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Principal's message

Keysborough College is a place where learning is valued. It is an environment that encourages students to come to school and learn. The continued success and excellent results of our students is a testament to our positive learning culture.

Teachers focus on working with students to achieve their academic, sporting and cultural goals. We help our students become confident successful learners and place a very high emphasis on academic achievement, homework, and student behaviour.

The collaborative approach to teaching and learning, and modern state of the art facilities provide a positive learning environment where our junior and senior students have the best opportunity to succeed in their studies.

John Baston
College Principal



Exceptional support for our new students

Our college values of Respect, Excellence and Diversity express the culture of our school. We recognise these values through an awards program, behavioural guidelines and policies that help to develop well-rounded individuals.

Our Year 7 Transition program helps students become accustomed to life in a secondary college, and develops a sense of belonging and self-confidence.

We place students at the centre and work hard to ensure that our new students feel connected and build positive relationships with their peers.

Our modern Junior Village provides Year 7 students with a dedicated space. There is an early Year 7 orientation camp and peer mentoring that builds solid links between junior and senior students.

A select team of teachers work exclusively with our Year 7 students and our teacher to student ratio enables teachers to develop an excellent understanding of every student's strengths and needs.

We aim to provide the very best for every student. From their first day, our students are embraced in a supportive and secure learning environment.





A
curriculum
that engages
our students



We place a high degree of importance on academic success and support this with a personalised approach to learning.

The needs of individual students are catered for through a strong academic focus, flexible curriculum and a wide range of subject offerings.

We recognise that our students pass through distinct developmental and learning stages and we aim to develop students' capabilities in a manner that is appropriate for their particular stage of development.

A wide range of subject offerings, in structured and sequential programs, provide greater choice for students to pursue their unique interests as they progress through the College.

The College provides a challenging academic curriculum and encourages a strong work ethic.

Differentiated study tasks ensure that students can succeed and progress through the academic requirements of secondary college, and numeracy and literacy intervention programs help to ensure students do not slip through the cracks.

Keysborough College places a high priority on student engagement and wellbeing. Our Making Connections curriculum program focuses on enhancing the connections between students and staff, students with peers and students with the broader community. This program currently operates in the Junior School for students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

years
7+8

Foundational skills for the future

We encourage and support students to achieve to their best, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

We take particular care to cater for the diverse needs of Year 7 and Year 8 students. Teachers gain a deep understanding of individual student's learning needs and styles.

Advanced learning opportunities within subjects are provided through personalised programs tailored for each student and for gifted learners.

Additionally, all Year 7 students learn a musical instrument. This leads to an appreciation of music and enriches their lives. From the very start of secondary school, students develop improved self-discipline, organisational skills and a sense of achievement.

A broad range of learning skills builds independence, confidence and a positive attitude.





year
9

Learning about themselves in a larger world

During Year 9 we offer our students more control and greater subject choice.

The curriculum engages students in the world around them. They learn to explore, take responsibility, and use their initiative.

Becoming active in their communities is an important part of the program. It helps students to learn about and experience a much larger world.

Research and applied learning outside the school campus involves the City Experience, ePen pals with students outside Australia, and sister school connections with China and Japan.

We help our Year 9 students to develop their
study skills, unique interests and goals

year
10

Preparation for senior years

Year 10 is a time of preparation for Years 11 and 12 studies and is the beginning of a three-year senior school program.

This means preparing for further study at university or TAFE, or focusing on vocational pathways and employment-based training.

Comprehensive course advice helps students to identify their strengths and goals and the pathways available to them.

In addition to the compulsory subjects of English and Maths, students choose from a wide range of units offering considerable flexibility. This enables them to build individual study programs and work towards their goals in Years 11, 12 and beyond.

All Year 10 students have access to Pathways work education programs allowing exploration of future careers and encouraging the development of vocational skills. Capable students have access to an accelerated program that allows them to undertake a VCE subject during Year 10

As a school offering the highly regarded Beacon, Monash SAM, Deakin DEAP and RMIT SNAP Programs students have access to an outstanding range of opportunities that foster vocational pathways. These special programs inspire and motivate students in their studies and drive them towards satisfying employment.

Students are encouraged to examine their individual pathways and to seek experiences in tertiary education, workplace or applied learning



Our motivational approach to learning helps students through the challenges of senior years and develops autonomy, commitment and self-reliance.

years
11+12

Creating aspirations for the future

During Years 11 and 12, we encourage students to develop positive work habits and study strategies, believe in and build on their own capabilities, set personal and academic goals and achieve their best.

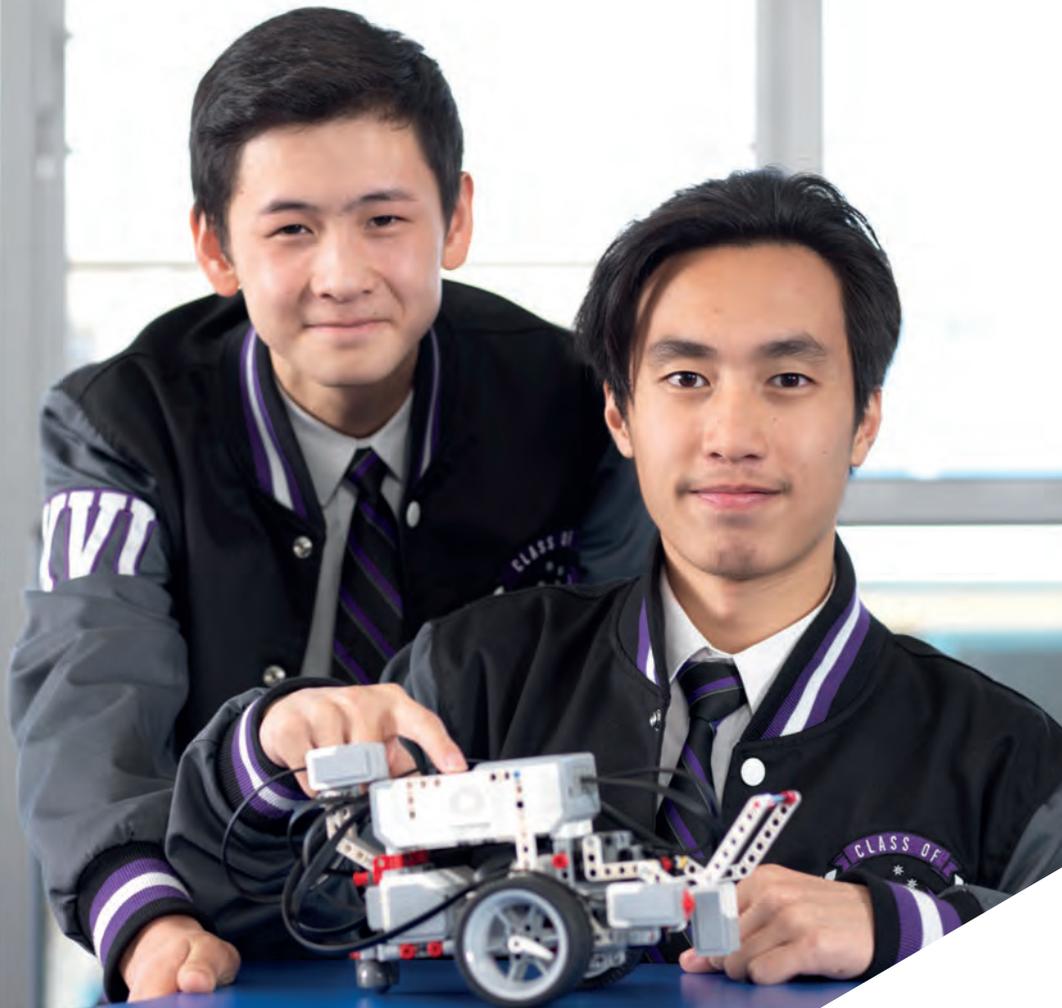
We create independent learners who can transition smoothly to tertiary education, further training or employment.

We offer an excellent selection of VCE subjects, and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs. A wide range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects also provides further opportunity for senior students.

An extensive pathways program includes: a weekly 'Pathways' subject, an annual Careers and Pathway Expo, one-on-one career counselling, the Beacon Program, Partnerships with a number of Universities and the Year 11 Aspirations program.

VCE induction, a special study skills day camp for Year 12, a comprehensive Headstart Program, holiday revision lectures and exam preparation programs further assist our students in achieving their best.

A number of targeted programs such as our 'STARS' program is designed to maximise results for high performing VCE students as well as other programs that feature targeted academic and financial support for those who require it.



Opportunities to pursue individual dreams

Our school community is vibrant and diverse and students have available a broad range of activities including:

- awards for excellence in academic, sports, music, leadership and citizenship endeavours
- an annual Art Exhibition
- sporting competitions at local, regional and state levels
- Debating team, Premier's Reading Challenge and Book Week
- Musical Soiree, instrumental music and performing arts opportunity to participate in a variety of subject competitions
- Monash University and Deakin University in-school and on campus activities providing early engagement with tertiary studies
- Embrace Education involving Monash University students engaged as tutors during and after school hours
- Chinese Exploratorium dedicated to investigating Chinese culture and language through the use of the latest multimedia tools
- a Confucius classroom, involving a sister school in Shanghai and a leading cultural and language program
- Breakfast Club, afterschool homework clubs and sports groups
- a Student Leaders Executive gives voice to students and the opportunity to develop their skills in leadership and in working with others.

A rich array of curricula and extra-curricular activities encourages our students to develop their talents and interests.



A highly regarded International Students program

The college is recognised as a highly experienced and successful school that offers placements for international students.

The College has its own English Language Centre enabling students to begin studies at the College immediately, and move smoothly into mainstream studies. We also provide:

- full time International Students' Coordinators
- special classes that address the needs of international students
- airport pick-up and organised homestay, and
- Multicultural Education Aides and teachers who speak the languages of our international students
- after school tuition at no extra cost.



Outstanding facilities for 21st Century Learning

The college offers an outstanding learning environment for students and teachers surrounded by extensive gardens and grounds. This includes:

- a Junior Village of modern dedicated Year 7, 8 and 9 buildings featuring open plan classrooms that allow for true Team Teaching and Inquiry Based Learning
- a modern Senior Village dedicated to supporting our senior students a specialist Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Centre on each Campus
- a 1:1 computer program for all students with ipads for Years 7-9, Netbooks for Years 10-12 and the opportunity for all students to BYOD
- dedicated Performing Arts Centres and Gymnasiums.

Creating a secure learning environment

A compulsory uniform policy for students encourages a sense of identity and pride in themselves and in the College.

Our Student Engagement Guidelines foster an understanding of individual rights, responsibilities and consequences in order to develop authentic relationships and a positive school culture.

Our Student Wellbeing team works to improve the health and wellbeing of students. This includes an on campus youth worker, Student Counsellor, Psychologist and Health Educator.

A condition of enrolment at Keysborough College is adherence to the school rules and policies, which fosters a culture of respect, excellence and diversity.

Enrolment through application

Each year a large number of prospective parents and students express interest in enrolling at the College

We encourage prospective parents and Year 5 and 6 students to participate in the Open Evenings, College Tours and other information and transition programs.

Applicants for Year 7 enrolments must complete a Secondary School Selection form, which is available from primary schools. Return this form to the primary school for processing through the normal primary-secondary school system.

Students who are successful in their enrolment applications are notified later in the year.



A convenient location

Our convenient locations are well serviced by road and public transport. In addition to Public Transport Victoria services, we provide bus services dedicated to Keysborough College students.

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