



Plenty Valley
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge



PROSPECTUS

A QUALITY EDUCATION
WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

A COEDUCATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE KINDER TO YEAR 12





A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Choosing a school for your child is one of the biggest decisions you will make as a parent. It is important that the character of the school matches your deep hope for your child.

We take education seriously, and the role to develop a strong foundation of skills and understandings, biblical principles, and values upon which further learning pathways, good character and wisdom can be built. It is our desire to partner with you in the education of your children.

At PVCC, we see each student as being uniquely created by God – they all have their strengths and weaknesses. Our hope is to see them strive for excellence in everything they turn their hand to. While at PVCC, we want young people to discover and develop their talents so they can serve others effectively and generously. We want them to know that they are loved and valued just as they are as they journey the successes and challenges of school life, and above all, know that they are loved by God unconditionally.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our college tours or Open Day events and we hope your journey of discovery leads you to a long association with Plenty Valley Christian College.



We see your child, their strengths and weaknesses, and we meet them where they are at.

Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



OUR DISTINCTION

At PVCC we see uniqueness as something to be celebrated and supported. We are interested in the whole student and have a desire to see them develop their unique God-given gifts and talents in all areas. Some students are great at maths, others at friendship building, some excel at music, science or sport, and others have an amazing heart for the poor. We see all these attributes, and many more, as equally important, and we want children to be discovering and growing their gifts and talents, ready to enter and impact their world.

How we do that at PVCC is firstly through a solid, academic foundation. We also pastorally care for students; we know them and they know us. We allow – as much as possible – for children to play hard and play well. We move and experiment and take measured risks and sometimes fail. These are all an integral part of growth, and we value each part of the process.

Above all, and within our individuality, our deep hope is that our students will grow in character traits that reflect those of Christ and mirror our creator God.



OUR VISION

Plenty Valley Christian College is a Christ-centred college that pursues excellence in education and character, daring our students to be engaged, equipped, and empowered to transform their communities, local and global.





OUR VALUES

Because we are
Christ's Image
Bearers, we



Learn Courageously

We take responsible risks, collaborate with others, we feel safe to make mistakes, and we make the most of every opportunity.



Strive for Excellence

In all aspects of learning and life, we give our very best.



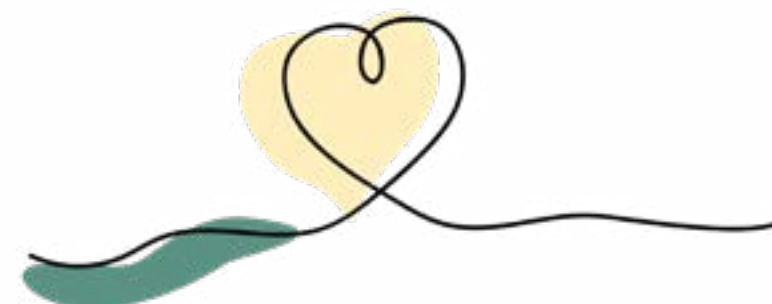
Build Community

We are outwardly focussed, we embrace and enjoy diversity, and foster a spirit of love, respect, gratitude, and grace.



Actively Steward

We use the gifts that God has given us to care for ourselves, for others, the environment, and the world around us.



Nurture Godly Character

We endeavour to follow in the footsteps of Christ himself by being honest, humble, kind, and empathetic.

EARLY LEARNING

From the moment you set foot inside Plenty Kids Early Learning Centre, you experience wonder. Children's laughter, the strum of a guitar, little voices singing and red trikes racing by. The mountains rest silently in the distance, and you may even hear the chuckle of a kookaburra.

This is the safe and nurturing environment where children are learning about themselves, others, and God's incredible creation – from three and four years of age.

Our indoor/outdoor learning spaces create opportunities for children to immerse themselves in play-based exploration, experimentation, invention and problem-solving, and our first-class Christian education program fosters creative, responsive, and respectful relationships where children can discover and become all that God intends them to be.

Plenty Kids educators take great delight in helping each child in our program build their self-esteem and shape their emerging sense of self-identity, because every one of our Plenty Kids educators believes in each child's unique ability to be amazing.

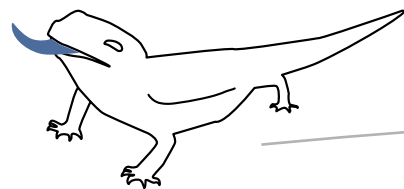
Each child is supported and encouraged to develop responsibility for their actions and interactions with others, as they develop an understanding and respect for the interrelationships between themselves, others, the natural and constructed environment.

Plenty Kids ELC is strategically positioned alongside our Early Years sub school, to encourage an easy transition for children into the Primary school at PVCC.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:13-14



At Plenty Kids, 'what is possible' has not been predefined. Mutual discovery and learning is fostered so that each child's unique way of experiencing, being and interacting with the world can be recognised and supported.





PRIMARY

Students in Prep to Year 6 at Plenty Valley Christian College are known and loved! And so are our resident blue tongue lizards.

In the same way that our students know each lizard's hidey hole and favourite garden beds, our classroom and specialist teachers take great delight in knowing each child and taking them on an exciting journey of learning where they are encouraged to excel academically, grow spiritually, and share their God-given uniqueness.

All Primary students are provided with a strong foundation as they are immersed daily in literacy and numeracy lessons. In addition to these, students experience weekly specialist classes covering Performing Arts, Visual and Media Arts, Innovation (science, technology, innovation and design), Physical Education, and Languages other than English (LOTE). It is a rigorous program where each student is encouraged to strive for excellence, unearth their natural abilities, and be the very person God has created them to be.

And while every child has different academic needs, we believe in helping students wherever they are in their learning. They might be excelling in learning new concepts or require assistance or guided learning; we want to reach each student at their learning point. Our teachers desire to help students understand that they are capable of academic and personal excellence.

From Year 4, students are introduced to the PVCC camp experience. Primary camps are designed to expose students to a small number of nights away from home where they can explore God's world, take risks in a safe environment, and build community with their peers and teachers.

While our Primary school exists in two geographical parts – Early Years (Prep – Year 2) and Junior Years (Years 3 – 6) – students regularly come together for activities and experiences, including assemblies and chapel services, sporting programs, gala musical and drama events, student leadership initiatives and missional and fundraising activities.



Primary school is a wonderful environment where every child is encouraged to grow in wisdom and faith, have respect for their peers and teachers, and above all, have thankful hearts.

MIDDLE YEARS

YEAR 7-9

In the transition from Primary to Secondary School, students develop strong relationships, as they embrace new classmates and understand the importance of learning from others and learning with others.

Daily home groups provide opportunity for relational growth, pastoral care and mentoring where biblically based and culturally relevant conversations shape our students and their worldview. Home group teachers also deliver weekly timetabled Christian Education classes for students in Years 7-10.

From Year 7, students receive a core curriculum of English, Christian Education, Humanities, Maths, Science, Health and Physical Education, and Sport. Students are also presented with a wide range of elective subjects including Art, Drama, Food Technology, Information Technology, Italian, Media, Music, and Wood Technology, encouraging them to explore and hone their talents and gifts interdependently.

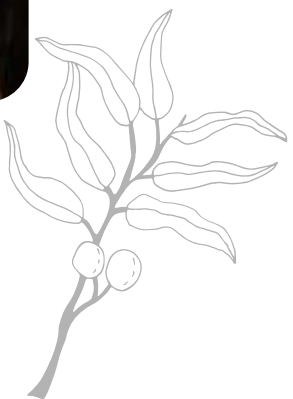
The increased emphasis for Year 9 students is on taking responsibility for their personal organisation and engagement in the learning process. To assist them with this, PVCC provides a world-class Cognizance program for students, equipping their understanding of the brain function and providing them with the tools to take charge of their own learning.

While Year 9 and 10 students are growing in their understanding of self, PVCC uses these key developmental years as the time to expose them to a number of local community service projects and international mission opportunities, with the focus on outreach and others.

Musical productions, camps, fundraising activities, and inter-school sports are opportunities offered to all PVCC Secondary students and students are encouraged to immerse themselves in activities to help them develop as individuals and as a part of a community, to expand their abilities in networking and socialising outside the classroom.

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Colossians 3:23

The Middle Years are when students are encouraged to unearth undiscovered talents and abilities. They are presented with many opportunities to dig deep and give everything a go, and enjoy being surprised by the outcomes!



SENIOR YEARS

YEAR 10-12

Senior students at PVCC are encouraged to strive for excellence in their studies and to think through the wider issues about education, especially those that are uniquely addressed by a Christian character. Our senior secondary education sets the scene for adult choices in career and lifestyle.

In keeping with the intentions of the VCE, the elective program widens to support students' unique talents and provides the opportunity for an individual tailored course of study. Senior students can select elective subjects such as Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Health and Human Development, History, Legal Studies, Literature, Physics, Psychology, Studio Arts, and Italian. These can be followed all the way through senior years.

Students are given assistance to develop responsible work habits and to aim for personal high achievement. This approach is balanced by studies in, and the thoughtful practice of, a Christian lifestyle.

The VCE years are also the level at which student leadership in the school becomes prominent. College captains are appointed annually and have a high profile in the ceremonial functions, the organisation of student programs and extra-curricular activities.

Our secondary school students have an established record of outstanding achievement in their studies, sporting, cultural pursuits, and service to the community. It is our privilege to impart and transfer knowledge and skills as they seek to go and transform the world around them.



For I know the plans
I have you for, says the
Lord..." Jeremiah 29:11



"Before I went on the mission trip, I thought I would be going to Thailand to help other people. When I got home, I realised how much the Thai people helped and changed me." — PVCC student, Year 10





ENROLMENT NEXT STEPS

Thank you for your interest in Plenty Valley Christian College for your child's education

1. FIND OUT MORE

Visit our website www.pvcc.com.au and take a virtual tour
Sign up for a Tour or Open Day to come and visit the college

2. APPLY

Complete the online application form on our website

3. ENROLMENT INTERVIEW

Should your application proceed to an interview, you will be contacted for an appointment with a Head of Subschool or College Executive member

4. OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

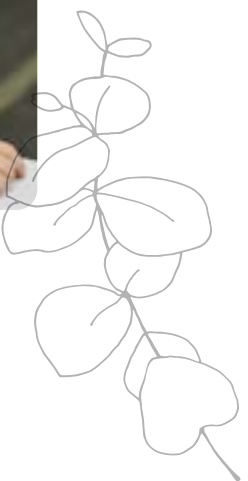
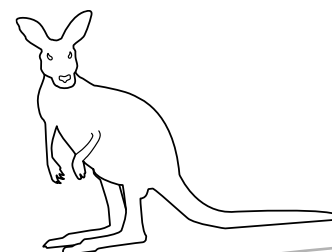
Successful applicants receive an offer of enrolment from the College

PLANNING AHEAD

Major enrolment intakes occur at 3-Year-Old Pre-Kinder, 4-Year-Old Kinder, and Year 7. All other enrolments are based on the availability of places at the year level requested. The majority of Prep enrolments are filled from transitioning 4-Year-Old Kinder students. Interviews and enrolment offers for Prep are conducted if Prep classes are not filled from Plenty Kids ELC enrolments. Applications for enrolment in Prep and Year 7 at Plenty Valley close on 31st August each year, two years prior to the date of commencement.



**Let your light shine
before others...** Matthew 5:16



A RICH HISTORY AND LEGACY

The history of Plenty Valley Christian College is one that is steeped in prayer, sacrifice and the perseverance of many individuals and families who caught a vision for the necessity of a Christian school in Melbourne's north eastern suburbs. While 2021 was the year we celebrated forty years since the first day of school, our rich history began long before the first brick was even laid at 840 Yan Yean Road.

1960s



FAITHFUL BEGINNINGS

A small group of Christian parents begin attending meetings of the Victorian Association of Parent-controlled Schools. They are continually encouraged to form an association with the forward thought of starting a parent-controlled school in the Diamond Valley area.

1970s



DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE

After a decade of planning, praying, sacrificing, and saving, the Association for Parent-Controlled Christian Schools in the Diamond Valley purchases 20 acres of land on Yan Yean Road in Doreen for \$70,000.



1980s



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On Tuesday 3 February 1981, Mr Ray Meers, head teacher, and 15 students officially begin Plenty Valley Christian School in Mernda while the Doreen school site is still under construction.

1983 – A symbolic walk takes place on October 22 to the new site at Yan Yean Rd, Doreen – now a community of about 20 families and 45 primary aged children.

In February 1984, the first Year 7 class commences, with 12 students.

1990s



SECONDARY EXPANSION

Construction begins of the secondary area including the Library, Art Room, Home Economics kitchen, Technology Room and Business Studies Room.

In 1991, the first Year 12 Class begins with school captains Brialie Alford and Andrew Broen.

The secondary extension is officially opened by founding members and international visitors, including the Cedarville Singers.

In the 90's, Secondary electives include rollerblading and ballroom dancing!

2000s



A NAME CHANGE

Prime Minister John Howard visits PVCS for 2 hours, speaking at a primary assembly and to VCE students. He also writes a five page letter to students in Prep and Year 1 in response to a book they have made for him.

Plenty Valley Christian School becomes Plenty Valley Christian College, and the college embraces a millennial approach to education.

2010s



21ST CENTURY GROWTH

\$2.5m expansion of Primary school classrooms, including interactive whiteboards in every class.

\$3.5m Multi-Purpose Hall development and adjacent amphitheatre, external courts and landscaping as well as classrooms with interactive whiteboards, administration offices, meeting rooms and amenities block.

\$2.4m development of ovals, bus shelters, and wetland area.

Introduction of the iPad program.

Refurbishment of the Grade 5/6 classrooms.

\$4.4m Early Learning Centre and Primary Early Years building.

Plenty Kids Kindergarten celebrates their inaugural year in 2018!



2020s

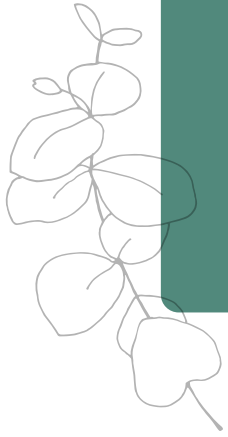


BRIGHT FUTURE

Student population of approximately 830 from Kinder to Year 12, with 115 staff.

Secondary Covered Walkways project is underway, and the college celebrates 40 years of God's grace and faithfulness.





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