



TARA
Anglican School for Girls

“Tara has a rich tapestry of students with diverse cultural backgrounds. By taking on this enormous challenge, as many of these girls are boarders who are living away from their families and friends, they are broadening their perspective on the world and will benefit greatly from the experience.”

Mrs Samantha Cocks, Director of Boarding

Overseas Students



Tara is one of the leading schools in the country and has over 120 years' experience in girls' education. Since 2002 Tara has been catering to the needs of overseas students as a CRICOS registered provider.

Tara welcomes a small number of students from overseas countries who enrich our learning community and develop strong friendships. Entry to Tara is available for overseas students from the academic Years 5 to 11 only. We are led by educational excellence, shown through independent school rankings and high academic results across the school as well as in the students' achievements in their tertiary study.

We understand the language, social and environmental stresses faced by some overseas students, far from their families, home culture and language. Tara's boarding house is a safe and nurturing environment where the students can practise their English and receive extra academic support.

Enrolment Process

1. Please refer to the Tara website, and read the information provided in this prospectus. You can also ring the Enrolments Office on +612 9630 6655 or email enrol@tara.nsw.edu.au if you have further questions.

2. Return the application form (enclosed), copy of birth certificate and passport and the non-refundable application fee. This does not guarantee acceptance of a place at the school.

3. To ensure overseas students can get the most out of their time at Tara, students should provide ahead of a Tara interview evidence of their English language proficiency. In addition the school requires current school reports (translated), an English writing sample as well as any documents or certificates showing your daughter's achievements.

4. An interview will be arranged at Tara if there is a possible vacancy and if proof of an appropriate English proficiency level has been supplied. The student, parents and guardian can come to the school for this interview. If not possible, a Skype interview can be arranged. The interview

aims to explain to the student what life at Tara is like and the girls are encouraged to ask questions and look around the school. It is an important meeting for the school, parents and guardians so that together we can clarify the needs and expectations for your daughter's education. Please note: This does not guarantee acceptance of a place at the school.

5. A Letter of Offer from Tara will be sent to you following the interview if a place is to be offered to your daughter. Alternatively, you will be contacted by the school for further consultation, usually relating to further English studies.

6. Your acceptance of our Letter of Offer. Should you wish to accept the Tara offer, you will need to pay the scheduled fees and sign and return the Acceptance of Offer contract and relevant documents to the school. This contract indicates the school's expectations of parents, guardians and students and restates our terms and conditions.

7. Once we have received your signed Acceptance of Offer contract and the required fees, Tara will then issue the

relevant paperwork, including an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment Document (eCoE) and Accommodation and Welfare Arrangements (if applicable) will be sent to the parents. This is for Australian Government departments documentation to assist with your visa application. If the visa is refused by the Australian Government, Tara will refund the money as per the Refund Policy. Parents of overseas students are required to send to Tara either the notice of a visa number when it is issued or notice that the visa has been refused. Refusal of a visa by the Australian Government requires Tara to refund money as per the Refund Policy.

8. Before her first day, Tara will send your daughter a welcome pack with information about the school and the general requirements for uniforms and subject choices. To assist with your daughter's integration into her new school we offer orientation programs. In addition to the school induction programs, a special integration and orientation program is conducted by Tara's Registrar.

We ask that both the guardian and parents sign our Application Form (enclosed) and the Guardian completes the relevant child protection checks when a Letter of Offer is made by the School.

The school cannot accept enrolment or responsibility for any girl who does not have suitable guardianship arrangements. We ask that the guardian participates in the school community and shows an interest in the student's educational and social development.

Care for your Daughter

Tara provides a high level of support with an Overseas Student Coordinator, school orientation programs, student engagement and integration into Tara, and assistance with resettlement in Australia. Tara's Enrolment Team has the responsibility of coordinating our overseas student group and will liaise closely with the guardian of the student. The Enrolment Team will organise an integration program for the student and introduce her to Tara's team of support staff - ESL teachers, Counsellor, Director of Student Engagement & Development, Director of Boarding, School Nurse, Year Coordinator, Mentors, Tara Teachers as well as fellow students. Tara has committed resources, offers a large variety of subjects, and an excellent pre-tertiary program with links to industry and universities here and abroad. Tara offers a Senior Learning Centre, study groups in the Claridge Learning Resource Centre and Eggleton House after school to complete homework and assessments. Through our student development plan we offer a mentoring program where girls learn to be independent, identify goals, responsibilities and help them prepare for their classes.

Accommodation and Welfare

The student must remain in boarding for the duration of her studies at Tara Anglican School for Girls, unless living with a parent or direct family relative in Sydney. Eggleton House is a safe and nurturing environment where the students can practise their English and receive extra academic support. Tara does not work with or provide Home Stay accommodation during the School term. For more information about Boarding at Tara see the prospectus.

Please note: Full boarding is the only enrolment option available to overseas students (where the parents reside outside Australia) unless approved by the Principal.

Guardianship (nominated contact/advocate for student)

We require that you have approved welfare and guardian arrangements and maintain these welfare arrangements for the entire period you are enrolled at Tara regardless of age. Approved welfare/guardianship is provided by ISA Guardian and Welfare Service www.studentguardians.com.

You will be required to apply in writing direct to the Principal for alternative guardianship arrangements. Please outline your reasons for not utilising ISA Guardians and confirm that your requested guardian is a close family relation. The guardian must be approved by the Principal. They must be at least 21 years of age, be proficient in the English language, a resident of Sydney and must provide the School with a working with children check for themselves. If the student will stay with this guardian in the holidays please provide a Working With Children Check for all members of their household over 18 years of age.

Tara will only release the eCOE and CAAW when the School approves accommodation and approved welfare and guardianship arrangements have been made.

The well-being of our students is paramount. We therefore require all overseas students to have a local guardian in Sydney providing adequate and suitable support.

Fees, Payment, Visas & Agencies

Tuition Fees

Tuition Fees Years 5-8	A\$33,824 (annual)
Tuition Fees Years 9-10	A\$36,552 (annual)
Tuition Fees Years 11-12	A\$40,370 (annual)

Boarding Fees

Boarding Fees Years 5-12 Plus GST on food of \$225 per installment or \$450 per year	A\$25,675 (annual)*
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Entry Costs for Bonds

Refundable Bond - 20% of annual tuition fee*

Refundable Bond - one term's boarding fees*

Entry fees for upfront payments

Advanced tuition payment ^ - one term's fees

Advanced boarding payment ^ - one term's boarding fees

Enrolment fee + application fee (not refundable **) - A\$2,270

Overseas Student Health Cover - Approximately A\$510 (annual)

^ Prepayment fees applied against first invoice issued.

* These bonds are refundable after the final accounts are paid, less expenses, when the student leaves Tara. Refer to Tara's Refund Policy.

** This upfront fee applies to all year levels and all students (short or long term).

Note: These fees are reviewed each year by the School Council and overseas advance fee payments will be adjusted for the fee increase and the increment added to the next fee account. Refer to the Refund Policy.

Estimated Other Expenses

Incidentals (excursions, stationary, etc)	A\$4,000 (annual)
Uniform and Textbooks	A\$2,000 (annual)
Technology Levy (Years 7-12)	A\$990 (annual)
HSC Application Fee	A\$1,190 (Yr 12 Only)
Food GST for Boarders	A\$450 (annual)

Payment Schedule

For overseas students to be offered a place at Tara we require advance payment of tuition fees, boarding fees (if applicable) and refundable bonds. These refundable bonds are held in trust until the student leaves Tara. Medical insurance also needs to be purchased for the overseas student. We will pay in advance until after the student leaves Tara. Only upon receipt of payment of all fees outlined in the Letter of Offer will Tara issue the eCOE/CAAW to the Australian government and parents. These documents are a requirement for parents to obtain an Overseas Student Visa.

Agents

Visit our website tara.nsw.edu.au for more information. All applications through agents are managed through Australian Boarding Schools International (ABSI)

<http://www.australianboardingschools.com.au>

Tara Foundation: Building & Scholarship Fund

We are very grateful to families who respond favourably to our appeal with the Building Fund instalment payments. The donations to the School Building Fund made with each fee payment have been used to help repay loans raised to finance the School's new buildings and maintenance programs. These amounts are a suggested minimum to enable the Council to continue to improve facilities and meet the educational needs of your daughter, both now and in the years ahead. The tax deductibility of such donations can provide you with a reduced Income Tax Liability, while contributing significantly to the provision of additional facilities (ATO ref subdivision 30-BITA Act 1007 – 2.1.10 School building fund) The present students enjoy the benefits of past parents and their generosity.

Overseas Students Frequently Asked Questions

Overseas Students - Definition

An overseas student is a student who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident or a refugee. The school does not receive government subsidies for overseas students, who therefore need to pay full fees according to a government approved scale.

Why do we have to come to Tara for an interview?

Tara feels that parents and students coming to the School need to see the School, see the Boarding House, and meet staff. The interview is not a test, but an important meeting for the School, parents and guardians so that together we can clarify the needs and expectations for your daughter's education as well as assess qualifications, experience and English language proficiency. Ideally, all overseas students should come to Tara for an interview before enrolment but, if not possible, an interview via Skype can be arranged.

Why Boarding?

Tara's primary focus is the safety, education and well-being of our students. For these reasons overseas students must board at Tara so that we can provide a closer monitoring of student welfare (unless living with their parent or direct family relative in Sydney). The Boarding House caters for 60 girls from rural, urban and overseas areas and offers socialisation with other students. Boarding also offers supervised homework and tutoring in the evenings. Our boarding staff are also qualified to assist with English as a second language. We encourage you to read the Boarding insert provided in this prospectus pack. Guardians and approved family friends are required to offer occasional weekend and school holiday accommodation (if students do not return home). All holiday accommodation details must be given to the school before holiday periods as the school has the ultimate responsibility for the students' welfare.

Note: Boarders are expected to remain as boarders for the full year. In the event of unforeseen circumstances necessitating withdrawal, notice in writing must be given prior to the removal of a student. Any resulting refund from the withdrawal of a student is calculated as per the Refund Policy.

What level of English is needed?

One of the following:

- Satisfactory results from an approved English language test. Tara recognises testing results from iSTARTOnline Assessment Testing Services www.istartonline.com or Australian Education Assessment Services (AEAS) www.aeas.com.au. Both tests provides an educational profile on each student. It is the responsibility of parents/students /agents to arrange for students to be tested. The cost of assessment testing is paid by the parents.
- Satisfactory results from an approved English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)
- High school English in an international school or English median school for at least two years (a Skype interview would be conducted to verify ability in oral/aural proficiency skills).

We require Level 4 and Level 5 (dependent on year level of entry) in the ESL scales to be considered for an offer at Tara.

A satisfactory result in the test does not guarantee a place. If your daughter's English level is not sufficient, we may suggest she undertakes an intensive language course before enrolling at Tara. Tara does not accept students from non-English speaking backgrounds into Year 11, unless proficiency of English at or above ESL Scales Level 6. Tara offers English as a Second Language (ESL) support for students in mainstream classes.

Please note: The school reserves the right to complete additional English language testing as part of the enrolment process.

School Reports

Tara will report formally twice a year on your daughter's progress. Our staff will report informally, more frequently throughout the year.

Student Attendance

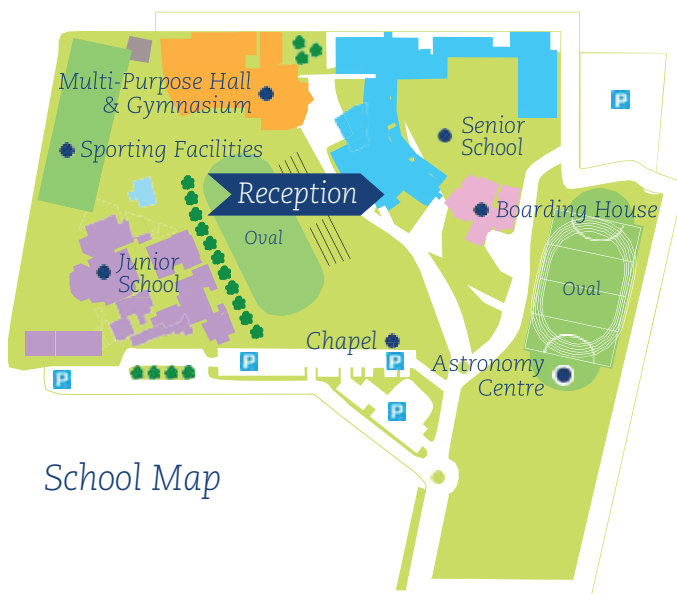
It is a requirement of the registered provider (Tara) to give the Immigration Department particulars of any breach by that student of any of the student visa conditions relating to attendance or satisfactory performance, as soon as practicable after the breach occurs.

Tara's Head of Junior School and Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School, together with the Enrolments Team, will closely monitor this attendance and academic performance.. The Australian Immigration Department must be notified if student attendance and academic progression is not satisfactory and may have serious implications for your visa. Please note that overseas students must be careful to make travel arrangements which do not impact negatively on class time, and prior to class commencement each term and after classes finish at the end of term.

Note: Overseas students are not permitted to change school provider until completion of a minimum of six months of the course unless there are exceptional circumstances and the school issues a 'release' letter for your daughter.

Facilities at Tara

Tara is located on 12 hectares of beautiful grounds and gardens backing onto parkland. We are 5 minutes from the vibrant central business district of Parramatta, second largest CBD in New South Wales. About 40 per cent of our grounds are dedicated to recreational and sporting use. The Senior Learning Centre is where our Years 11 and 12 students enjoy learning and studying in a pre-tertiary environment. Tara has specialist facilities devoted to performing arts, visual arts, and we have well-resourced science and design and technology labs. In the Boarding House, Junior boarders have spacious dormitories which are carefully designed for privacy. Senior boarders in Years 11 and 12 have individual rooms. The Senior and Junior areas are equipped with televisions, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, exercise equipment, games, cooking facilities and lounge areas to unwind from a busy day at school. It provides great opportunities for companionship and friendship with the backdrop of a truly global learning experience.



Academic Excellence

The Higher School Certificate is a locally, nationally and internationally recognised qualification for students who successfully complete senior level studies (Years 11 and 12) in New South Wales, Australia. The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (or ATAR) is a five subject, scaled, rank based on the Higher School Certificate results used for university entrance. The ATAR is a rank between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05. An ATAR of 80.00 indicates that a student is in the top 20 per cent of his or her age group. Tara is a high ranking school with students regularly achieve at the highest level in a range of subjects. Tara is constantly looking to investigate and implement sound 21st century, research-supported teaching and learning practices.

In 2018 our Year 12 HSC students achieved outstanding results. Visit the Tara website for more information on the Class of 2018 results: <https://www.tara.nsw.edu.au/news/articles/2018>

Current as at January 2019

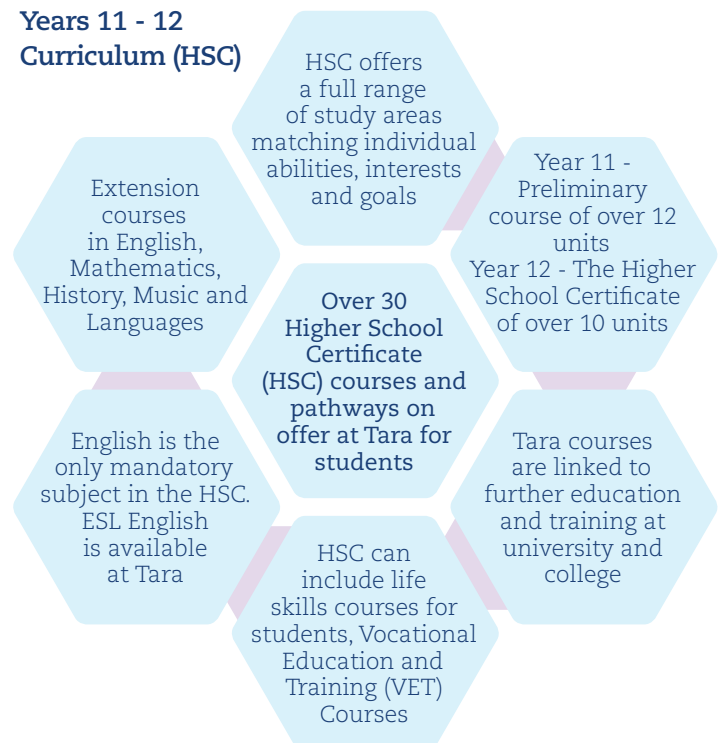
Years 7 & 8

Comprehensive program of study. The 'Taster Year' includes: English, Mathematics, Science, Christian Studies, History, Geography, Visual Arts, Music, Technology, PDHPE, French and Japanese. Tara Senior School is an IB World School for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

Years 9 & 10

A Record of Student Achievement is awarded to all students who have fulfilled Stage 5 study: including English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, PDHPE, Technology, Visual Arts, Music, Languages, Christian Studies. Students elect three additional subjects to continue tailoring individual study program. View our website for more information.

Years 11 - 12 Curriculum (HSC)



Opportunities at Tara

Tara can offer your daughter the best learning environment and a well-rounded education. We provide girls with a balanced education through extensive and enriching academic and co-curricular opportunities. Students are supported and encouraged to explore a wide range of programs as they develop their skills in a supportive and dynamic environment. Tara has a strong tradition to offer opportunities to empower students, including debating and public speaking, performing arts, 20 different sports as well as academic and social clubs. All students are encouraged to think globally with opportunities for cultural experiences and exchange programs abroad. We give all our students the opportunity to explore their leadership potential through extensive leadership and service learning programs.