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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



All members of the Keysborough College learning community value Respect, Excellence and Diversity.



#### 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.

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. The comprehensive Year 7 Transition Program helps students become accustomed to life in a secondary college, and develops a sense of belonging and self-confidence prior to formal classes beginning.

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 to ensure every student at Keysborough College is well known. This allows 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.





#### 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.

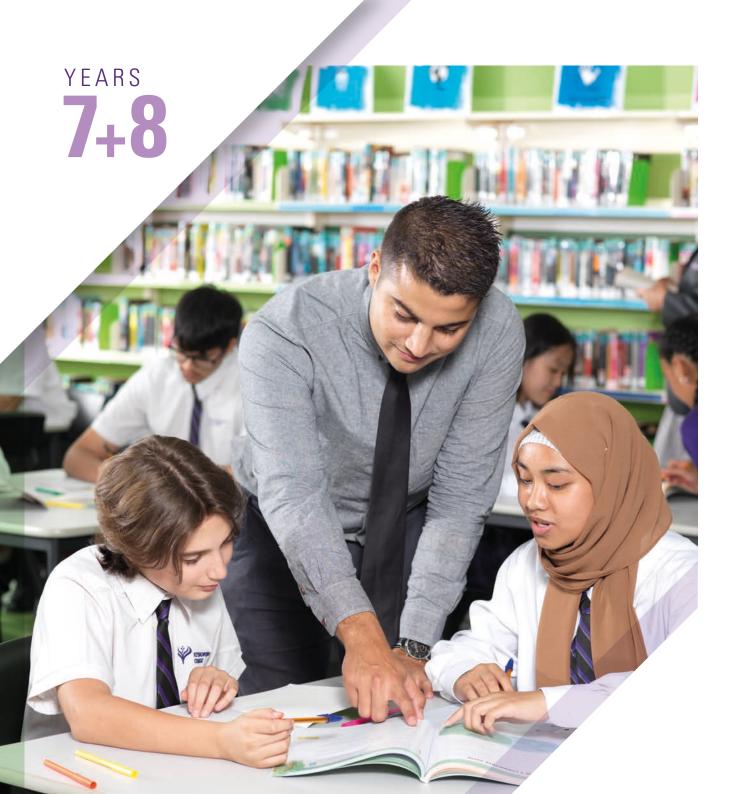
Keysborough College places a high priority on student engagement and wellbeing. Our Making Connections program focuses on enhancing the connections between students, their peers, teachers and the broader community. The program supports students to develop their personal and academic resilience.

Careers pathway planning is embedded across the curriculum from Years 7 to 12 to support our students to achieve their personal best.





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



#### 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.

The College provides all Year 7 students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument with no extra cost to parents. Additionally students receive weekly small group instrumental music lessons with specialised music teachers.

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

Our Year 9 students are provided with their own dedicated and specialised learning space.

During Year 9 we offer our students more flexibility with elective subject choice that focus on citizenship that encourages students to become active members of the community.

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

They learn to explore, take responsibility, and use their initiative. An engaging and interactive curriculum ensures students enjoy their learning experiences as they prepare for their transition into our Senior School.

Some examples of the unique program include; Leadership opportunities, City Experience, Year 9 Camp, Career Education and individual Senior School Course Counselling.





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.

In addition to 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 for Year 10 students to enrol in our select entry STEM program.

Designed for students who are interested in pursuing Science and Engineering pathways the STEM program enhances student interest, knowledge and skills and provides students with a solid foundation as they follow a pathway to a Senior and Tertiary level.

High achieving students have access to an accelerated program that allows them to undertake a VCE subject during Year 10.

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

All Year 10 students have access to pathways work education programs allowing exploration of future careers and encouraging the development of vocational skills.

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

As a school we have highly regarded connections with tertiary education institutions such as Monash, Deakin, RMIT, Chisholm and Holmesglen. This gives our students access to an outstanding range of opportunities that foster tertiary study and vocational pathways.



Our individualised approach to learning helps students achieve their personal best in each of their intellectual, creative, sporting and social pursuits.



#### 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.

Students set personal and academic goals that build on their own capabilities, ensuring that all students at Keysborough College achieve their best.

We offer an extensive selection of subjects and Vocational Education & Training options for the VCE and VCE - Vocational Major certificates.

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

We have a strong connection to the Education Department's Headstart training program, providing students an accelerated pathway into apprenticeships and employment.

An extensive pathways program includes: a weekly 'Pathways' subject, an annual Careers and Pathway Expo, one-on-one career counselling and partnerships with a number of Universities.

Our Year 12 students regularly achieve VCE study scores above like school schools and many students obtain ATAR results over 90.

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## 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
- Premier's Reading Challenge and Book Week
- Musical Soiree, instrumental music and performing arts opportunities
- annual musical production, Wakakirri performances and 4C's Cultural Showcase
- opportunity to perform and complete 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
- afterschool homework clubs and tutoring support from alumni students
- student leadership opportunities give a voice to students and the ability 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.



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

- a Junior Village (Year 7 to 9) and Senior Village (Year 10 to 12) with modern facilities
- a dedicated Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Centre on each Campus with cutting edge technology and equipment
- 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
- specialised, Arts & Technology Centres, Theatres and Performing Arts spaces as well as Gymnasiums and Fitness facilities.



# Creating a secure learning environment

The student uniform encourages a sense of identity and pride in the College.

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

Our exceptional Student Wellbeing team works to improve the health and wellbeing of all students. This includes a diverse range of professionals to support individual learning and wellbeing needs.

Through their voice and leadership our students are encouraged to make a difference by being active participants in their community.



### Enrolment through application

We encourage all prospective parents and 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 your primary school.

For all other applications please contact the relevant campus via the front office.

Students who are successful in their enrolment applications will be notified through an acceptance letter or phone call.

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





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