



**St Leonard's College**  
An education for life.

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

We were the first Victorian school to offer students the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme as a pathway to tertiary education.\*

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) is an educational foundation whose mission is to create a better world through education. The underlying vision of the IBO is to offer students a balanced curriculum that fosters critical thinking and intercultural understanding. Its programmes aim to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalising world.

## Why choose the IBDP?

Studied by students in more than one million students across 157 countries and 5,000 schools worldwide, the IBDP's internationally-minded syllabus and assessment scheme offer students outstanding preparation for the challenges of tertiary education and futures in a interconnected world. Many universities offer advanced standing for IBDP graduates in recognition of the academic rigour of the program and graduates. Successful completion of the IBDP allows students entry to top domestic universities as well as the best universities around the world including Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale and the Sorbonne.

**Course structure:** Students are required to choose one subject from each of the 6 subject groups.\*

Group 1: Language A (Studies in Language and Literature)	English Literature, English Language and Literature, Chinese Literature
Group 2: Language B (Language Acquisition)	Chinese B, French B, Spanish B, English B, and Spanish Ab Initio
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	Business Management, Economics, Geography, History, Psychology
Group 4: Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Systems and Societies, Physics, Sports Exercise and Health Science
Group 5: Mathematics	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches
Group 6: The Arts	Music, Theatre, Visual Arts. Students may elect another subject from Groups 2, 3 or 4

In addition to six subjects, students complete in three Core Components: Theory of Knowledge, a subject which examines knowledge and why people think differently; the Extended Essay, a 4,000 word research paper; and CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) requiring them to participate, lead and learn from a range of cocurricular and community experiences.



For further information about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme please visit [ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/](https://ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/)



\*Students choose either the VCE or the IBDP with both pathways providing Year 12 graduates with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

\*Subjects will be offered only if there are viable student numbers