



# Warrandyte High School



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# WELCOME TO WARRANTYTE HIGH SCHOOL

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## OUR VISION & VALUES:

Challenging every learner in a safe and supportive environment

A part of the educational journey at Warrandyte High School, we want all our students to learn and demonstrate our core values, at all times upholding our high expectations.

- EXCELLENCE:** Our students strive to do their best in all they set out to achieve
- INTEGRITY:** Our students display outstanding morals to become outstanding citizens in the 21st century
- RESPECT:** Our students have high regard for themselves, for others and for their community

Established in 1978, Warrandyte High School is set amongst the beautiful green bushland and southern slopes of the Yarra River in Warrandyte, only a few minutes from the heart of the main town. Well known for its fantastic facilities, including a 250 seat-capacity state-of-the art theatre, a lush and well maintained football oval and soon-to-be open modernised Creative Art & Design and Technology precinct, Warrandyte High School caters for a wide-range of learners. Welcoming students across a wide-range of local areas, we are excited to provide our families with a range of learning opportunities focused around our two core themes of 'Teaching and Learning Excellence' and 'High Expectations'. With a strong focus on student wellbeing and providing all students with an extensive range of opportunities outside the classroom, Warrandyte High School is the school of choice in the local, and wider communities.





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At Warrandyte High School, our core focus is on developing kind and caring students who are well-equipped to enter the 21st century as young adults in whatever pathway they aspire. We expect our students to achieve the best educational outcomes possible, as well as acquire the personal skills that will inspire them to challenge themselves well into the future.

Nestled in the urban fringe, we provide all students with a safe and beautiful learning environment. With strong links to the wider Warrandyte community and a determination to provide outstanding educational opportunities, we also provide students with a wide-range of extra-curricular and leadership opportunities.

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Our state-of-the-art Creative Design and Technology wing has been purpose-built to provide students with not only a warm and welcoming environment but one which allows their creative flair to shine. Our immaculate green oval provides a space for students – both during class and outside of class – to enjoy many different sports and outdoor activities. The 250-seat capacity theatre is also a centre-piece of the school, allowing students the opportunity to learn and perform in one of the most highly sought after theatres in our community.

Outlined throughout the pages of this book, you will discover the fantastic educational opportunities we provide for all students at Warrandyte High School and be immersed in the range of educational activities we also provide beyond the classroom.

Mrs. Rachel Lynch



# OUR SCHOOL, YOUR JOURNEY

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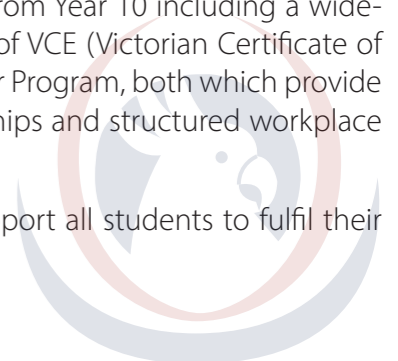
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Providing a comprehensive curriculum and rich elective program across Years 7-10, our smaller school environment is purposefully designed to provide the very best opportunities to all students. Our Instructional Model ensures that all students are receiving the highest quality of education and instructional practices, with a core focus on improving student outcomes in literacy and numeracy across the curriculum. We also offer an extensive range of programs for our senior school students, commencing from Year 10 including a wide-range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) options, an extensive range of VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) subjects as well as the HeadStart Program and VCE – Vocational Major Program, both which provide students the opportunity to undertake school-based apprenticeships/traineeships and structured workplace learning.

We know that the educational journey of every student is unique and we support all students to fulfil their desired pathway.



# TRAILS OF DISCOVERY



From 2024, all students in Years 7 -10 will participate in our 'Trails of Discovery Program'. We know that giving students real choices in the classroom — whether that be through the material they study, the learning tasks they complete or the peers with whom they work, can boost their engagement and motivation, allowing them to focus on their strengths, and enable them to meet their individual learning needs. Trails of Discovery is tailored to provide those choices to all students through vertically structured 'trails' of learning where like-minded students from Year 7-10 will come together a few times a week to focus on their passion areas.

Building on the success of our Basketball and AFL programs, all students will select a 'trail' to focus on which harnesses their interests and individual strengths. Students will continue to focus on academic areas including Maths, English, Science and Humanities (as well as a number of other elective subjects) and will also select their own trail. Each trail has been carefully designed to provide students with a clear pathway to the future in many different areas.

# TEACHING & LEARNING EXCELLENCE: Innovative Education for 21st century learners

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## Junior School: Strong Foundations

Catering for a wide catchment of students, Warrandyte High School prides itself on its outstanding commitment to meet the learning and wellbeing needs of all our students. Fostering our excellent partnership with our feeder primary schools, our transition program is aimed to support all students as they enter the next stage of their educational journey. Our dedicated Year 7/8 Co-ordinator works with students and their families over their first two years of high school education, supporting their learning and wellbeing needs. At Year 7 and 8 we have a focus on building strong foundations required for future successes. With an emphasis on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes, all staff work towards ensuring students are well supported to achieve their best. Students have the opportunity to participate in our wide-range of extra-curricular activities including sport, instrumental music and our school production. Our students are also introduced to the extensive range of experiential learning experiences through our practical subjects including Food Technology, Digital Technology, Creative Art & Design and Physical Education. Students also participate in our W.E.L.L. (Wellbeing, Engagement, Leadership and Learning) Program which is aimed at equipping students with the skills and knowledge to look out for themselves and others, to develop strong leadership skills and learn how to engage in various environments).

## Middle School: Cultivating Learning

As our students transition from the junior school to the middle school, our focus for them is all about cultivating their learning. Having a growth mindset and building upon the core skills and knowledge from their junior years, students in Year 9 and 10 participate in a range of learning experiences to extend their knowledge, personal qualities and aptitude for learning. Our stimulating vertical elective program provides the opportunity for our Year 9 and Year 10 students to come together in the same class and share experiences, develop and cultivate the skills they have built in previous years and continue to strengthen their passion areas. This program recognises the different needs of students at this stage of schooling and supports individual learning and career pathways that underpin a solid core curriculum. At these year levels, students also continue their focus on the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. Students in Year 9 participate in a range of learning experiences both in and outside of the classroom, including our Year 9 City Experience. At Year 10, students will have the opportunity to enhance their studies, setting themselves up for future pathways. Students are offered programs including Vocational Education and Training, VCE advancement and HeadStart (school-based apprenticeships/traineeships).

## Senior School: Pathways for Future Success

When our students enter the senior school, as Year 11 students, they have already developed the skills and knowledge required to be successful learners. The senior years of secondary schooling at Warrandyte High School provides all students with the opportunity to focus on their own pathways for future successes. Offering both the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Education with a Vocational Major (VCE-VM), we provide a breadth of opportunity for all students in Year 11 and 12 to ensure that the pathway they choose after schooling is successful. We continue to also offer the VET and HeadStart programs to provide continuity of learning and completion of courses commenced in Year 10. We are proud of our senior students past successes, many of whom have had outstanding achievements in various VCE subjects – with many varied successful career pathways. With confidence, we are able to say that all students who leave Warrandyte High School, at the completion of their educational journey with us, enter the world as successful young adults with clear pathways, a vision for their future and the personal skills and qualities that will set them up for life.



## PREPARING STUDENTS TO BE THEIR BEST

At Warrandyte High School we are committed to providing a safe, caring and orderly environment that fosters strengthened relationships between our students, staff and families. The needs of our students are the focus of all that we do, promoting a positive approach to learning both in and outside of the classroom. The wellbeing needs of our students are supported through our dedicated wellbeing team including our Wellbeing Coordinator, Mental Health Practitioner and Adolescent Health Nurse.

Throughout the year, students participate in a range of specialised and unique wellbeing programs, targeted to support their mental and physical health needs. We work closely with a range of external providers to focus on areas including relationship building, anti-bullying, mental health and wellbeing, goal setting and motivation, study skills, gender specific issues and harm minimisation and risk-taking. In addition, we use a Restorative Practice approach with our students – providing each of them with the opportunity to take responsibility for their own behaviour and impact on others. Our partnership with 'Real Schools' builds the capacity of our staff and students to deal with challenging situations with a solutions-driven approach which promotes and encourages a positive approach to behaviours at school.

Each student at Warrandyte High School will complete their educational journey prepared for the 21st century. High expectations are set by teachers and staff for all students so that they can achieve their best, no matter what that may look like. Students are encouraged to perform at their academic best and teachers consistently expect them to work to the best of their ability at all times – this includes being well prepared and on-time for class, wearing their full and correct school uniform, entering the classroom with a growth mindset and having an enquiry and solutions focused approach to their learning. Our supportive and inclusive classroom environment provides the opportunity for all students to excel, regardless of their starting point, and succeed in all that they do.

Our Student Leadership Program, Student Voice Council and Peer Support Program are all designed to develop leaders of the future. Our philosophy is that we expect the very best of all students, at all times, and that extends beyond the classroom. These programs allow students to play a pivotal role in the development and enhancement of school initiatives, providing feedback to the school leadership team and supporting other students. Feedback is regularly sought from these groups of students on various school initiatives, classroom practice and school engagement. Through including students in setting our high expectations for learning and growth, we are ensuring that the voice of our students is always heard.

## EXTENSION AND SUPPORT:

Meeting students at their point of need



Teachers at Warrandyte High School know that all students have very specific learning needs and that no two students are alike. While some students will need support in specific subjects, others will require extension and enrichment. To best understand the needs of our students, teachers analyse a range of data – particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy – to develop teaching and learning programs that improve the outcomes of all students. In all classes, teachers differentiate their teaching – aiming to extend those students who need to be challenged in their learning, while at the same time supporting those students who need specific assistance with their learning. Our strong focus on literacy and numeracy skills supports all students to develop the skills they will need throughout life. We also provide students with additional learning needs strong support through our Disability & Inclusion Program. This program is designed to ensure all students have access to equal opportunities, a teaching and learning program that is delivered to meet their individual needs and the personal support required for success.

Students at Warrandyte High School are equipped with the skills necessary for the 21st century in many ways – and our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Laptop program is a core component of our teaching and learning program. Learning in the classroom is supported through the use of our online platform, Compass, and students regularly use their laptops to supplement the learning in their classrooms.

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## ENRICHMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES

A well-rounded education includes access to a wide-range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities. Warrandyte High School is well-known for challenging every learner in many different ways. Our extensive enrichment program aims to provide all students with access to programs that complement the learning in the classroom. Our Performing Arts & Music program is extensive and has a long and proud history at Warrandyte High School. Some of our performances have included We Will Rock You, Shrek Junior, The Adams Family and this year we are excited to present 'Matilda The Musical'. Our students can also choose to take instrumental music lessons in Brass, Percussion, Woodwind, Voice, Piano and Guitar, and become part of our amazing school concert band. Our camps program is similarly extensive, and we offer numerous trips for students to gain experiential learning experiences. Our Year 7 Camp is a highlight at the commencement of each students' journey with us, allowing students to opportunity to get to know each other and make new friends. Our Year 9 City Experience sees our Year 9 students learn about the city of Melbourne over a series of excursions around town. We also offer students the opportunity to travel to Italy as part of our international immersion program. These camps develop self-confidence and a willingness to undertake new experiences.

Students also immerse themselves in a range of daily and weekly opportunities designed to engage our students in a range of ways. Our Inter-school Sport Program supports our long history of sporting excellence with students regularly achieving impressive results in a range of sports at the highest level. Junior students have the option of taking up our onsite Maths tutoring program which sees our highly skilled Senior Maths students tutoring them after school. This program has produced fantastic results for our junior students and provides our senior students with great experience.



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# TRANSPORT

Warrandyte High School is serviced by Panorama Coaches, Hurstbridge Buses, Invicta and the National Bus Company. These services provide transport access along all the major routes into Warrandyte.

