



## Wheelers Hill Campus – Middle Years

In the Middle School there is a strong emphasis on holistic educational experiences which develop students socially and emotionally. Our curriculum offering focuses on engaging students with real world issues and through inquiry and problem solving they work together to build solutions which have benefit to society. It is an academically rigorous learning program preparing students for transition into the senior school and the VCE program to follow.

### Year 7

#### Core Subjects

- Design
- Individuals & Societies
- Language Acquisition (Core choice of either:  
Chinese (Mandarin)  
German)
- Language & Literature (English)
- Life & Faith
- Mathematics
- Music
- Performing Arts (Semesterised)
- Visual Arts (Semesterised)
- Physical & Health Education
- Sciences

### Year 8

#### Core Subjects

- Individuals & Societies
- Language Acquisition (Continued studies in either:  
Chinese (Mandarin)  
German)
- Language & Literature (English)
- Life & Faith
- Mathematics
- Music
- Performing Arts (Semesterised)
- Visual Arts (Semesterised)
- Physical & Health Education
- Sciences

#### Core Choices

- Dance (The Arts)
- Write to Rock (The Arts)
- Animation Fixation (Digital Design)
- Design for Market (Product Design)
- Design Technology (Product Design)
- Sustainable Solutions (Product Design)
- Coding & Computers (Digital Design)

### LEARNING MENTORS

Each class in Year 7 and 8 is supported by a Learning Mentor. This second qualified teacher works with the student and the subject teacher to ensure the most effective learning is taking place in each class. The Mentor accompanies the students throughout the range of learning experiences across the days and weeks of the year.

### EDUCATION OUTDOORS

Our unique Yarra Junction campus is where students are challenged in an inspiring natural learning environment. Here they develop practical skills, leadership skills, and life skills - and consider the effect of their actions and lifestyle on the world around them. Year 7 students enjoy a 5 day camp at the Yarra Junction Campus as part of the Education Outdoors program. In Year 8, this program is extended to 11 days at Yarra Junction.

### Year 9

#### Core Subjects

- Language & Literature (English)
- Language Acquisition (Continued studies in either:  
Chinese (Mandarin)  
German)
- Cultural Studies (for students new to year 9 in 2021)
- Learning Journeys (I&S)
- Mathematics
- Physical & Health Education
- Sciences

#### Core Choices

- Dance (Arts)
- Acting for Camera (Arts)
- Visual Arts (Arts)
- Media (Arts or Design or ID)
- Photography (Arts)
- Music Performance (Arts)
- Business Entrepreneur (I&S)
- Geography (I&S)
- History (I&S)
- Chinese Language Pathway (LA)
- German Language Pathway (LA)
- Literature (Language & Literature)
- Architecture Interior Design (Digital Design)
- Design Technology (Product Design)
- Sustainable Solutions (Product Design)
- Coding & Computers (Digital Design)

### EXPEDITION

The expedition is an extended journey of personal inquiry for Year 9 students. Applying the model of inquiry – action – reflection, the expedition will take students from the familiarity of their normal school and family routines, placing them into a landscape that deliberately challenges and deepens their understandings of themselves, of other people, and their own country. In 2021, the expedition is to the Northern Territory.

### Broad & Balanced Experiences

As well as these courses, Middle School students can engage in a range of associated learning experiences including:

- Dance
- Debating
- Education Outdoors
- Enrichment Activities
- House Activities
- Instrumental Music
- Music and Theatre Productions
- Music Ensembles
- Services of Worship
- Sport
- Leadership Programs



## Wheelers Hill Campus – Senior Years

### Year 10

#### Core Subjects

- English
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Geography
- History – Australia & the Modern World
- Mathematics (S)
- Mathematics (A)
- Mathematics (A) Enrichment
- Personal Development
- Physical Education
- Religious Education – Ethics
- Science
- Science – Extension
- Science in Action

Students in Year 10 are able to include in their course of study a range of VCE Units suited to their interests and abilities. This means that the VCE is spread over 3 years, rather than 2, enabling students to tailor their own individual program for these three critical senior years. It also means that students in Year 10 can sample subjects more widely than they would otherwise be able to.

In addition they are inducted more comprehensively into the study requirements for the critical VCE Unit 3-4 assessment which determines their ATAR score and subsequently their tertiary offer, or direct path into employment.

#### Electives

- Applied Human Movement
- Applied Technologies
- Art
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Commerce
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- English Literature
- German
- International Politics
- Media
- Photography
- Psychology
- Theatre Studies – Performance
- Theatre Studies – Production
- Visual Communication Design

*Suitably qualified students may apply for VCE Units 1/2 as listed on this page.*

#### Broad & Balanced Experiences

As well as these subject based programs, Year 10 students engage in a range of associated learning experiences including:

- Careers Education Program
- Community Service Program
- Enrichment Activities
- Expedition Program
- House Activities
- Instrumental Music
- Leadership Programs
- Music Ensembles
- Publications
- Services of Worship
- Sport
- St John Ambulance
- Theatre
- Work Experience

### Years 11 and 12 – The Victorian Certificate of Education

| VCE                                     | Units   | VCE                                   | Units   | VCE  | Units   |
|---|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
| Accounting                              | 1,2,3,4 | History – Twentieth Century           | 1,2     | VET– Music Industry Certificate III            | 1,2,3,4 |
| Art                                     | 1,2,3,4 | History – Revolutions                 | 3,4     | Visual Communication Design                    | 1,2,3,4 |
| Australian & Global Politics            | 1,2     | Information Technology:               |         | <b>Higher Education Studies</b>                |         |
| Biology                                 | 1,2,3,4 | – Applied Computing                   | 1,2     | (ie. first year University subjects) conducted |         |
| Business Management                     | 1,2,3,4 | – Data Analytics                      | 3,4     | in association with Universities, which can    |         |
| Chemistry                               | 1,2,3,4 | – Software Development                | 3,4     | include:                                       |         |
| Chinese (Mandarin) SL                   | 1,2,3,4 | Legal Studies                         | 1,2,3,4 | • Accounting                                   |         |
| Chinese (Mandarin) – Advanced SL        | 1,2,3,4 | Literature                            | 1,2,3,4 | • Business Systems                             |         |
| Chinese (Mandarin) – First Language     | 1,2,3,4 | Mathematics – General (Further)       | 1,2     | • Biology                                      |         |
| Chinese Language, Culture & Society     | 1,2,3,4 | Mathematics – Further                 | 3,4     | • Chemistry                                    |         |
| Dance                                   | 1,2,3,4 | Mathematics – Methods (CAS)           | 1,2,3,4 | • English Literature                           |         |
| Economics                               | 1,2,3,4 | Mathematics – Specialist              | 3,4     | • History                                      |         |
| English                                 | 1,2,3,4 | Media                                 | 1,2,3,4 | • Mathematics                                  |         |
| English – Foundation                    | 1,2     | Music Performance                     | 1,2,3,4 | • Music  |         |
| English Language                        | 1,2,3,4 | Outdoor and Environmental Studies     | 3,4     | • Philosophy                                   |         |
| English as an Additional Language (EAL) | 1,2,3,4 | Physical Education                    | 1,2,3,4 | <b>VET Programs conducted in association</b>   |         |
| Geography                               | 1,2,3,4 | Physics                               | 1,2,3,4 | <b>with TAFE Institutes:</b>                   |         |
| German                                  | 1,2,3,4 | Psychology                            | 1,2,3,4 | • Hospitality                                  | 1,2,3,4 |
| Global Politics                         | 3,4     | Studio Arts – Photography             | 1,2,3,4 |  |         |
| Health and Human Development            | 1,2,3,4 | Theatre Studies                       | 1,2,3,4 |  |         |
|   |         | VET– Screen and Media Certificate III | 1,2,3,4 |  |         |

Students in Year 11 undertake a program of study comprised essentially of VCE Units 1 and 2. Year 11 students may, however, include in their program of study a VCE Unit 3 and 4 subject and/or a VET subject if appropriate.

Students in Year 12 undertake a program of study comprised essentially of VCE Units 3 and 4. Year 12 students may, however, include in their program a Higher Education Extension VCE Study and/or a VET subject if appropriate.

Additional LOTE (Languages other than English) subjects may be provided by special arrangement, if appropriate.

In order to best respond to the needs of our students some variation in Learning Programs may occur from year to year. The above information is provided as a general overview.

#### Broad & Balanced Experiences

As well as these subject-based programs, students engage in a range of associated learning experiences including:

- Careers Program
- Community Service Program
- Duke of Edinburgh Program
- Enrichment Activities
- Expedition Program
- House Activities
- Instrumental Music
- Leadership Programs
- Music Ensembles
- Publications
- Services of Worship
- Sport
- St John Ambulance
- Theatre