

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- 1. INQUIRE ONLINE:** Go to www.glenelg.org, click on the Admission tab and select "Inquire Online." Please fill out the form as accurately as possible with all family, guardian, and agent information. We will then email your username and temporary password that connects you to a profile page for your student. There, you can find a checklist with each stage of the application process on it.
- 2. APPLICATION:** Submit a completed application form and a fee of \$125.00 (payable with a credit card) by January 15. Applications received after this date will be considered only if space remains available. The application may be submitted by a parent, guardian, or agency who has the authority to apply on behalf of the student. The application itself is online only. Please submit the application with as much accurate family and guardian information as possible.
- 3. STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE:** The student should complete the Student Questionnaire form, which should be downloaded from their online checklist. Responses may be hand-written or typed, but it is important that the student submits his or her own work without corrections or assistance from a teacher, tutor or parent, in order for the School to determine the writing level of the student. This form may be mailed or emailed to the Admission Office.
- 4. ACADEMIC RECORDS AND TEACHER REFERRALS:** Print and submit the Record Release, English Teacher Referral, Math Teacher Referral, and Student Recommendation to the student's current school. The completed forms may be mailed or emailed to the Admission Office. It is preferable to submit all school documents translated to English.
- 5. TESTING:** Arrange to take the TOEFL, which is required of all international applicants to grades 9 and above. The website is <http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/> and scores may be sent directly to our Admission Office. We require a score of 80 or above on the TOEFL. Applicants to our Middle School (grades 6-8) may take the Junior TOEFL (minimum score of 750 required). In addition to the TOEFL, international applicants must take one of the following:
 - SSAT (Secondary School Admission Test), entering grades 6 and up; website is www.ssat.org.
 - ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam), entering grades 5 and up; website is www.erblearn.org.Both of these tests have several international testing locations, but it is important to register early in the fall.
- 6. INTERVIEW:** Once all items above have been received, the Director of Admission will schedule an interview by Skype or by phone at a mutually agreed-upon time. This interview typically lasts 15-20 minutes and the applicant will need to demonstrate an ability to converse fluently and without assistance.
- 7. ADMISSION DECISIONS:** Upon review of a candidate's complete admission file by the Admission Committee, decisions are made to accept, decline, or place the candidate in our qualified wait pool if space is not available. Admission decisions are offered beginning in mid-February.
- 8. ENROLLMENT:** Parents of accepted candidates are asked to enroll their child by submitting an online contract along with a non-refundable \$2,500 deposit within two weeks of receiving their acceptance.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

COMMON QUESTIONS

TOURS

- **How can we schedule a visit or tour?**

It is important to call or e-mail the admission office to schedule a tour in advance. We may not be able to accommodate drop-in guests. Families, guardians and agents are welcome to register for one of our Discovery Days held throughout the year.

- **If there is not someone available to take us on a tour, may we walk around by ourselves?**

For security reasons, we do not allow guests to walk through our buildings unaccompanied by a school representative.

FEES

- **How much is tuition?**

For the 2020-2021 school year, tuition for grades 9-12 is \$30,340; tuition for grade 8 is \$28,540 and tuition for grades 5-7 is \$27,580. In addition, there is a \$4,250 international student fee for grades 6 and up which covers costs for I-20 administration, orientation, after school tutoring (available for grade 6 and up), and special events (available for grade 8 and up). Additional costs may include catered lunch, bus transportation, extended day (through grade 8 only), school uniforms, and textbooks (grades 9-12 only).

- **Are there any fees to pay before we get an I-20 form?**

You must be enrolled with a \$2,500 contract deposit. This amount is refunded if the student is not able to obtain a visa.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- **How many students are in your school now?**

325 in our Upper School (grades 9-12); 755 total

- **How many international students?**

Approximately 30 each year- about 75% of our international students are from China.

I-20 FORM AND STUDENT VISA

- **When is the I-20 issued?**

The I-20 is issued after the student's enrollment contract and deposit has been submitted. If the student is already studying in the United States, the I-20 record is transferred through the SEVIS system by the students' current school once the school year has ended. A new I-20 form from Glenelg Country School will then be created and given to the student.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

- **Do you provide students with a homestay?**

No, the School cannot guarantee a homestay arrangement as this is the responsibility of the parents, guardians, and/or agent. However, our International Student Coordinator is available to assist in reaching out to our school community to try and help secure a host family arrangement. Agreements are made directly between the parents and guardians and the host family regarding fees, transportation, etc.

REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING

- **Do you have an ESL program?**

No, we do not. Students must be able to demonstrate sufficient English skills appropriate to their grade level. We do offer after-school tutoring for grades 6 and up, the cost of which is included in our International Student Fee.

- **What is the average SAT score?**

1280 (Reading and Math)

- **Do you accept the SLEP test?**

No, not for Upper School admission. Students must take the TOEFL and earn at least an 80.

- **Do you accept international students for the Spring semester?**

No, we only enroll international students for the full school year starting in the Fall.

- **Do you accept 12th grade applicants?**

No, we do not.

For more information about the School, or to schedule a visit, please contact the International Student Coordinator,

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