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Burwood Girls High School celebrates cultural diversity and the cultural heritage of our students as well as embracing learning about other cultures. A focus on Asian and Aboriginal cultures is embedded in our curriculum.

International Day, coinciding with Harmony Day, is the most important event on the school calendar. This day celebrates and promotes the rich cultural heritage of our community through the wearing of national dress, sampling of national cuisines and cultural performances. Money raised on the day contributes to our charity program, “Hands Across the Ocean”, which sponsors educational opportunities for girls in India, Indonesia, Samoa, Africa and more recently Cambodia and Nepal.

The school welcomes international students in Years 7-12 and is proud of their achievements and successes. Our Head Teacher Secondary Studies and our International Students Coordinator ensure that these students understand their new school and assist in ensuring positive learning experiences.

Our community liaison officers provide support to all students and families of Chinese, Korean and Pacific Islander background and encourage participation in cultural events.
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A strong English as a Second Language program supports our students from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Our school is proud to offer students overseas study tours to visit countries where they can practice language skills and immerse themselves in the culture. Recent trips have included India, Japan, France, Italy, Indonesia and New Caledonia.

The student exchange program is popular and we host several students each year from overseas.

We have established sister school relationships with schools in Japan, China and Korea. Each year we host visiting educators and students from overseas.

Burwood Girls High School offers a choice of six language subjects – Chinese, French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Korean. Our students also study other languages, such as Vietnamese, Greek, Spanish and Russian, through the Open High School.

An Asian literacy program is implemented for Years 7-10 where students learn and experience the cultures of China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, India and Indonesia.

Tidda Girls group ensures Aboriginal culture is celebrated and acknowledged. Year 10 students visit Uluru and immerse themselves in indigenous culture and activities.
International Day gives us the opportunity to experience and understand another culture and to share our own culture.

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