



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE  
DUBLIN



#### Benefits for overseas students:

- Plenty to do every day
- Caring staff and friends with them all the time
- A safe place
- Easy adjustment to a new culture
- Best way to learn English
- Broad range of activities and interests
- Strong ethos and values
- Great food
- A fun environment
- Friends for life



## Overseas students

Studying at Alexandra College gives overseas students a great opportunity to meet and make friends with students from other cultures. We have an excellent reputation for welcoming overseas students to benefit from our outstanding educational standards and our broad approach to development.

#### *A full programme*

We offer seven-day boarding, with a full programme for each day and evening, including weekends. Apart from classes and study periods students also enjoy sports, music, drama and arts, and they have excursions at weekends to local sights and attractions, including galleries, museums, the zoo and shopping areas. We strike the right balance between fun and learning for the students. The girls attend church services on Sunday morning.

#### *Pastoral care*

Our residence staff are very experienced at looking after and supporting the girls in their care. Staff understand that it's perfectly natural for students to become homesick from time to time and do all they can to ensure that students feel happy and settled. We provide counselling care, faith care from our pastor, who is also Head of Boarding, and the students themselves play a great part as role models and friends providing a support network for the girls. We also work hard to ensure bullying and victimisation do not occur.

#### *Safety*

We have a dedicated and secure campus close to Dublin city centre. So girls do not need to travel alone or worry about personal safety. All students leaving the campus must sign out and sign back in on return. Younger girls are always escorted in their groups by our residence staff, who can also provide any help needed.

#### *Food*

Our caterers, Baxter Storey, provide a broad range of interesting food every day, including Irish, international and vegetarian fare. There is always a good selection of full and light meals available. At weekends we make a special effort to give our boarders the food they enjoy most – with some special treats we all love! Boarders also have access to cooking facilities in their residence houses so they can prepare snacks and light food when they need to.

#### *Leisure time*

After a full programme during the week we give girls leisure time on nights at the weekend. Their recreation rooms are comfortably furnished, and have TVs with a full stock of DVDs – and popcorn!

#### *Guardians*

Each overseas student has a local guardian that will take an interest in their work, progress and welfare, and will report back to their parents. It provides great peace of mind to have someone locally who can stand in for parents when needed, and who can help and advise the student.

