



Create your future



MILL PARK
SECONDARY COLLEGE



WELCOME

It is with great pride that I welcome you to Mill Park Secondary College, where we invite you to create your future.

Selecting a secondary school is one of the most important decisions a parent and child can make. At Mill Park Secondary College we are focused on improving the individual learning outcomes of all our students. Our extensive curriculum encourages students to be creative in their thinking, to achieve high standards, and to develop their learning through diversity of choice.

Our College identifies that learners have different needs at different stages of their education. The Middle Years Campus allows students to make the transition to secondary school in a dynamic, creative and stimulating learning environment, while our Senior Campus allows students the opportunity to specialise in a wide range of academic pursuits. A young adult learning environment has developed at the Senior Campus where students are welcomed as independent learners.

A leader in educational innovation, the College has an outstanding record in student achievement and well-being. We understand and meet the individual needs of students and then work together to help them make responsible decisions for their future.

I warmly invite you to explore our College, discovering the excellent opportunities we offer our students. We look forward to welcoming you into the Mill Park Secondary College community.

Trish Horner
Principal



WE VALUE YOUR FUTURE

Values

Mill Park Secondary College operates on a set of four agreed values: Respect, Responsibility, Achievement and Enjoyment. These values form the basis for all interactions between staff, students, parents and the broader community as collectively we work to support our students through their education. Ultimately our aim is to ensure our students enter the world as well-educated and well-rounded individuals who have achieved everything they are capable of.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Program at Mill Park Secondary College is an integral part of the overall approach to student well-being and development. The program is taught throughout the College from Years 7 to 12. The Pastoral/Homegroup teacher is the first contact person for parents or guardians wishing to discuss the academic and social progress of their child. Considerable effort is made to foster an environment that promotes a sense of belonging, particularly at Year 7 as it is a year of transition.

The Homegroup teacher ideally teaches their Homegroup for at least one subject, in addition to morning Homegroup, assemblies and pastoral classes. As part of the Pastoral Care Program, Homegroup teachers may arrange special events

to celebrate the achievements of their class, which helps to build a more cohesive and supportive relationship with students. The Homegroup teacher is the first point of contact for parents and guardians, with communication occurring either by phone or via the student diary.

Year Levels

In addition to a Homegroup teacher, your child is also supported by a Program and Learning Outcomes Coordinator and two Year Level Coordinators at each year level. These coordinators support your child's learning and welfare by coordinating year level learning activities such as camps and excursions, promoting positive relationships and values.





CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE



Extensive Curriculum

Mill Park Secondary College offers extensive and diverse curriculum choices at all year levels.

Our comprehensive Middle Years curriculum prepares students thoroughly for their Senior Years by building on prior learning in core subjects, while simultaneously exposing students to a broader range of Science, Arts and Technology subjects.

Our Senior curriculum provides students with a comprehensive choice of electives, allowing them to specialise and follow their interests and passions in Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

Middle Years Curriculum

Year 7

Year 7 is focused around creating a smooth transition to the College. Students are introduced to a variety of subjects and opportunities for the future. Students study English, Maths, Humanities, Science, Physical Education, Pastoral, LOTE Italian or German, as well as Information Technology, Visual Arts, Materials Technology and Dance and Drama. In Year 7 our aim is for students to consolidate their skills and settle into life at the College.

Year 8

Year 8 is a year of extension where students continue to study and build their skills in the main subjects of English, Maths, Humanities, Science, Physical Education, Pastoral, LOTE Italian or German. They also experience a range of semester-long subjects such as Music, Food Technology, Art and Fabrics Technology.

Year 9

Students in Year 9 expand their horizons by participating in a broad range of electives and special programs. As well as English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Pastoral and Physical Education, students can choose four electives from a selection of more than 30 across all of the subject areas. Students can begin to specialise in areas of interest, and try subjects they might be considering for their Senior years. A large focus is placed on preparing students for the transition to Senior Campus, making appropriate and informed subject selections and establishing pathways. All Year 9 students participate in our week-long City School Program, where they spend a week in the CBD pursuing an inquiry project.

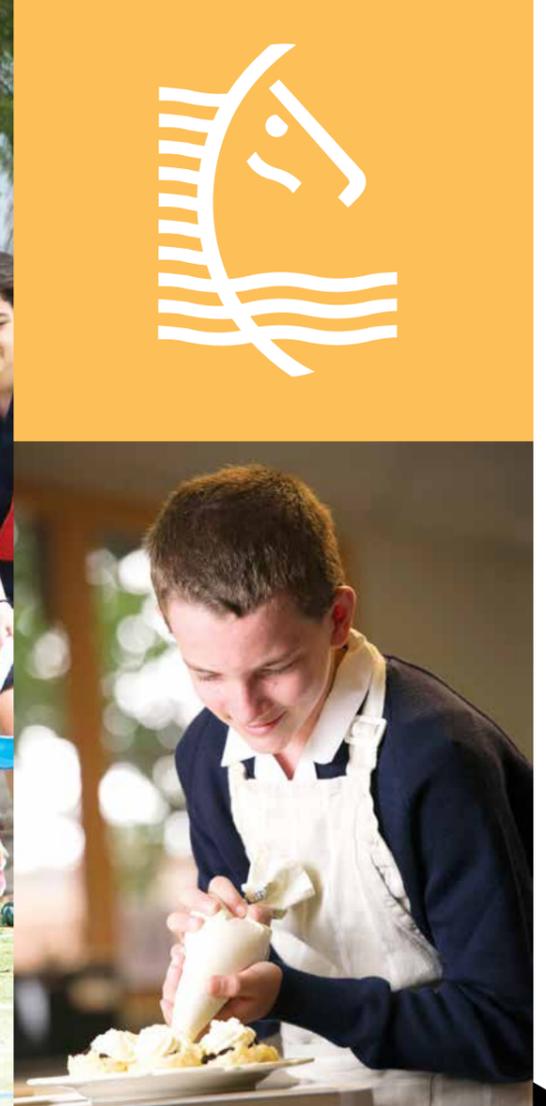
Senior Curriculum

Year 10

Year 10 students can design their own course to suit their own specific subject interests, passions, career goals and pathways. All Year 10 students complete English, Maths, Science, History and Pastoral subjects, as well as five electives each year. Students choose electives from each of the five main learning areas of Science, Humanities, Arts, Technology and Physical Education/Health, as well as the possibility of completing a Year 11 VCE or VET unit a year early. They can choose from more than 40 Year 10 electives. Students receive extensive course and career counselling throughout the year to ensure they choose the most effective, challenging and suitable VCE program.

Years 11 and 12

Students at Mill Park Secondary College can choose from the most comprehensive range of VCE, VET and VCAL units in the northern suburbs. More than 50 units are offered. Students can complete a full VCE program, a VCE program mixed with VET training units, or a VCAL program. All Year 11 students study six subjects and Pastoral, and Year 12 students study five subjects and Pastoral. Year 12 students have access to our state-of-the-art Library and Senior Study Centre during their study periods. To challenge themselves further and to help improve their ATAR score, many students choose to complete a Year 12 subject in Year 11, giving them a sixth subject that contributes to their final score.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SEAL Program

Mill Park Secondary College offers a Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program for gifted and talented students, which begins in Year 7 and continues throughout their secondary schooling. The program caters for gifted and talented students who are characterised by an advanced speed of learning and a capacity for remarkably high standards of performance compared with students of the same age. Students are placed in accelerated classes and enjoy the intellectual stimulation of students with similar learning profiles. They accelerate through Years 7 through 10 in three years and have a three-year VCE with broadened opportunity for subject choice.

Extracurricular Activities

As well as the formal curriculum, Mill Park Secondary College has an extensive range of programs that allow students to participate in extracurricular and student leadership activities beyond the classroom. These activities include interschool debating, public speaking tournaments, work experience, the Student Representative Council, Australian Maths Competition, Sustainable Schools, student leadership training programs and many more.

Extension & Enrichment Program

Mill Park Secondary College offers an Extension and Enrichment Program to a selected group of 25 students beginning at Year 7. The program provides academically challenging extension to the core curriculum as well as

greater access to extracurricular activities. Students in the Extension and Enrichment class complete the academic program in more depth than mainstream classes. Students are expected to meet the College criteria and study at least one VCE subject in Year 10.

Scholarship Program

Mill Park Secondary College offers scholarships to students who have displayed outstanding commitment to their education and involvement in the College community. The College looks for outstanding young people who are exceptional in different areas and possess personal qualities and values that will contribute to the life of the College. Scholarships are available in the following categories: Academic, Community – Good Citizenship, Student Leadership, Sport and Music. Scholarships are awarded for two years, and are available for Years 7 – 8, 9 – 10 and 11 – 12 students.

Music

Many students at the College choose to undertake instrumental music lessons for a small fee. Lessons are available in percussion, guitar, keyboards, woodwind, brass and voice. Musical performing groups such as choirs, bands and ensembles – as well as the College Musical Production – offer exciting opportunities for students to enjoy a wide range of the performing arts. Music is part of the curriculum for Year 8 students, as well as being available as electives and VCE subjects in Years 9 – 12.

DIVERSITY OF CHOICE

Sport

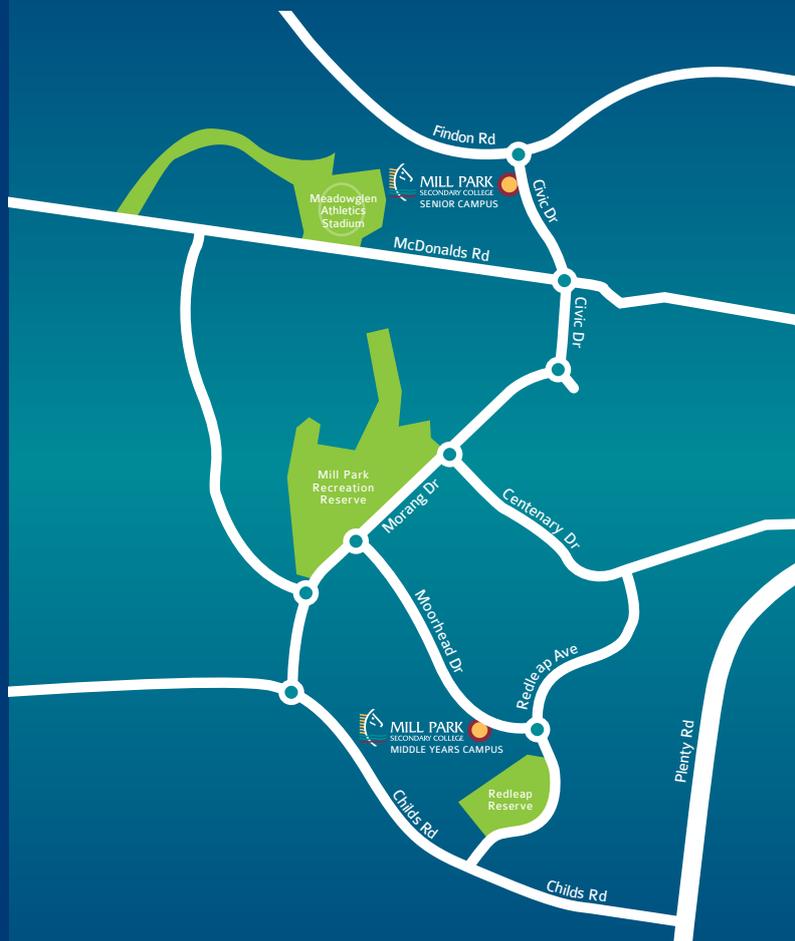
All students of the College have the opportunity to be involved in a range of school sports. Major intra-school carnivals are held during Terms 1 and 2 in athletics and swimming, with successful students progressing to represent the school in the Northern Zone Finals and the Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association (VSSA) State Finals. Students at all year levels can also be involved in team sports such as volleyball, tennis, cricket, soccer, badminton, hockey, basketball, table tennis, football, golf, netball, squash, softball and baseball. The College has access to outstanding on site sporting facilities, including on-site gymnasiums, full-sized football/cricket oval, and a new multipurpose facility at the Senior Campus. Nearby facilities include the Meadowglen athletics track, Mill Park YMCA pool and Mill Park basketball stadium. The Middle Years Campus has basketball and tennis courts on a state-of-the-art outdoor surface.

Camps

Students are encouraged to participate in a number of camps throughout the years, including the Year 7 Orientation Camp and the Year 8 Tasmania Camp. A range of outdoor education and surf camps are also offered to students throughout the year levels.

Performing Arts

The College offers students the opportunity to participate in a variety of performing arts within the curriculum and also in extracurricular activities. Students can experience dance and drama through the College's annual production as well as the "Song and Dance" night. Dance and Drama are part of the curriculum for Year 7 students, as well as being available as an elective and VCE subject in Years 9 – 12. Our College has received many awards in the Kool Schools music recording project, where students record original pieces in a recording studio.



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