

Title:	Meet the international students sent to Australian state schools
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Summary:	There has been a big jump in the number of kids from overseas to study at state schools in Australia

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - which ones don't you know or you are unsure what they mean?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> highly sought-after (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> firsthand experience (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> prospective student (adj) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> traumatic time (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> surrogate mother (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> proportion (n) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> overwhelming (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> upmarket school (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> invest in infrastructure (n) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> daily basis (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> geographical boundary (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> inadequate (adj) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> potential to (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> integral part (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> mentor (n) |

DEFINITION MATCH

Can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

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border, edge, something that shows where an area ends and a different one begins	
capability, capacity	
desirable, popular	
direct, actual	
equipment and structures needed by a country or organization to function properly	
expensive, exclusive, appealing to people who have a lot of money	
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likely to be, future	
not enough	
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FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Why do you think more students are coming from overseas to study at Australian high schools?
- What are some of the main source countries for international students studying in Australia?
- For an international student, how might the experience of going to a school in Australia be different? What would be some benefits? What might be some challenges of coming to study in a foreign country?
- What is a 'state' school? How might state schools in particular benefit from having international students?
- What is a 'homestay'?

PRE-LISTENING

Before watching the report, note down what you think the following figures from the report refer to

- **20 per cent over the past year -**
- **Currently about 9,000 –**
- **\$300 a week –**
- **At least 13 years old -**

LISTENING

Listen to the report and check your answers

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After listening to the report, try to answer the following questions

1. At the start of the report, we meet 5 year old Zi Yong Wong who came from Malaysia with his parents to study at McKinnon primary school in Melbourne – does he like his new school? **Yes / No**
2. What did Zi Yong find overwhelming at the kindergarten he was attending in Malaysia?
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3. Who is Zi Yong and his mum living with in Australia?
4. Where is high school student Jennifer Nguyen from?
5. Jennifer has been at the same homestay since she arrived in Australia. **True / False**
6. She tells her mother when she is feeling lonely. **True / False**
7. According to Lluani Williams, from Melbourne Girls College, finding home-stay families is ...
a. quite easy. b. very hard.
8. How much are the fees at Melbourne Girls College per year?
9. What proportion of students at Wellington Secondary College in Melbourne can be full fee-paying?
Up to
10. Hugh Blaikie, the principal of Wellington Secondary College, says the fees from international students ...
a. make a big difference for the school. b. don't make much difference for the school.
11. What does Jennifer want to do after she finishes high school?
A. Go back home B. Stay and continue her studies here

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences – you may have to change the form of the word

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4. Going to live in a foreign country is a fascinating and exciting experience. But for the first weeks, or even months, it can also be quite, especially if you can't speak the language very well.
5. Most people never see extreme povertybut are still able to empathise by hearing about it or seeing it on television.
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14. The woman had kept all her original school reports, academic transcripts and certificates in case she had to show them toemployers.
15. There were a number ofrestaurants and bars directly overlooking the beach which were popular with wealthy tourists.

ANSWERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 per cent over the past year - Increase in the number of kids from overseas to study at state schools • About 9,000 – Number of international students currently paying to attend Australian state schools • \$300 a week – Cost of a homestay • Students as young as 13 years old - Can live in Australia without any family 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. the homework 3. His aunt / Her sister 4. Vietnam 5. F - moved three times 6. F 7. very hard 8. (around) \$15,000 9. 10% 10. make a big difference for the school 11. Stay and continue her studies here
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