

Selection Criteria

Age

All students must be of the appropriate age to enter the year level for which they are applying. A student cannot be admitted if they will be 18 months older or younger than the median age for the year level they are applying for.

Applications for students under the age of 13 will only be considered if they will be living with one or both parents or with a relative approved as suitable by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

Academic Requirements

Students must show that they have been consistent in their academic studies over a two-year period. As a general guide, students studying English as a second language should be achieving a 75% average. Students should average 70% in all other subjects.

It is important that parents and students understand the need for high-level English skills especially when entering the senior levels in all subject areas.

English Requirements

All students must attend a minimum of 20 weeks of intensive English in either Westbourne Grammar School's Secondary Preparation Program (SPP) or a language centre in the city of Melbourne. To enter Year 11 students must achieve an Intermediate level across the board in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. To enter Year 10 students must achieve a pre-Intermediate level in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening.

Students who do not reach this level of English will be required to attend further intensive English prior to commencing their mainstream classes.

This will be evaluated via ongoing progress reports from the language centre and SPP staff and an interview with the Director of Admissions & Marketing.

It is recommended that students who have sat for the IELTS or AEAS test submit their results at the time of application. This will enable the Director of Admissions & Marketing to evaluate their current level of English. In some cases the length of intensive English study required may be reduced.

Course Credit

Westbourne Grammar School does not grant course credit and will determine the entry requirements for all students. Students who have studied all or part of the equivalent of Year 11 prior to commencing Year 11 at Westbourne Grammar School can apply to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) for credit towards Unit 1 and 2 of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Westbourne Grammar School can assist students with this if required.