MILC

Melbourne Intercultural Learning Centre

Welcome to MILC

a safe and caring boarding house for your kids to stay

VRQA Certified School Boarding Premises

Specialized in Under 18 International Students Boarding

All in one service (Pastoral Care, Meals and More)

Open in Most School Holidays except Christmas

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What is MILC

About us

MILC is a VRQA regulated School Boarding Premises situated at 6 Spink Street, Brighton, operates as a purpose-built facility dedicated to fostering the safety, security, and holistic wellbeing of under-18 international students. Our residential college model adheres to global best practices in duty of care, combining rigorous safeguarding protocols with a nurturing environment designed to empower young learners in their academic, cultural, and personal growth.

Our Philosophy

- **Cultural Immersion and Community:** Through communal living, students engage in daily cultural exchange, accelerating their understanding of Australian society while refining English proficiency in authentic, real-world contexts. This shared environment serves as a dynamic platform for forging lasting friendships, cultivating intercultural fluency, and developing the resilience and maturity essential for global citizenship.
- **Structured Support:** Our framework integrates 24/7 supervision, pastoral care, and structured programming to ensure students thrive academically and socially. Staff undergo comprehensive training in child safety (aligned with Victoria's Child Safe Standards) and international student welfare.
- **Outcomes-Driven Environment:** Beyond language acquisition, students gain critical life skills—collaboration, conflict resolution, and self-advocacy—preparing them to excel in Australian educational institutions and beyond.

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Our Location & Facility

Location

MILC is situated in Brighton, a premier suburb renowned for its vibrant, family-oriented community and exceptional quality of life. The campus benefits from proximity to key amenities, including:

- **Transportation:** A 100-meter walk to Gardenvale Train Station, with direct 30-minute rail access to Melbourne's central business district.
- **Education & Community:** Immediate adjacency to local schools, recreational facilities, and community services.
- **Lifestyle:** Premier shopping districts, coastal attractions, and safe, accessible public infrastructure.

This prime location ensures students thrive in a supportive, culturally enriching environment while maintaining seamless connectivity to broader educational and social opportunities.

Boarding Facility

We are Melbourne's only purpose-built boarding facility exclusively for international students under 18. Designed for both comfort and functionality, our facility features 45 bunk beds within thoughtfully designed accommodation rooms and bathrooms.

Beyond residential spaces, we offer dedicated learning environments, including classrooms, a theatre, and boardrooms. Our large cafeteria and commercial kitchen ensure high-quality meal services, while expansive open spaces create an ideal setting for students to engage in academic and cultural experiences.

With a strong focus on student well-being and enrichment, our facility provides a supportive and immersive environment for young international learners.

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WHY CHOOSE MILC

1. Commitment to Safety and Wellbeing

MILC Residential College, located at 6 Spink Street, Brighton, operates under a holistic care model designed to prioritize the safety, security, and developmental wellbeing of staff and under-18 international students. Our facility adheres to the highest standards of duty of care, ensuring a structured and nurturing environment conducive to personal growth.

2. Cultural Immersion and Social Development

Residing in a shared residential environment fosters daily cultural exchange, enabling students to deepen their understanding of Australian society while refining English proficiency through immersive, real-world interactions. This collaborative setting cultivates lifelong interpersonal skills, maturity, and the confidence to forge meaningful relationships within a global community.

3. Academic and Linguistic Excellence

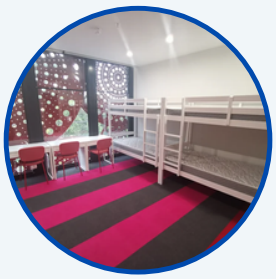
MILC's tailored curriculum equips students with the English language competencies and subject-specific knowledge required for academic success in Australian educational institutions. Our program emphasizes:

- Practical Communication Skills: Mastery of English for personal, academic, and social contexts.
- Cultural Fluency: Preparation to navigate classroom dynamics and broader societal engagement.

4. Strategic Location and Community Integration

Nestled in Brighton—a family-centric suburb celebrated for its safety, amenities, and coastal charm—MILC offers unparalleled access to:

- Transportation: A 100-meter proximity to Gardenvale Station, with direct 30-minute connectivity to Melbourne's CBD.
- Local Resources: Renowned schools, recreational facilities, and community networks.
- Graduates emerge not only academically prepared but also socially acclimated to Melbourne's multicultural landscape, ensuring a seamless transition into mainstream schooling and community life.



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Accommodation Accreditation

BUSINESS LICENSING AUTHORITY

Rooming House Operator's Licence

Rooming House Operators Act 2016
Section 16

Licence No. **RH0001104K**

This licence authorises the licence holder named in this licence to operate a rooming house in the State of Victoria until the licence expires, is not renewed or is cancelled, subject to any conditions and limitations set out in this licence.

Date of Grant: **5/03/2020**

Date of Expiry: **5/03/2028**

Licensee
AUSTRALIA WAYHOME PTY LTD

Craig Stabler
Registrar

BUSINESS LICENSING AUTHORITY COMMON SEAL VICTORIA

VICTORIA State Government

Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority

Certificate of School Boarding Premises Registration

School Boarding Premises name:

Melbourne Intercultural Learning Centre - MILC

School Boarding Premises address:

6 Spink St
Brighton 3186

School Boarding Premises Registration number:

13515

School Boarding Premises Registration date:

18 June 2021

Name of School Boarding Premises Responsible Person:

Roger Shen

Address of School Boarding Premises Proprietor:

6 Spink St
Brighton 3186

Registered under sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.10 of the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*

JONATHAN KAPLAN
Chief Executive Officer (Director)
Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority

This certificate should be prominently displayed in a publicly accessible location.

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Our Team

MICHAEL XIANG

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Michael, the MD of MILC - with tracking record as a professional with over 20 years in international and transnational education. His expertise spans student recruitment, policy compliance, and cross-cultural engagement. Passionate about the school sector, Michael believes that "the education of souls is the soul of education," emphasizing holistic student development and meaningful learning experiences that bridge cultures and create lasting academic impact.

MANDY BIGGINS

HEAD OF THE BOARDING HOUSE

Mandy, our experienced Head of House for under-18 international students. With a strong background in student care, pastoral support, and cross-cultural understanding, Mandy ensures a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment where students can thrive academically and personally while adjusting to life away from home.

NINA CIAVARELLA

Kitchen Manager & Chief Cook

Nina is a highly experienced cook with a strong background in preparing fresh, nutritious meals for large school communities. With over a decade of experience managing a busy school canteen, she excels in menu planning, food safety, and leading kitchen teams. Nina is passionate about creating home-style meals that support student wellbeing and meet diverse dietary needs. Her ability to cook a wide variety of dishes from different countries reflects her commitment to cultural inclusion and ensures students enjoy diverse and exciting meals every day.

CLAIRE MATTEWS

Residential Caretaker & Wellbeing Support

Claire is a dedicated education and childcare professional with over 30 years of global experience, including roles as a teacher and education assistant. Warm, nurturing, and deeply empathetic, Claire brings a wealth of knowledge in student care, wellbeing, and cross-cultural understanding. Her calm presence and attentive support help create a safe and inclusive environment where every student can feel at home.

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Our Daily Routine

Boarding Timetable

Breakfast	7:30-8:30
Lunch	12:00-13:00
Dinner	17:30-18:30
Curfew*	22:30

Internet will be switched off after curfew time.

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Fee Schedule 2026

Effective for study from 1 July 2026

Establishment Fees (Once-Off)

From AU$250
Includes GST

- Placement Fee (Boarding Students - bed linen, key access, accommodation set-up) - AUD$250

Boarding Weekly Fees :

Single Occupancy Room $680
Shared Room (Up to 2 people): $500

- Modern accommodation (shared) with **Free** Self-served Breakfast (Milk, cereals, toast etc)
- Access to two modern, well-equipped common areas (indoor and outdoor) - including TV, Pool Table, Table Tennis, Sporting Equipment, Couches, Board Games
- Professional, qualified & caring staff
- Safe and nurturing environment
- Bilingual support (Manderin and English)
- Secured, unlimited internet access
- Self-serviced laundry Service
- Pastoral Care service

Optional Meals (includes GST)

From AU$20 to AU$45

- Lunch - Sandwish, Sushi, Wraps or Fish&Chips or equivalent — From $20 per meal
- Dinner - Hot and served meals — From $25 per meal

After-hour Program (3-5pm Mon - Fri and Weekends)

AU$385/week
includes GST

- supervised excursions to surrounding communities, cultural explorations, sightseeings and tours.
- Weekly sessions covering topics beyond traditional curriculum, e.g, mental health, healthy eating, sleep habits, resilience, adolescent brain development, mindfulness, public speaking, team building, and leadership skills etc
- Indoor and outdoor physical activity, exploring Australian cultures, fostering peer connections, enhance mindfulness, encourage adventure, step out of comfort zones, and provide interactive cooking classes Weekend

Optional Extras (includes GST)

- Airport Transfers @ AU$230 (one way)
- Extended One on One coaching / tutoring for particular subjects. - $120 per hour
- Additional commercial laundry arrangement $18 per kg
- Guardianship $90 per week by MILC or via 3rd party arrangement

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