International students FAQ

Does the boarding house close during school holidays periods?

Yes. If your daughter does not have a Sydney guardian or will not travel home, the director of boarding will assist booking a homestay.

Is ELICOS a requirement for overseas students?

ELICOS is required and is to be undertaken prior to commencement at St Catherine's for those who do not meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement.

What are the accommodation conditions for overseas students?

All overseas students must reside in the boarding house, unless they live with their parent/s full time in Sydney. We do not accept homestay requests or placements.

What are the minimum entry level English language requirements for enrolment consideration, for international students?

A minimum score of intermediate to upper intermediate is required. Each application is considered on a case-by-case basis, and further entry pre-requisites may be required. Please speak with enrolments regarding your query.

What does interview process look like if I can't be there in person?

Approximately two years out from the waitlisted commencement year, we will invite you to attend an interview via Zoom.

For this, we request various materials to assist with the interview. This generally includes:

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- Most recent two school reports.
- Most recent NAPLAN results.
- Birth Certificate.
- Passport for overseas application.
- Other material for overseas application (including AEAS report or IDAT report).

There is no need to prepare beyond this as our main aim is to get to know your daughter and family.

After the interview process is complete, successful candidates will receive an offer, if a place is available. Families are given two weeks to confirm the offer and begin the enrolment process. We generally say that you will know if your daughter is attending St Catherine's School about 18 months out from the commencement year.