



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 regularly 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.

In recent years, Yarra Hills has led the way in implementation of Restorative Practices to support student engagement and connectedness. A similarly strong focus on School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) has seen Yarra Hills one of only a handful of secondary schools to receive awards for our excellent program, based on successful implementation and tiered fidelity across both campuses. This work goes hand in hand with The Resilience Project (TRP), which underpins the student-focused Home Group structure and sub-school staffing system. These initiatives are indicative of the supportive, engaging and consistent practices in place to facilitate positive student academic outcomes, as well as improving long term student health and wellbeing.

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 campuses offer a broad and dynamic curriculum that builds strong academic foundations while providing a diverse range of elective subjects to inspire and challenge students. With a unified Common Instructional Model, we ensure consistency in high-quality teaching and learning across both campuses. Our dedicated Teaching and Learning Leaders work closely with staff and students to enhance learning experiences and drive student success.

We take pride in offering a rich and diverse co-curricular program that enhances every student's school experience. Our outstanding College Music Program and exceptional bands provide students with opportunities to develop their musical talents and perform at various events. From the excitement of our highly acclaimed College Production to the creativity showcased in the Yarra Hills Community Art Show, students can explore their passions in a supportive environment. Our renowned extensive sports program, including our college Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, a highly competitive Inter-School Sports Program, and exciting year-level camps, provides unique experiences that foster personal growth, teamwork, and confidence. These programs are designed to inspire, challenge, and support students in developing their talents beyond the classroom, ensuring a well-rounded and rewarding education.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD

At Yarra Hills Secondary College, we believe that students thrive in a supportive and connected school community. Our Homegroup Program is at the heart of our commitment to student wellbeing, ensuring every student feels valued, supported, and empowered throughout their high school journey.

From Years 7 to 10, students participate in our Life Skills Program, which is designed to nurture personal growth and resilience. Each term, students focus on one of our core values—Respect, Endeavour, Achievement, and Pride—through engaging activities that build confidence, character, and essential life skills.

Our partnership with The Resilience Project further strengthens our approach, embedding Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM) into daily school life. These evidence-based practices help students develop positive habits that enhance mental health, emotional intelligence, and overall wellbeing.

As students move into the senior years, our ASPIRE and STRIVE programs provide tailored guidance and support to help them navigate the challenges of VCE or VCE-VM and prepare for their future pathways. Whether students are pursuing university, TAFE, apprenticeships, or the workforce, we equip them with the skills and mindset to succeed.

Here at Yarra Hills we have a culture of care and connection. Positive and respectful relationships are the foundation of our school community. Our high expectations for behaviour and engagement create an environment where students feel safe, included, and motivated to achieve their best.

Our dedicated Wellbeing Team offers a range of student support services, including access to:

- On-site GP through the Doctor in Secondary Schools Program
- School Nurse for adolescent health and development
- Counsellors and wellbeing staff to provide guidance and support

With these programs and supports in place, Yarra Hills Secondary College ensures that every student is given the tools, encouragement, and care they need to grow into confident, capable, and resilient young adults.

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.

We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond the classroom. Our college awards, camps, student leadership programs, and co-curricular activities are designed to inspire, challenge, and support students in their personal growth. Through these enriching experiences, students develop confidence, leadership skills, and a strong sense of community, ensuring they thrive both at school and beyond.

ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES



A SEAMLESS TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth and positive as possible for both students and parents. We work closely with our feeder primary schools to provide a supportive and informed journey into Year 7.

Our comprehensive transition program is designed to help your child feel confident and ready for secondary school. We take the time to get to know each student—their strengths, challenges, and aspirations—so we can provide tailored support. By fostering strong connections and positive relationships, we ensure that every student feels welcomed and valued from day one.

PERSONALISED LEARNING & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our dedicated teaching team delivers engaging and challenging programs within each learning area, using a range of data—literacy, numeracy, and student engagement—to enhance learning outcomes. We offer:

- A High Abilities Extension Program for students who thrive on academic challenges.
- Targeted literacy and numeracy support to ensure students reach their full potential.
- A learning environment where every student is known, supported, and encouraged to succeed.

PREPARING FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

As students progress through Year 10 and begin planning their Senior Studies, our dedicated Careers & Pathways team provides expert guidance. Through information evenings, one-on-one course counselling, and career planning, we help students choose the right pathway—whether it be VCE, VCE-VM or VET,—that aligns with their passions and future goals.

At Yarra Hills Secondary College, we don't just educate—we inspire, support, and empower every student to thrive in their learning journey and beyond.

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 – 9 3 - 5 hours per week

Years 10 – 12 5 - 10 hours per week



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For further information about our school, please visit our college website at 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.

