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Welcome to Heathmont College

Heathmont College is a single campus college with excellent facilities for science, information technology, as well as sporting and drama spaces. The student body is renowned for its excellent results and welcoming, multicultural atmosphere.

The school is in Victoria and only 30 minutes from the capital city of Melbourne.

Located in the City of Maroondah, Heathmont College is easily accessible via train from Ringwood and Box Hill. A bus service operates from the front of the College and the train station is only a ten minute walk away.

Eastland, the focus of Maroondah, is a restaurant, shopping and civic space only one train stop away from the school. This centre has been recently designated by the government as a hub city with outstanding leisure, dining and shopping facilities including international supermarkets. A high level multiplex cinema is also located there.

The College is situated in extensive grounds in a landscaped bush setting. The Dandenong Creek is located adjacent to the College and is used for sporting programs as well as to enhance the science program offered to students. The safe and calm location of the school is a drawcard for many families.

The school insists on excellent behaviour from its students as mandated in the 'Ready for Learning' policy. A strict uniform policy for students is also used to underpin the high standards of the school.



Academic Programs

Heathmont College is an expert provider of the Victorian Certificate of Education, having delivered education at this level since 1972.

Our graduates attend a number of universities including:

The University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT, Swinburne, Deakin, LaTrobe, Victoria University.

The school delivers a broad and engaging curriculum with our dedicated staff and excellent facilities enhancing the teaching and learning at the college. This has been recognised of such superior work that staff from a broad range of subject areas at the school are currently state assessors meaning that their expertise is rated as outstanding.

Heathmont College has achieved above state results in both the Naplan and VCE in recent years with the teaching program clearly showing value adding to the final outcomes of the students.

Of particular pride for the school, was the awarding of a Premier's Award for Chemistry in 2015 for a student who received the top mark in Victoria for this subject.

Students are encouraged to develop high expectations in order to fulfil their academic potential.

Heathmont has pioneered the implementation of the highly successful EXCEL program which is in operation

from Years 7 – 10. This program both extends the high achiever and supports those students who will benefit from extra assistance to develop fully. The subjects of Mathematics and English are key focus in the program to allow students to fully develop the skills that they will need to succeed in their VCE studies.

Significant emphasis is placed on the use of ICT and multimedia to increase the levels of engagement in learning. Educational enhancement is achieved through a number of targeted programs such as the Australian Mathematics Competition, Premier's Reading Challenge, Work Experience, and the Heathmont College Outreach Program. The College is involved in local arts programs within the community. Staff provide regular support and extension in formal after hours programs.

A range of programs are run, including Homework Club, which takes place every Monday afternoon in the Library, providing extra support and opportunities for EAL students to access 1:1 support with their learning and allowing them to build a positive rapport with their classroom teachers.

Recent years have seen a significant expansion in the Music and Performing Arts Programs.

A significant number of students have instrumental music lessons and perform on a regular basis in the musical ensembles and choirs at the College. Furthermore, the dramatic arts are encouraged and students actively involve themselves in the musicals staged. This is a marvellous opportunity for immersion in the culture of the school.



Careers and Pathways

A Pathways office is located at the school in order to provide specific, targeted advice to students and parents on tertiary options. Due to the need for students to focus on selecting and succeeding in their chosen field, the College commences delivery of this program to students from Year 9. This allows students to be fully informed of the options available to them and is instrumental in the majority of students being granted their first preference for university places.

Furthermore, university applications are undertaken with individual meetings between the student and the Assistant Principal in charge of the Senior School, Nina Ling.

University Partnerships

Heathmont College has developed a number of partnerships with prestigious universities in Victoria.

University of Melbourne

Heathmont College students are eligible for selection for the Kwong Lee Dow scholarship which allows for enhanced access to all courses at the University of Melbourne. Furthermore, students who apply for courses at this institution by virtue of attending Heathmont College will receive bonus points towards their ATAR applied internally by the university.

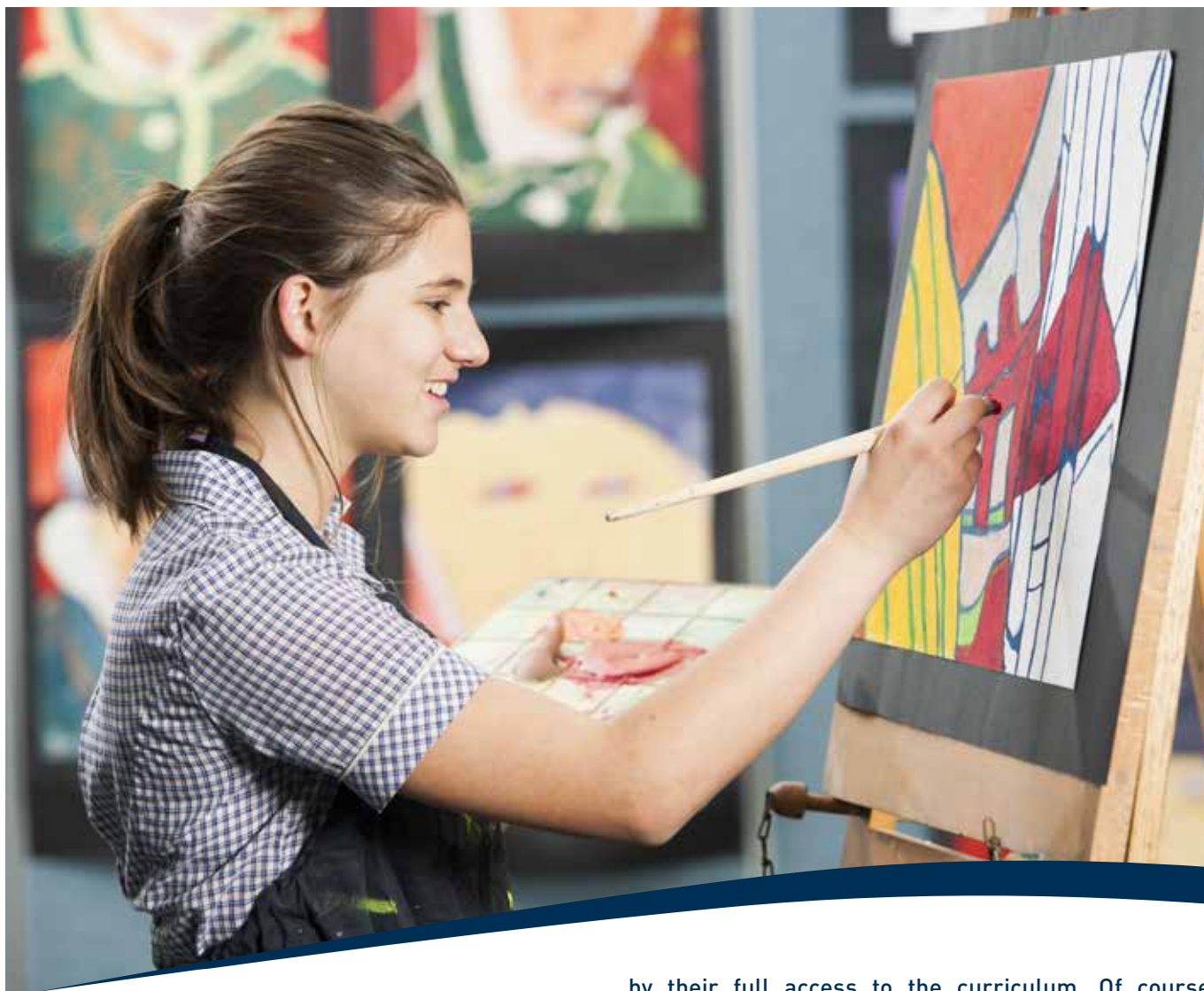
2015 saw the commencement of a partnership with the University of Melbourne designed to enhance wellbeing and the academic outcomes of the students at Heathmont College which has further strengthened our links with this institution.

RMIT University

Heathmont is in partnership with RMIT for an innovative partnership with a small number of schools in Melbourne, focused on enhancing tertiary access and participation for students. The pre-entry exploration of disciplines and industry with this program has been shown to significantly contribute to student success.

Deakin University

Heathmont partners with Deakin University to deliver study skills sessions and university familiarisation programs for students in order to assist them to make informed choices about their tertiary outcomes.



International Student Program

Heathmont College has an ever expanding vibrant multicultural student body community and we appreciate the rich diversity that this brings to the school. Amongst these students are many who are beginning to learn English as an Additional Language (EAL students).

Heathmont College has worked closely with the Department of Education and Training's International Students division to develop a fully accredited program to provide a comprehensive and rigorous educational program for students who enrol at the College.

This program is delivered at Heathmont College so that students may begin to immerse themselves in the culture of the school from the first day.

Our growing EAL program ensures that each EAL student receives individualised and effective support. The development of their language skills is enhanced

by their full access to the curriculum. Of course becoming fully integrated into Heathmont College extends beyond the classroom, and staff are committed to ensuring that their wellbeing is catered for through positive participation in school life.

English as an Additional Language (EAL) is currently offered as a subject as part of the VCE Study Program and can be offered as a parallel study from 7-10, allowing students to benefit from an EAL-tailored delivery.

Students are assisted to study their first language at VCE in order to maximise their academic outcomes. This is done by enrolling them at the Victorian School of Languages which allows them to study their chosen language whilst at Heathmont College.

Specialist multicultural staff also are available to assist the students in class.

Students receive support to feel happy and comfortable in school through group and individual programs.

Our extensive Student Wellbeing Program which is located in a separate wing of the College, including a social worker and counselling psychologist, is also available to support students and families.



Transition to Melbourne

Upon arrival at Tullamarine Airport, the student is welcomed by Qun Mao, International Student Program Coordinator. She then takes the student to their homestay family and assists the student to meet and connect with the family. This includes arranging for the transport of the student to the College as they learn to navigate their way around Melbourne.

The College organises a number of excursions designed to help with this familiarisation including:

- A guided tour of Melbourne, as well as Box Hill and Ringwood
- Personalised assistance to learn the transport system of Victoria
- A tour of local services and amenities
- Home stay families events such as meals at the school, and trips to local areas of interest
- Excursions to the beach

Other services offered by the International Student Department

- Individualised academic support and guidance from the Director of International Students
- Interpreter service
- Medical assistance
- Extensive access to sporting facilities
- Chess club membership
- An International Student study hall where they can access support from staff, heat meals and study.
- A very well resourced Library
- On site IT support
- Specialised university transition service
- Ongoing communication between Australia and families
- Multicultural aides



Homestay program

We rigorously manage the Homestay Program which students access. The International Student Program Coordinator personally visits all homes on a regular basis to oversee the student's out of school life. An important element of this program is the constant communication with the students and their families to maintain high standards and ensure the comfort of students.

Families have access to our online management system. COMPASS whereby they can see attendance, work set and have timely communication with staff. They are also able to view all school communication and student activities through this system.

Student reports are also immediately available to parents via this mechanism.

Student Wellbeing

We understand that for students to be able to achieve well, they need to be fully supported. This is especially important for International Students who are away from their families.

Heathmont College provides a high level of service in this area.

Students are assisted by the following staff:

- Head of Student Wellbeing
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- College Chaplain
- Secondary School Nurse

Furthermore, new students are provided with a buddy from the student population to provide peer support.

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