BANKSTOWN SENIOR COLLEGE
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Bankstown Senior College is a non-uniform, coeducational, high school for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The college provides quality education for students in a supportive environment where they are treated as individuals and developed as independent learners. The college offers a broad range of courses to meet the educational and creative needs of students. Experienced staff focus on academic excellence and provide the tools for success in tertiary studies, the workforce and the community.

**English as a second language (ESL)**
Dedicated ESL staff • Certificate in Spoken and Written English (CSWE) • Higher School Certificate ESL
• Intensive English Centre on-site to cater for newly-arrived international students

**Student support services**
Small-group Student Mentor program • Individual tutoring by university students in the Learning Centre

**Languages taught**
Arabic • Chinese • Vietnamese (Years 11 and 12)

**Special facilities**
Tiered learning and performance space • Art rooms, a multimedia lab and photography studio with darkroom • Music rehearsal room • Commercial kitchen • Industry standard construction workshop • Student car park

**Special programs**
Vocational education courses such as Nursing, Hospitality and Information Digital Technology • Gifted and Talented Programs

**Academic achievements 2012 HSC Results**
A number of students gained an ATAR over 80 • 60% of students continue to tertiary studies

**Local area features**
Bankstown is located 25 kilometres from the Sydney central business district, approximately 30 minutes by train. A large suburban shopping centre is a 20 minute walk from the college and there is a regular bus service to the College.

“It has been nearly 6 months since I first came to Australia. Having a chance to approach a new country, a new culture and also a new lifestyle makes me feel very excited. However, everything is not like what I expected of. After the first few days, I just felt lonely, nostalgic mixed with some bad feelings. Fortunately, I was better day after day, especially when I enrolled at this school, Bankstown Senior College. I had more opportunities to make friends with people who are from different cultures, who live away from their families and their countries. We share the same feelings and thoughts and always try to help each other as much as we can. I’m really lucky to meet and have such great friends. They help me a lot to overcome this hard time. Furthermore, the teachers in this school are also great. They are keen on helping their students. They are very kind, friendly and work with great passion. Being a part of this school, I don’t feel lonely any more. I just feel warm and have found a new home there.”

**LINH NGUYEN**
Vietnam

**PRINCIPAL**
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A Pathway to Opportunities

**SCHOOL POPULATION**
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