

Rowville Secondary College - International Student Video - Transcript

Mey

I first came here when I was 15 from Cambodia.

I love the education here because teachers and students are very friendly and very supportive.

There's a lot of international students.

We all share the same experiences, and sometimes we can make friends faster.

When I first came here, the school seemed so different to Cambodia.

There's science rooms, and cooking rooms.

The cooking classes at Rowville Secondary College helped me, because now I know how to cook my own food.

I never got to experience that in my hometown.

I lived in a homestay, because I came to Australia by myself.

I really like my homestay because they're very friendly, and they're very helpful.

The most fun part about my homestay is every night we'd watch movies.

Debra

I've been a homestay mum for over 15 years, and I've probably lost count of the amount of students that we've hosted.

The homestay environment that I like to offer my students would be the same as I hope would be reciprocated for my children if they were living and studying overseas.

It's a very fulfilling feeling that you're helping and encouraging a young person in those important years where they're growing up,

and especially that they're so far from home and from their families, too.

Wenchi

I came from Beijing in China when I was 14 years old and in Year nine.

We moved to Rowville and I had many opportunities to learn different subjects and practice my English with local students.

At Rowville Secondary College, every student has a teacher as a learning mentor who is there to give help and advice.

I did Specialist Maths class, Math Methods class and Further Maths class,
and I'm studying Financial Mathematics in the University of Sydney now.

Litong

Five years ago, I accompanied Wenchi to Rowville to study and live here.

During this five years, as a parent I participated in several cultural festival celebrations organised by the school.

These cultural activities helped international students to mix with local students, and also helped parents to get a better understanding of the school.

Rowville Secondary College is an excellent school, and we feel privileged to study and live here.

Kate

At Rowville Secondary College, we offer a diverse curriculum to help international students find their strengths and their passions and achieve success living in a global community.

We are a safe and friendly school and recognise how much international students add to and enrich our local community.