



2026 SHORT STAY PROGRAM

The Short Stay Program offers students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in an Australian school environment while developing their English skills and cultural understanding. Students will join regular classes alongside local peers, experience both academic subjects and co-curricular subjects, and be encouraged to share their own culture within our welcoming community.

All classes are delivered in English, it is highly encouraged that students have a solid understanding of conversational English. With the support of a buddy and the wider School community, students are encouraged to build friendships and embrace new experiences.

Year levels

Short Stay programs are available to students enrolled in Years 6 – 9 in 2026 only.

Fixed dates in 2026

In 2026, the Short Stay Program will run for a three week period from **Monday 20 July to Friday 7 August 2026**.

Fees & charges

\$3200 (15 days) + \$200 (application fee)

Requirements to participate in this program

1. The student must live with a parent or relative in Melbourne whilst enrolled in the program. The School will not enrol students if they are not accompanied by a parent/relative when in Australia.
2. The School is not able to supply homestay or accommodation options for families. Parents are required to drop off and pick up students at the start and end of each School day.
3. Families are required to provide a copy of their travel insurance to the School prior to commencement.

Health and Wellbeing

Prior to commencement parents will be required to complete an online form to collect medical and consent information. Any medical conditions must be advised prior to the student's commencement and any supporting documentation must be provided to the School. This includes advising of any medication the student takes on a regular basis. We are committed to providing an environment for all children which ensures their safety, health and wellbeing.

Bay Café & Lunch Orders

Students are required to bring their own morning tea and lunch provisions as well as their own water bottle. Parents can order lunches online for students in Year 6. Students in Years 7 – 12 may purchase items from the Bay Café for breakfast, morning tea and lunch each day with a large variety of healthy options, hot food and snacks available.

What will be provided

1. **School Laptop:** Each student will be provided with a guest laptop to access the online learning platform and participate in classes. Students are required to sign a declaration agreeing to return the laptop in the same condition as it was received. Repair or replacement costs will apply if the laptop is not returned in the same condition as it was received.
2. **Stationery Pack:** A stationery pack will be provided on Orientation Day. Students are also welcome to bring their own stationery if they prefer.
3. **Learning Materials:** Students will be provided with all learning materials during the 3-week program.

Uniform

It is expected that students wear their own current school uniform. Students are not required to wear the Mentone Girls' Grammar School uniform. On days when Physical Education classes or Sport competitions take place, they may wear casual athletic wear. Students are expected to participate in the swimming program and should bring along their own bathing costumes, goggles and swimming cap.

Lockers & Mobile Phone

Students will be provided with a secure locker to store their possessions. It is a School expectation that mobile phones remain in the students locker during the School day (8.35am - 3.35pm).

Daily Timetable

Students will be expected to participate in the normal daily timetable, appropriate to their year level. The School day commences at 8.35am and ends at 3.35pm. Occasional extra-curricular activities such as netball, football and swimming will be offered within the school time. Students also have an opportunity to join some fun sessions to improve their conversational English.

Australian Contact Details and Address

Parents will be required to provide the School with their Australian phone number and address prior to commencement.

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Program Schedule - Sample Only.

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Orientation morning Parent Event	Academic Classes English Chat Time	Academic Classes English Chat Time
TUESDAY	Academic Classes English Chat Time Australian Sport	Academic Classes English Chat Time Australian Sport	Academic Classes English Chat Time Australian Sport
WEDNESDAY	Academic Classes Co-curricular Activities	Academic Classes Co-curricular Activities	Academic Classes Co-curricular Activities
THURSDAY	Academic Classes Co-curricular Activities	Academic Classes Co-curricular Activities	Academic Classes Co-curricular Activities
FRIDAY	Academic Classes English Chat Time Family Event	Academic Classes English Chat Time Family Event	Academic Classes Farewell Event

How to apply:

Step One - Submit an Application Form

A \$200 application fee applies.

Please submit a formal application by visiting this link on the School website: <https://www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au/enrolments/short-study-program/>

Step Two - Confirmation

The Admissions Team will confirm arrangements by forwarding a Short Stay Program Offer of Enrolment and Agreement. To accept the offer, families are required to complete and sign the agreement and make payment to confirm the short stay enrolment.

Step Three - Preparing to Commence

Families will be required to forward a copy of the student's visa once this has been received. A copy of the travel insurance must be provided to the Admissions Team prior to the family arriving in Melbourne. The Admissions Team will be the main point of contact prior to and during the student's time at Mentone Girls' Grammar. Additional commencement information will be shared with the families closer to the commencement date.

