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Welcome

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

As the newly appointed Principal, it is with a sense of pride and excitement that I welcome you to Mill Park Secondary College.

Selecting the right school for your child is an important choice. At Mill Park Secondary College we are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes in terms of both learning and wellbeing for all our students.

Our students join us with a wide diversity of interests, talents and learning needs. We are proud to engage them with a rich and varied curriculum, specialised facilities, and excellent teachers. This is supported by the multi-campus structure of the College which allows students to learn in an environment which is tailored and targeted to their stages of schooling.

At the Middle Years Campus, we ensure that students make a strong transition to secondary education and develop the habits, aptitudes, and character strengths to be successful learners. The Senior Campus provides students with extensive options to meet their individual needs, building their confidence and independence to ensure that they have a clear pathway towards 'creating their future.'

We have high expectations for all our students. Not just in their academic pursuits, but also in their engagement with the many programs and opportunities that make this school the vibrant place it is. Whether it is in the Science lab or on the theatre stage, in the classroom or on the playing fields, our committed teachers work to ensure that our students thrive.

There is no one 'type' of Mill Park Secondary College student, rather, our teachers and College leadership team are focused on ensuring that every student has the opportunity and support to be the best that they can be. I invite you to explore our College through making contact with us, booking a tour and exploring our College website. We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.



Tim Natoli

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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

The Pastoral Program at Mill Park Secondary College is an integral part of the overall approach to student wellbeing and development. The program is taught throughout the College from Years 7 to 12. The 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 during students' transition.

The Homegroup teacher teaches their Homegroup for at least one subject, in addition to morning Homegroup,

assemblies and pastoral classes. As part of the Pastoral 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 Student Engagement Leaders 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 the 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 and Italian, 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 and Italian. 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 six main learning areas of Science, Humanities, Arts, Language, 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 one of the broadest and most comprehensive ranges 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. Many students choose to study a university extension subject as part of their VCE. Italian and Chinese are available to study as a language as well as the full range of VSL languages.



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 the year, with successful students progressing to represent the school in the Northern Zone Finals and the Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association (VSSSA) 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, netball, softball and baseball.

The College has access to outstanding on site sporting facilities, including 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, the Year 8 Camp, the Year 9 City School Experience and Year 12 Step Up Camp. A range of outdoor education and surf camps are also offered to students throughout the year levels. Senior language students are able to attend a trip to Italy which runs every two years.

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.

Academic Excellence

SEAL Program

Mill Park Secondary College offers an accredited 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 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.

Accelerated English Program

Mill Park Secondary College is offering an Accelerated English Program to a selected group of students commencing at Year 7. The Accelerated English program will mirror the SEAL English subject in terms of its text selection and degree of rigour. Accelerated English students will meet the benchmark by the end of Year 9. At Year 10, the Accelerated English subject is a hybrid subject designed to prepare students for all three VCE English subjects – Literature, Language and English. Students will then be encouraged to complete two VCE English subjects and can still complete an early Year 11 VCE subject of their choice in Year 10.

Accelerated Science Program

Mill Park Secondary College is offering an Accelerated Science Program to a selected group of students commencing at Year 7. The Accelerated Science Program supports students to develop an understanding of important scientific concepts and processes in the Biological, Chemical, Physical, Earth, and Space Sciences. Students explore the practices used to develop scientific knowledge, the contribution of science to our culture and society, and its applications in our lives. The program blends Science Inquiry Skills throughout each year into a cohesive Science program, that aims to provide students with opportunities to engage with real world applications of Science. The Acceleration Science program is designed for students with above level Mathematical skills as well as a clear interest in Science and Technology. Accelerated Science students will meet the benchmark for their Science subjects a year in advance of their year level, which means they will meet the Year 10 benchmarks by the end of Year 9. In Year 10, students will study an Accelerated Science subject comprising Laboratory Skills and VCE Science preparation and are also able to accelerate in a VCE subject of their choice. Students are encouraged to follow a pathway of VCE Science, Math, and Technology subjects in Year 11 and 12.

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 Performing Arts. Scholarships are awarded for two years, and are available for Years 7 – 8 and 9 – 10.

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, student leadership training programs and many more.

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.