



Yarra Hills  
SECONDARY COLLEGE



RESPECT ENDEAVOUR ACHIEVEMENT PRIDE



# OUR VISION & VALUES

As part of their growth within their time at Yarra Hills Secondary College, we value and want our students to attain:

**RESPECT**

We value diversity and consideration for self and others

**ENDEAVOUR**

We encourage positive risk taking and best efforts in all that we do

**ACHIEVEMENT**

We strive for excellence and success

**PRIDE**

We take pride in our work, our actions and ourselves





# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

On behalf of Yarra Hills Secondary College I'm pleased to welcome you to join the school community. Whether you are looking at starting your secondary education at Yarra Hills, or you are planning to start at one of our other year levels, we are confident that you will find an exciting, inclusive and engaging environment here. Yarra Hills Secondary College has a rich tradition and proud history in the local area, extending over more than fifty years. Being multi-campus, we have a strong connection to the suburbs and townships in the outer eastern region of Melbourne, with our students coming from all surrounding areas. Over this time we have also developed close partnerships with many community organisations, including links with Rotary, Lions' and R.S.L Clubs, with our students often taking part in community based programs, celebrations or commemorations.

Our transition staff work tirelessly to ensure that all students who join our community feel valued, safe and supported, whilst they are also challenged to achieve their very best. We believe that building positive relationships is crucial to students not only feeling happy at school, but also reaching their full potential. Our college values; Respect, Endeavour, Achievement and Pride underpin all of our actions and interactions across the college, with students learning and living these values. Students are constantly encouraged to incorporate the values into their own efforts and are recognised for doing so.

As a Lead School in the Respectful Relationships program, Yarra Hills currently also supports a number of local primary schools to create their own positive environments and to improve student engagement and outcomes. In recent times, Yarra Hills has become renowned for its implementation of Restorative Practices, another way in which effective relationships, student to student, student to teacher and student to parent, can support young adults to learn and grow.

Our staff are dedicated and hard-working and go to great lengths to support and extend all of our students. Yarra Hills has in recent years developed and implemented a Whole School Literacy Plan and, in partnership with other leading schools, has put in place a number of strategies that are now showing a positive effect on student outcomes, including excellent NAPLAN growth levels across many areas. We remain committed to high standards and expectations as the college strives to meet the educational needs of all students

With the support, environment and learning experiences on offer, we believe that Yarra Hills Secondary College provides the best possible opportunity for all students and we look forward to you joining our college community.

*Darren Trippett*

College Principal





## OUR COLLEGE, OUR LEGACY



## Multi-Campus Structure

Yarra Hills Secondary College is a multi-campus Year 7 – 12 college in the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne, with campuses in Mooroolbark and Mt Evelyn.

The Mt Evelyn Campus is an entrenched part of the Mt Evelyn community and services the areas from Mt Evelyn through the Yarra Valley and all the way to Warburton. The Mooroolbark Campus is situated amongst the suburbs of Mooroolbark, Lilydale, Croydon and Kilsyth, serving these and surrounding areas. Greater community interest in recent years has led to increased enrolments across the college at all year levels.

Both Junior Schools provide an extensive and comprehensive curriculum, building strong foundations and providing a rich selection of elective offerings. With a Common Instructional Model in place across both campuses, we can ensure that all students are receiving the highest quality education and instructional practices. Our Literacy and Numeracy Learning Specialist teachers also support staff and students to achieve the best student outcomes.

We are also widely recognised for our co-curricular programs, with students able to participate in a number of areas, such as the College Production, Yarra Hills Community Art Show, Instrumental Music Program, Sports, Outdoor Education and Camps. These programs create opportunities for all students and allow them to develop their talents, both within and outside of the core curriculum.

## Looking After Your Child

Yarra Hills Secondary College caters for a large catchment of students and prides itself on striving to meet the educational and wellbeing needs of those in its community. In line with our commitment to the college values, Respect, Endeavour, Achievement and Pride, a 'Life Skills' Program runs across Years 7 – 10. Taught once a week, this program focuses on one of these values each term. Through working in partnership with students and their families, Yarra Hills seeks to support the growth and development of the whole student in preparation for their senior studies. As our students transition into the senior school, we continue to build upon their educational and wellbeing needs with our 'ASPIRE' program, which focuses on supporting them during their final years of school, guiding them through the demands of VCE.

Positive and respectful relationships play a central part in the college and these are formed in an environment that is safe, engaging and inclusive of everyone. The College 'Code of Conduct' sets out high expectations of staff, students and the wider school community to support the best student learning outcomes.

A wide range of wellbeing supports are available within the college with a dedicated wellbeing team that support both staff and students. Yarra Hills Secondary College is also part of the 'Doctor in Secondary Schools Program', which provides students with access to a general practitioner. Students also have access to the school nurse, who works on site to support adolescent health and development.

## Student Opportunities

The College House system unites students across all age groups as they compete against each other in the annual swimming carnival, cross-country and athletics. Students experience terrific team spirit through being attached to one of four Houses: w (Red), Dolphins (Blue), Dragons (Green) and Eagles (Gold).

College awards, camps, student leadership programs and co-curricular activities all seek to enrich the lives of students at Yarra Hills Secondary College, while they are encouraged to build a sense of community.





## ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES







## Learning Journey

Yarra Hills Secondary College works closely with all of our feeder primary schools to ensure a smooth and informed transition for students and parents as they enter the next stage of the educational journey.

Our transition program is designed to ensure your child feels ready and prepared for secondary school life, we focus on knowing your child and their academic strengths and weaknesses and we build positive relationships with the students to ensure their transition is as smooth as possible.

A team of teachers work with the students in each Home Group to plan engaging and challenging programs. Staff use a range of data sources including literacy, numeracy and engagement data to improve student outcomes. We pride ourselves on delivering a differentiated High Abilities extension program and literacy and numeracy learning support. Our key strength is that we really know our students. This helps us to create an environment where your child feels like they truly belong.

As students near the end of Year 10 and are looking towards their Senior Studies in Years 11 and 12, a dedicated Careers & Pathways team provide information evenings and course counselling. Yarra Hills Secondary College ensures all students choose the best course, and ultimately career pathway, which meets student's passions and interests, guiding them into their futures.

## Home Study

Homework is a very important feature of the Yarra Hills Secondary College Curriculum. It encourages development of organisational skills and positive home study habits as well as parent participation in the learning process. Homework also provides additional learning time for:

- Revision of previously learned work
- Reinforcement of skills and techniques developed at school
- Preparation for in-school learning
- Research to support and/or enhance in-school learning
- Completing work missed due to absence.

**Years 7 – 8** 5 hours per week

**Years 9 – 10** 10 hours per week

## Open Night Showcase

Please scan the QR code to view our college videos on Key Learning Areas.





# Yarra Hills

## SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about our school, please visit our college website at [www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au](http://www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au).

Here you will find a wide-range of information including our college handbook, junior and senior curriculum handbooks, our college policies as well as our latest news and events.

