

At Collingwood College.....

Our Middle School begins and ends with an exciting transitional journey for our students. These years are important as we nurture, support and assist the development of our students in their successful progression towards the higher levels. Collingwood College has a diverse, but united and collegiate community, where each and every student's welfare, safety, wellbeing, academic progress and development are the first and foremost priorities.

Year 7 students are not only transitioning from Primary School to Secondary School, but also from child to responsible young adult. From the onset, students will be guided to master organizational and study skills by familiarising them to Compass timetables, use of the school planner and time management. The two main programs in this level are Mainstream and Steiner. Each program seeks to focus on a range of core subjects pertinent to the program enrolled in. Both programs follow are aligned with the Victorian Curriculum. Highlights of the year 7 program are a combined, all level City Camp Experience, Subject Based Excursions, a Respectful Relationships Pastoral Care focus, Interschool Sports and a unique Camp Program. Laptops will be accessible to Mainstream students to help develop their ability to incorporate digital technologies into their learning.

Year 8 students, regardless if they are in Steiner or Mainstream, are supported by their teachers to develop into the best learners that they can be. Students are again following the Victorian Curriculum, but at the same time they are encouraged to be aware of the important values within and outside the school to become positive life-long learners and committed members of society. Highlights of this year include the Major Year 8 Passion Project that is presented to a wide audience and one that has been worked on for six months. Exhibitions of best pieces of work are also showcased to a panel of senior teachers before progressing to the next level.

In Year 9 students are being transitioned and prepared for entering the senior school. By now, they will have become independent learners and creative thinkers. Our 9 students continue to study following the Victorian Curriculum, regardless if they are in the Steiner or Mainstream program. English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Art, Physical Education and LOTE are core subjects but they are also able to choose from a range of elective subjects. In Year 9 Steiner the students over the year undertake four enriching outdoor based activity camps as part of the Steiner program. The Mainstream students have the ARC program which involves Photography, Sailing, Community Art projects and seeing first hand conic community sites over the year.

At Collingwood, we are proud of our '**Inspiring Young People**' who share in our values of:
'Diversity, Creativity, Innovation, Achievement, and Relationships.'