

# Virtual Tour & Information Session



Year 7

2021



# Welcome to Warrnambool College



# Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and learn, the Peek Whurrong people of the Eastern Marr nation.

We also pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.







PERSISTENCE

RESILIENCE

MUTUAL RESPECT

# Every Warrnambool Student Thrives



# Inclusion

- Clontarf
- Kalay
- Multicultural leadership
- SOLO/ Integration
- LGBTIQ



# Teaching and Learning

- Four 70 minute lessons daily.
- Allows students and teachers to develop meaningful, positive relationships and engage in deeper learning.
- All classes follow a consistent model of learning with Engage, Explore and Evaluate parts to each lesson.
- All lessons have a Learning Intention and Success Criteria.



# Warrnambool College Staff

- We recruit teachers as subject matter experts **AND** those who live out the agreed cultural values of the school
- Staff collaboration
- Staff innovation (remote learning as an example)
- Authentic relationships and high expectations





# Specific to Year 7

- Dedicated locker areas
- Tutorial system mentoring
- Student leadership
- Wellbeing transition support
- Year level camps





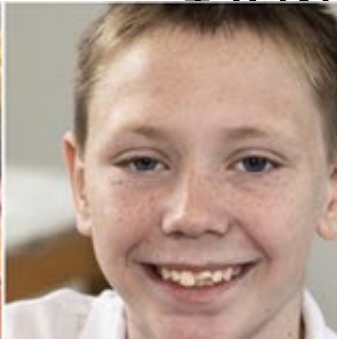
# Year 7 Course Structure

## Year long subjects:

3 x English Languages	2 x Humanities	2 x Science	2 x
3 x Maths	2 x PE	1 x Health	1
x Visual Art			

## Semester length subjects:

1 x Drama	1 x Music	2 x Food Studies
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# Year 8 Course Structure

## Year long subjects:

3 x English

3 x Humanities

3 x Science

3 x

Maths

2 x PE

2 x Language

## Semester length **ELECTIVE** subjects:

Numerous Technology and Art specific electives to choose from



# Literacy and Numeracy Support

- Clear diagnostic tools determine levels for student differentiation.
- Support is fluid and adaptable to reach students at their point of need.
- Significant investment in staff and resources to support all levels of literacy and numeracy development.



# 1:1 Learning

- iPad program for years 7 to 9
- Senior students have choice of laptop, netbook or iPad - personal need and family affordability
- Compass (online learning platform) for all learning tasks and [more recently Google Classroom] has made the transition to remote learning relatively smooth.





# SWPB

School **W**ide **P**ositive **B**ehaviours focuses on rewarding optimism, encouraging a curiosity and enthusiasm of learning and supporting students to be their best.

This creates classrooms and a school environment that is safe, calm and engaging.



# House System



- House Leader; two House Assistants.
- Dedicated Educational Support Staff member in each House.
- Six dedicated Houses separating the school into smaller vertical groups.
- Each House has EIGHT vertical tutorial groups.
- Each House has a dedicated locker area.
- Pastoral care through daily tutorial sessions, embedding Big Life activities.
- Over \$100 000 raised for House charities.



# Wellbeing

- Dedicated team of counsellors to support individual students.
- External agencies linked for additional student support.
- Proactive strategies for teachers to support students emotional and social needs within the curriculum.
- Kitchen and quiet time spaces available to students.
- First Aid.



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# Facilities

- Upgraded classroom spaces across the school
- New student toilet facilities
- Focus on new outdoor spaces - Yarning Circle, Pizza Oven, Refurbished Gardens, Outdoor recreation areas
- Upgraded staff offices interspaced around the school





# Outdoor Ed Facilities

- Partnerships with community organisations
- Albert Park is our classroom
- Swimming pool on-site
- Numerous school facilities
- Surfing at the beach; canoeing in the Merri
- Local and interstate excursions.



# Virtual Tour Video

- It's great to see something in person, but as we can't host people at school at the moment, we've prepared a short virtual tour video so you get a glimpse into the learning environment at Warrnambool College

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_YFFGABUII&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_YFFGABUII&feature=youtu.be)



# Academies

- Numerous different Academies (AFL, Soccer, Open Water Swimming, Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Chess, Cooking, Science, Basketball, Rock Band & Fishing)
- Encourage students to engage with like-minded peers across year levels.
- Activities run for two terms.



# SEAL and SPP Pathways



- Students need to apply for these programs.
- Selection criteria are available on website.
- SEAL is for the academically gifted student who are looking for extension beyond the regular curriculum.
- SPP uses student's love of sport and physical activity to further their athletic ability and academic learning.



# Support for Senior School

- Numerous pathways for senior students.
- VCE/ VCAL/ VET
- Transition counselling for students.
- Celebrate student achievements - academic, apprenticeship, employment.



# Uniform

- Wide variety of choice for students to feel comfortable, warm and connected to the school.
- No specific male and female uniform.
- Sport uniform can be worn daily.
- Academies shirts are part of the uniform.
- SPP have their own branded uniform.



# Learning as a Partnership

- Relationships between staff and students
- Extensive Warrnambool Community partnerships
- Warrnambool College Alumni Program [Tall Poppies]
- **School and Home partnership is the keystone to learning success.**



# Enrolment Process

## KEY DATES:

**29th May - all enrolment forms must be returned**

**Government schools** - enrolment packs from primary school

**Non-government schools** - enrolment packs from WC via Google Form

- Welcome packs sent to families 6th August 2020
  - **SEAL** and **SPP** applications close 31st August 2020
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# Final Thoughts

connection  
community  
partnerships  
identity  
belonging  
exuberance  
pathways  
inclusion  
innovation  
thrive  
relationships  
high-expectations

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# Q & A Time

