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KEYSBOROUGH COLLEGE

RESPECT • EXCELLENCE • DIVERSITY





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Principal's message

Keysborough College is committed to excellence by raising the achievements of all of our students.

Our school community provides all students with an environment for them to achieve their personal best in each of their intellectual, creative, sporting and social pursuits.

Through their voice and leadership our students are encouraged to make a difference by being active participants in their community. They have the ability to succeed independently in life and are empowered to achieve their goals and dreams.

Modern learning facilities, dedicated teacher and support staff and our collaborative learning model have enabled the College to create an environment for all of our students to achieve success and in their learning.

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.

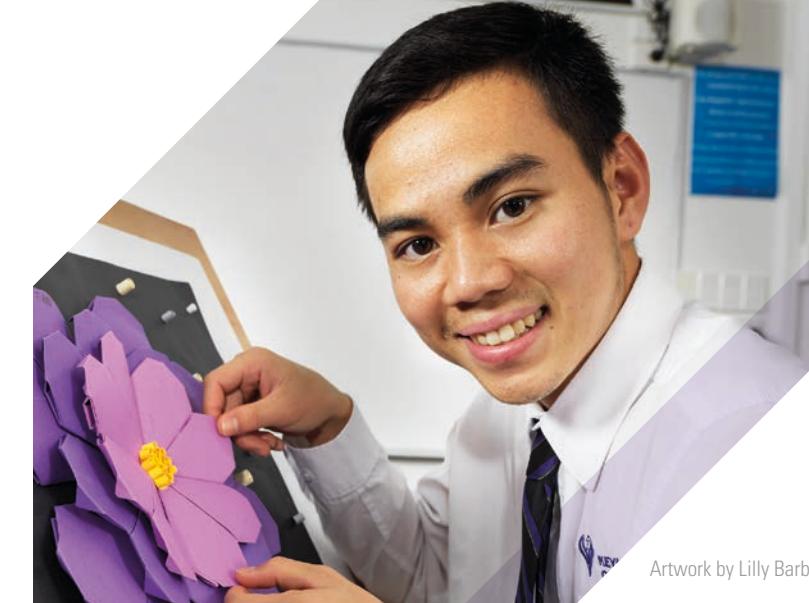
Our Year 7 Transition Program helps students become accustomed to life in a secondary college, and develops a sense of belonging and self-confidence.

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

Our modern Junior Village provides Year 7 students with a dedicated space. There is a comprehensive Year 7 Induction Program prior to formal classes beginning. There are many opportunities where positive links are created between Junior and Senior students. Our Year 7 camp, wellbeing support and programs assist students to settle into our College.

A select team of teachers work exclusively with our Year 7 students. Our teacher to student ratio enables teachers to develop an excellent understanding of every student's strengths and needs. This allows comprehensive personalised learning programs to be developed for every individual.

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.



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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.

Differentiated learning programs ensure that students can succeed and progress through the academic requirements of secondary college education.

Numeracy and Literacy intervention programs such as extra Maths assistance and the Intensive Reading Program help to ensure students continue to grow academically.

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.



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

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 and talented 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.

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.

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

An engaging and interactive curriculum ensures students enjoy their learning experiences in their final year of the Junior School. This year prepares them for transition into our Senior School. Some examples of the unique program include; Leadership opportunities, City Experience, Year 9 Camp, Career Education, Senior School Course Counselling and opportunities to connect with sister schools in China and Japan.



YEAR
9

YEAR 10



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

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.

Keysborough College offers a unique opportunity to Year 10 students to enrol in our select entry STEM program.

Designed for students who are interested in pursuing Science and Engineering at Senior and Tertiary levels, STEM enhances student interest, knowledge and skills and provides students with a definite edge for further studies.

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.



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



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 and connections to the Department's new Headstart training program.

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.

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

YEARS
11+12

Opportunities to pursue individual dreams

Our school community is vibrant and diverse. 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 including a musical or play each year.
- opportunity to perform and compete in individual and band events
- 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, sports groups and debating
- 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 specialist Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Centre on each Campus
- a 1:1 device program for all students with iPads for Years 7-9, Netbooks for Years 10-12 and the opportunity for all students to BYOD
- dedicated STEM, Arts & Technology Centre, 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 a diverse range of professionals to support individual learning and wellbeing needs.

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

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.

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

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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