encourage students to contact Homestay families via Skype, social media or email so that they can begin to get to know each other before they arrive.

Q: Are students provided with a report at the end of the study experience?

A: Students are provided with a participation certificate and comments-based report prepared either by the Dean of Studies or the International Pastoral Care Coordinator on attendance, participation and attitude in class.

We can provide modified academic assessment for visiting students, especially for students completing the one-year study program.

Q: Can students return for long-term enrolment?

A: Yes, we welcome students to return as fulltime long-term students. Participating in a Study Experience program is a great way for parents and students to trial our school before committing to long-term enrolment. Please note for students wishing to enrol long term the student visa conditions apply.

Q: Can students return for another short-term study experience?

A: No, the Study Experience program is a once-off offer to trial our school.

Q: Can students keep the resources supplied by the school after completing the study experience?

A: No, students must return all items supplied by the school.

For further information please contact the Head of Admissions on (+617) 3862 0861.