



EYNESBURY
COLLEGE

ADMISSIONS POLICY

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SECTION A - INTRODUCTION

A.1 Purpose

This policy governs the admission of students to all Eynesbury College programs and courses, and includes all categories of students including domestic and international students.

A.2 Scope

This policy applies to all prospective and current students of any of the programs operated by Eynesbury College. It does not cover students in Eynesbury Senior College.

A.3 Definitions

| Word/Term | Definition |
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| Academic Board | The senior academic body which oversees the academic governance of the College |
| Agent | A representative who acts on behalf of Eynesbury College to recruit international students |
| Appeal | Requesting a review of a previous decision |
| Confirmation of Enrolment | An official form issued to an international student to confirm that they have been accepted into a course of study at an Australian institution for a specific start and end date |
| Module | A single unit of study that counts towards completion of a program |
| Credit transfer | The determination, on an individual basis, of the advanced standing the learner is entitled to as a result of module/course (subject) or unit of competency completed at another institution |
| Defer or suspend enrolment | Temporarily put studies on hold |
| Domestic student | A student who is an Australian citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident (includes holders of all categories of permanent resident visas including humanitarian visas) or a New Zealand citizen |
| False or misleading information | Information that is not genuine |
| Foundation Studies Program | A nationally recognised course that equips students with the skills and capabilities to seek entry into higher education programs in Australia. It provides an academic pathway to first year undergraduate study |
| GTE/Genuine student | Genuine Temporary Entrant. A 'genuine student' is an international student applicant who intends to obtain a successful education outcome and has the |

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| | language, educational and financial background to have a reasonable chance of achieving this educational outcome |
| Immigration | Department of Home Affairs |
| International student | A student or applicant for admission to an academic program who is not a citizen of Australia or New Zealand, or who does not hold Permanent Residency status in Australia |
| National Code of Practice | The National Code of Practice is a set of national standards that governs the protection of overseas students and the delivery of programs to those students by providers registered on CRICOS. Only CRICOS registered programs of study can be offered to international students studying in Australia on a Student Visa |
| Non-packaged student | A student with an offer for a single program |
| Orientation | An information day/week that all students attend when commencing their program or course or non-awards |
| Packaged student | A student with offers for English and / or Academic Programs packaged with a partner institution |
| Partner institution | Any institution that the provider has an agreement with to package students |
| Program | An approved combination of approved modules in which a student is enrolled |
| Qualification | The formal certification issued by the relevant approval body that confirms an individual has achieved all the units of competency or the subject or course or module learning outcomes required of the qualification |
| Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) | The determination, on an individual basis, of the advanced standing the learner is entitled to as a result of previous formal training, work experience and/ or life experience |
| Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF) | Under this arrangement, an overseas applicant for a student visa with a CoE from a participating University and its eligible and nominated business partner(s) will be treated by Immigration as a low migration risk |
| Trimester | A division of the academic year made up of three teaching periods |
| Study Period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECAE: Ten (10) teaching weeks unless a shorter period of study as per the student letter of offer and/or course progressions • EIBT: a teaching trimester • EC: one semester of approximately six months |

A.4 Acronyms

| Abbreviation | Phrase or Word |
|---------------------|---|
| ASTAS | Australian Students Tuition Assurance Scheme |
| CRICOS | Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students |
| CoE | Confirmation of Enrolment |
| GTE | Genuine Temporary Entrant |
| HEP | Higher Education Programs |
| RPL | Recognition of Prior Learning |
| SACE | South Australian Certificate of Education |
| SSVF | Simplified Student Visa Framework |
| TPS | Tuition Protection Scheme |

SECTION B - POLICY STATEMENT

B.1 Principles

Eynesbury College applicants are assessed and admitted using fair, equitable and transparent criteria. Selection and entry to programs at Eynesbury College is based on principles of:

1. Academic merit
2. English language proficiency
3. Access and Equity
4. Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) for English and Academic Programs where applicable

Eynesbury College's **Admissions Entry Criteria**, in relation to selection and admissions as attached to this policy, will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains current and valid.

B.2 Policy

1 Applications

1.1 Prospective students

- 1.1.1 All prospective students are required to apply for admission via Eynesbury College Admissions.
- 1.1.2 International students from high risk countries will be assessed against Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) criteria to determine if they are a genuine applicant for entry and stay as a student as required by the Migration Regulations 1994.
- 1.1.3 Partner institutions will be advised of students assessed as non-GTE.

1.2 Applicants with a disability

- 1.2.1 Applicants with a disability should indicate on their application their disability status and may be asked to provide further details in order for Eynesbury College to assess their special study requirements.

2 Admissions criteria

2.1 Basis of admission

- 2.1.1 Applicants will be assessed against the minimum Academic and English language entry requirements outlined in the **Admissions Entry Criteria**. Applications received that do not meet standard entry requirements will be assessed on a case by case basis.

2.2 Verification of qualifications

- 2.2.1 All applications must be accompanied by true and certified copies of documents detailing the most recent academic qualifications and results. Agents are authorised to certify documents for this purpose.
- 2.2.2 The authenticity of documents will be verified by Eynesbury College Admissions

3 Access and equity

3.1 Special entry

- 3.1.1** Eynesbury College may recognise alternative forms of qualification for entry which are targeted at improving access to students who have experienced disadvantage in accessing and participating in education and may provide special variations to the **Admissions Entry Criteria** to meet the need of individuals considered on a case by case basis. Categories for special entry consideration are: work experience and/or life experience; disadvantaged financial background; disability or medical condition; difficult living circumstances (such as school or home location, constant relocation, inadequate study environment, abusive living environment, homelessness, natural disaster) and home schooling. A special entry applicant must provide up to 200 word statement, with appropriate supporting evidence for the consideration of the Academic Director, Program Coordinator and Module Coordinator.
- 3.1.2** Specific consideration given to the admission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is covered in the **Admissions Entry Criteria**.
- 3.1.3** Students granted special admission will be provided with appropriate academic support

3.2 Adult entry

- 3.2.1** Students who are 18 years of age or older may qualify for adult entry. Adult entry students may be admitted into a program without meeting the formal academic requirements if they have relevant work experience and/or other acceptable qualifications. Previous study in related fields may also be taken into consideration.

4 Age

4.1 Minimum age

- 4.1.1** International students who are admitted to Eynesbury College and are under the age of 18 at the time of acceptance of the offer will be required to demonstrate acceptable living and welfare arrangements, as required under the National Code of Practice (Standard 5) before commencing their program of study.

5 Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)

- 5.1** The University of Adelaide and University of South Australia are eligible Universities participating in the SSVF. Eynesbury College is an eligible and nominated business partner of The University of Adelaide and University of South Australia and SSVF requirements will apply to international students packaged with either university.

6 GTE assessment

- 6.1** Intending students need to satisfy Immigration that they have a genuine intention to stay in Australia temporarily for the purpose of study. A CoE will only be issued when GTE Assessment has been formally approved.
- 6.2** Students wishing to change their program after GTE assessment may require their GTE to be re-assessed.

7 Admissions

7.1 Offers of admission

7.1.1 Offers of admission (packaged and non-packaged) are made according to relevant regulations.

7.2 Acceptance

7.2.1 Upon receipt of signed Acceptance forms, evidence of payment and the conditions of enrolment being met, all students will receive Confirmation of Enrolment and orientation information.

7.3 Withdrawal from Offer (students)

7.3.1 Students who have accepted an offer and have not paid their fees can withdraw at any time.

7.3.2 Students who have paid their fees but have not yet commenced can withdraw at any time and will be reimbursed in accordance with the **Fee Refund Policy**.

7.4 Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

7.4.1 Students who have an unconditional offer issued, have signed the acceptance and have made payment will be issued a CoE. Issuance of a CoE is independent of the issuance of a visa. Students who have not been granted a visa will be refunded in accordance with the **Fee Refund Policy**.

7.5 Request for a change of program

7.5.1 Students who have paid their fees but have not yet commenced can withdraw at any time and will be reimbursed in accordance with the **Fee Refund Policy**.

7.6 Request for a change of program (after acceptance and prior to commencement)

7.6.1 Domestic students can request to change their program at any time.

7.6.2 Prior to commencement international students will have the program change request assessed and the offer reissued if eligible..... Any change to the CoE will be assessed and appropriate advice given.

7.6.3 Once onshore, international students wishing to change their program can do so after consultation with the Academic Director.

7.6.4 No requests for a change of program will be accepted after close of business on the Friday of the week prior to program commencement.

7.7 Withdrawal of Offer (Eynesbury College)

7.7.1 Eynesbury College reserves the right to rescind an offer of admission and will notify the student accordingly in writing.

7.8 Re-admission

7.8.1 A student who has been precluded from a program may apply for re-admission. Re-admission into any Eynesbury College program will be at the discretion of the Eynesbury College Academic Director.

7.9 Provision of false or misleading information

- 7.9.1** Students who provide fraudulent documents or false, misleading or incomplete information on their application may have their offer or enrolment cancelled without notice.

7.10 Deferment

- 7.10.1** Prior to commencement an applicant may seek to defer commencement of studies until a subsequent trimester. Full details regarding this process may be accessed through the **Deferral, Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, Suspension and Cancellation Policy**.

7.11 Late and non-arrivals

- 7.11.1** Students who have been issued with a CoE but do not arrive in time to commence their program will be notified that their CoE has been cancelled, and asked to defer to the next appropriate intake.

7.12 Sponsored applicants

- 7.12.1** Where the applicant is sponsored, an acceptable sponsor financial guarantee is required in lieu of fees being paid.

8 Tuition Assurance

8.1 Tuition Protection Scheme (TPS), International Students

- 8.1.1** If Eynesbury College is unable to deliver the program, under the Australian Government's Tuition Protection Scheme (TPS), students will be offered enrolment in a suitable alternative program, or a full refund of fees in accordance with the **Fee Refund Policy**.

8.2 Australian Students Tuition Assurance Scheme (ASTAS), Domestic Students

- 8.2.1**
- If Eynesbury College is unable to deliver the program, the student will be offered a place in a similar program with another provider without any requirement to pay them any student contribution or tuition fee for any replacement courses; or
 - The student will be refunded their up-front payments for any courses that they commenced but did not complete in accordance with the **Fee Refund Policy**.

9 Review of entry criteria

- 9.1** An annual review and update of the **Admissions Entry Criteria** will be undertaken as per the review cycle.
- 9.2** Final approval of the **Admissions Entry Criteria** will reside with the relevant Academic Board.

10 Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer

- 10.1** Eynesbury College will only consider prior learning experience as meeting admission requirements where students won't be disadvantaged in achieving the expected learning outcome of their program and the integrity of the program and qualification will be maintained.
- These may include (but are not limited to):
- life experience

- personal competencies; and
- employment experience

10.2 Applications for credit will be assessed on an individual basis. Original copies of supporting documents will be required. Refer to the **HEP Module Credit Policy**.

11 Appeals

11.1 Enrolled students who are dissatisfied with the outcome of their admission application, may seek to appeal this decision through the **Student Grievances and Appeals Policy**.

SECTION C - GOVERNANCE

C.1 Responsibility

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| Identification | Admissions Policy |
| Policy Owner | Manager, Admissions |
| Approving Authority | Eynesbury Executive Group (EEG) |
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C.2 Version Control

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C.3 Legislative and Organisational Context

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| Name |
| ELICOS National Standards |
| Higher Education Standards Framework (<i>Threshold Standards</i>) 2015 |
| National Foundation Program Standards |
| The National Code of Practice 2018 |

SECTION D - PROCEDURE

D.1 Related Procedures

Admissions Acceptance and CoE Generation Procedure

Admission Assessment and Letter of Offer Procedure

Admissions Application Procedure

Admissions Late and Non-Arrivals Procedure

Deferral, Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, Suspension and Cancellation Procedure

Student Grievances and Appeals Procedure

D.2 Related Policies

Admissions Entry Criteria

Deferral, Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, Suspension and Cancellation Policy

HEP Module Credit Policy

Fee Refund Policy

Recognition Arrangements for Courses in the SACE policy

Student Grievances and Appeals Policy