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“Schools are wonderful places – busy, exciting, challenging, rich with possibility. The chance to genuinely connect with and follow the trajectory of remarkable young people makes school leadership one of the best jobs in the world”.

- Michael Horne, *Principal 2023*

The Hamilton and Alexandra College is a regional, independent, co-educational day and boarding school for Early Learning to Year 12 students.

‘Knowledge and Wisdom’ has been the College motto since 1872.

The team of excellent staff are experts in their subject and are recognised at state and national level. College teachers work together to inspire the students and foster independent and active learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

College students develop ‘knowledge and wisdom’ that prepares them for the workplace of the future and equips them to be exemplary global citizens with strong personal values.

The College curriculum offers each student the opportunity to engage, explore and emerge as the best that they can be, prepared for their confident future.

Senior School

Junior School





The Hamilton and Alexandra College is an aspirational, regional community where everyone is known, valued and challenged.

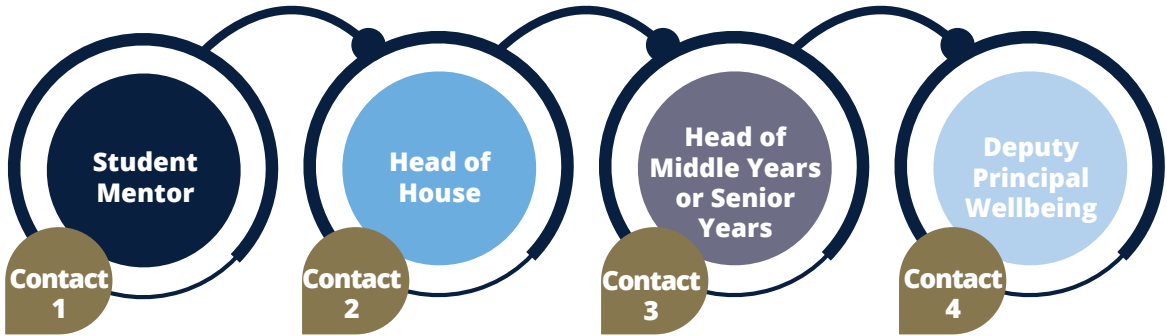
Knowing each and every student, their interests, goals, areas for development and overall wellbeing is our number one priority.

The Pastoral Care system at College is made up of four Houses – Berry (red), Laidlaw (blue), Learmonth (gold) and Young (green).

Your House becomes your school family, with House and mentor meetings starting off each school day.

Every student has a House mentor and Head of House, along side these the Head of Middle Years and Senior Years and Deputy Principal Wellbeing support and direct each student with their needs.

At College, the staff work in partnership with families to achieve the best possible outcome for every student.



PASTORAL CARE AT COLLEGE

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE PICCOLO (ELC 3) AND PICCINO (ELC 4)



The Early Years program is inspired by the philosophy of Reggio Emilia, where each child is considered to be strong, capable and resilient; rich with wonder and knowledge.

The ELC play-based program invites children to be involved in a wide range of indoor or outdoor experiences, which aim to develop their curiosity and a love of learning. Activities are flexible and open-ended. They are designed to foster each child's cognitive, social, emotional, spiritual and physical self.

Staff believe that this approach to early learning will equip children with the necessary knowledge, skills and understandings to continue on their life's learning journey.

Piccino students take part of the specialist subjects at the Junior School, accessing the dedicated classrooms for art, music and Chinese.





SENIOR SCHOOL MIDDLE YEARS

In the Middle Years, students are encouraged to develop a growth mindset, to be curious and committed to becoming independent learners through the application and mastery of new skills and experiences. Students are encouraged to be confident, collaborative, and considerate young people, who are aware of their responsibility to both local and global issues.

YEAR 7 - ENGAGE

The Engage program is an exciting introduction to our Middle Years program at The Hamilton and Alexandra College. It supports the transition from Primary into the Secondary School environment and consolidates routines for effective learning whilst building character and knowledge.

Beyond the core curriculum, students have the opportunity to explore a new language, the creative and performing arts and engage in an innovative Digital Technology program.

YEAR 8 & 9 - EXPLORE

The Explore program assists Year 8 and 9 students to consolidate their learning whilst having more choice and freedom to investigate a range of learning areas that build character and knowledge.

The Explore program offers breadth, ignites passion, and develops skills as students explore new subjects. Students study a core curriculum and Year 8 students can choose four elective pathway units and Year 9 students choose six.

Explore offers a blend of practical, vocation orientated pathway subjects, as well as the opportunity to explore the Visual and Performing Arts, Technology, Sport and Outdoor Education, Agriculture, Equine, Literature and Business Management. Students have an opportunity to challenge and extend their skills with our Edge program.

The Junior Years curriculum is designed to build a strong base for life-long learning.

The classroom program is focused on developing a solid foundation in the competencies of literacy and numeracy. Students are assisted with the provision of extension, enrichment and support as required within their learning.

An appreciation of tradition, culture, self-expression, personal identity and communication is fostered through the specialist program. Specialist subjects, beyond the classroom program, are delivered by teachers with expertise in their area of the curriculum. Specialist subjects include Art, Physical Education, Music, Mandarin Chinese and Drama.

Positive Education philosophies are embedded into our programs, through classroom interventions designed to establish growth mindsets, mindfulness, signature strengths, increased resilience and positive emotion - supporting students to flourish in their learning.

The Myrniong campus is a truly special place for students to learn, play and grow.



JUNIOR SCHOOL PREP to YEAR 6



SENIOR YEARS

YEARS 10-12 - EMERGE

The Emerge program recognises that senior students are young adults ready to take responsibility for their own personal learning. Choice and agency are important, and the three-year Emerge program is designed with that in mind.

At **Year 10**, the core curriculum (English, Maths, Science, PE and Health and Wellbeing) is complemented with an additional 20 periods chosen from diverse subject offerings, including VET courses and Unit 1 and 2 subjects. Each student also participates in Emerge, an additional four periods per cycle that provides students with access to learning support, study skills sessions, coaching, masterclasses, careers advice and preparation for work experience placements. Students will take responsibility for this part of the program and with teacher guidance they design a bespoke experience of independent learning.

In **Year 11**, students continue their study of English and take on an additional five subjects; students can access some Unit 3 and 4 subjects.

In **Year 12**, students usually study English and an additional four subjects.

Our senior students attend small group and individual sessions with the dedicated **Careers Practitioner** and receive additional support from VCE specific teaching staff.

The Hamilton and Alexandra College is proud to offer a diverse range of VCE and VETDSS courses.



At The Hamilton and Alexandra College, we strive for excellence and prioritise the value of 'learning how to learn' as a foundational skill for the future world of study and work.

The Edge program is open to students in Years 7 to 9 and the Excel program is for Years 10 and 11.

The Edge

This program is designed for students who are highly motivated, capable and wish to enrich their learning experiences.

The Edge promotes bespoke programs for students that demonstrate high academic achievement and social and emotional intelligence.

Students are encouraged to extend their literacy and numeracy skills alongside the core curriculum, as well as develop the skills of collaboration, creative thinking, problem solving and communication.

High challenges and failure will be experienced throughout the program. Building resilience and perseverance enables each student in The Edge to further develop a Growth Mindset.

How this program differs to the core curriculum:

- **Languages Other Than English (LOTE)**
Students are required to commit to a three-year program of LOTE study.
- **Masterclasses and Coaching**
Opportunity to attend masterclasses, participate in coaching and work alongside other like-minded students.

Excel

Excel is The Hamilton and Alexandra College's Scholars Program designed to support high achieving Year 10 and 11 students through academic enrichment.

Students will be supported by the Head of Senior Years to participate in a program of events and activities focused on expanding both academic and personal horizons.

Program opportunities include:

- VCE Masterclasses – optional residential program – Unit 3/4 studies
- Study skills program
- Individual coaching
- Networking
- Melbourne University Open Day
- Work Experience
- Mentoring program with Old Collegians

The Hamilton and Alexandra College is committed to supporting each student prepare for university life and a future world of work. Excel creates a network of like-minded students who are striving for excellence in their studies.

The Edge and Excel Programs

OUR OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCES

Our students learn invaluable life skills through participating in age-appropriate outdoor education experiences during their time at the College.

Our camps are a significant part of our school culture – a time for students to bond together, step outside their comfort zones, test resilience and learn new skills.

YEAR LEVEL CAMPS

Years 1 to 5

From 1-night camps for students in Year 1 building to 3-day outdoor education camping programs for Year 5 students.

Year 5 - Cape Bridgewater (Coastal Environment)

Introduction to outdoor activities, staying in hard top accommodation.

Year 6 - Grampians or Arapiles National Park (Mountains Environment) and Canberra Experience

Encouraging teamwork through abseiling, climbing, bush walking and mountain biking, staying in tent accommodation. Experiencing the capital of Australia and its many attractions is a wonderful bonding experience for the final year of Junior School.

Year 7 - Glenelg National Park (River Environment)

A four-day canoeing journey, staying in tent accommodation.

Year 8 - Otways National Park (Coastal Environment)

Expedition-based 5-day hiking journey, including mountain biking and canoeing. Staying in tent and bivvie accommodation.

Year 9 - Micah Experience

Grampians Retreat, Melbourne, Mittagundi and Grampians Peaks Trail. This is a full year of experiences that encourages students to step outside of their comfort zones in many different situations and environments.

Year 10 - Central Australia (Desert Environment)

13-day journey to the middle of Australia. Adventure activities include hiking in the Flinders Ranges National Park, mountain biking along the Oodnadatta Track and sunset and sunrise over Uluru. Students learn about the history of these areas, including our indigenous culture, the old Ghan railway line and also see how a cattle station operates.



Boarding at The Hamilton and Alexandra College is a 150 year tradition and is an experience where each young boarder can grow in independence, confidence, resilience and organisation.

Students come from regional, rural and metropolitan areas, as well as overseas to access this amazing learning community and to make the most of the wide range of co-curricular activities on offer at the school both during the day and after hours.

FLEXIBILITY

We offer a range of boarding options, including full-time, weekly, casual and day boarding.

LIVE. LEARN. LEAD

The Live, Learn, Lead model of modern-day boarding, focuses on boarders developing their own identity, whilst modelling an inclusive and accepting environment.

SLEEP. NUTRITION. EXERCISE

To be the best version of yourself, a positive focus on sleep, nutrition and the right amount of exercise is vital. We enforce strict sleep times which are staggered across age groups. This is because we know that sleep is the key to learning and wellbeing. Trained chefs prepare quality meals and cater for individual dietary needs with boarders encouraged to join an organised sport through school and in the community.

SUPPORT & CARE

Dedicated boarding staff are trained to care for the boarders and contribute to their academic, social, co-curricular and pastoral care. Academic staff members supervise study sessions during the week, so boarders receive additional help when they are doing their homework.

House Mothers are dedicated to Year 7 and 8 boarders and deliver a Lifeskills Program. The College nurse is available to care for boarders when they are unwell and the College counsellor is onsite each week.

BOARDING AT COLLEGE

CO-CURRIULAR OPPORTUNITIES AT COLLEGE

Students at The Hamilton and Alexandra College are supported to become well-rounded young adults and are encouraged to try different things.

We emphasise the importance of developing a lifelong commitment to a healthy lifestyle and the ability to be a team player in all aspects of the co-curricular program.

The Sports Program is extensive, with a broad range of options so that all students can engage in physical activity. From rowing to horse riding, hockey, clay target shooting, rock climbing, basketball, cricket, netball, football, table tennis and many more.

Geoff Handbury Sports Centre

Neil McLean Hockey Field

College Cricket Club



Our dynamic and vibrant Performing Arts program from Junior School to VCE provides skills and confidence to perform for an audience. There is an annual production season which is a huge commitment but the friendships, refined skills, confidence and everlasting memories are worth every minute.



Equestrian Centre

The College Equestrian Program is unique, with an equestrian centre located at the Junior School campus where students can agist their horse (great for boarders) or bring their horse to access the incredible facilities. Equestrian students attend workshops and lessons with world class instructors and participate in several community events organised by the Head of Equestrian.



The Music Program begins in the Early Learning Centre and goes right through to VCE. There are abundant opportunities to perform in choirs, orchestras, solos and groups both at school and in community events. Students are supported to learn every instrument imaginable through the incredible full-time staff and tutors that visit College each week.

Kantor Family Music and Performing Arts Centre



FACILITIES

Since 2004, The Hamilton and Alexandra College have invested over \$25 million on major infrastructure projects – a commitment to meet the evolving needs of community, students and staff to ensure the school is providing best-in-class educational facilities in our regional setting.



Winifred Berry Resource Centre



myPEC - middle years POSITIVE EDUCATION CENTRE



Year 12 Common Room



Kantor Family Music and Performing Arts Centre



Junior School undercover area



Equestrian Centre



Information Technology Centre



Helen Handbury Science Centre



Early Learning Centre



The Neil Maclean Hockey Field

ENROLMENT

We warmly invite you to arrange a personalised tour of the College or visit on one of our Open Days.

To arrange a tour at a time that suits you, please contact:

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