



# The Knox School

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CO-EDUCATIONAL | ELC TO VCE

P R O S P E C T U S

At The Knox School we value:

Achievement

Responsibility

Respect

Resilience

Care and Empathy



# Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to consider The Knox School. You have made an excellent start in your quest to find a school for your child.

The students who come to The Knox School are lucky to enjoy excellent facilities and outstanding teachers, and while they are here we will work with you and them to develop self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

Our strong values underpin everything we do – Values of Achievement, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Care and Empathy.

The students who graduate from The Knox School are remarkable young people who take these values into the world and make a difference. Whatever career path they choose, we know that, if they're a Knox student, they will be the best they can possibly be and we, and you, will be immensely proud of them.

We are an independent, co-educational school for students from ELC to Year 12. We are on a very attractive campus in Melbourne's leafy eastern suburbs. We celebrate each person's unique spirit without religious affiliation. We have a commitment

to small class sizes that provide greater interaction between teacher and student. Each student is made to feel important and is recognised as a valuable and individual member of our community.

The Knox School offers students a safe and caring learning environment filled with opportunities and challenges that will inspire and fulfil them today and into the future. Upon graduation they will join the ranks of our alumni who are changing the world in many wonderful ways.

The Knox School is a unique place. There is a special atmosphere here; one that can be sensed as soon as you enter the campus. Our students are happy, friendly, polite and focused on learning. Ours is a unique school where parents, students and staff work together in a small, friendly, caring environment. That is an enviable position to be in and one not found in many schools.

I look forward to meeting you personally when you visit our School. You will be made very welcome.

**Mr Allan Shaw,**  
Principal and Chief Executive







# Three Schools *One campus*

The Knox School campus covers eight hectares, providing academic and co-curricular facilities to 650 students.

The Knox School has three sub-schools all located on one campus:

**Junior School - ELC to Year 6**

**Middle School - Year 7 to Year 9**

**Senior College - Year 10 to Year 12**

The Knox School is located on attractive grounds on Burwood Highway, between Stud Road and Mountain Highway in Wantirna South, Victoria. The School lies only 500 metres from the Burwood Highway interchange of the EastLink Freeway, making it easily accessible from most of Melbourne's eastern and southern suburbs.

The Knox School is well-serviced by a wide variety of transport systems and we offer several chartered bus routes from surrounding suburbs, comprising coach services run specifically for The Knox School and our own fleet of mini buses.



# First *Class* Facilities

The first class facilities at The Knox School include the Information Common Building, a resource shared by the whole school, featuring a unique Multimedia Recording Studio, an IT Helpdesk, Libraries, Careers and Counselling Services and a Health Centre with a fully qualified nurse.

At The Knox School, technology plays a pivotal role in the daily life of our students. Digital Technologies are introduced from year 5 and are changing the way teachers teach and students learn. High speed wireless broadband connections are located throughout the entire School.

The 400 seat Auditorium is a modern and lively venue where students and their families come to



celebrate student achievement, creativity and talent during assemblies, productions and performances. The Auditorium also features a function space and an Art Gallery with student artwork on display.

Our Hospitality Centre is an industry standard facility featuring a wide variety of commercial equipment and a small café, allowing students to prepare and present their creative dishes and beverages.

Located throughout the grounds is a wide range of sporting facilities including an Olympic size, synthetic turf, floodlit hockey field; extensive ovals; tennis courts; basketball courts; grassed

playing areas and a multi-purpose sports centre housing two indoor basketball courts, a fully-equipped weights room and cardio room.

Our classrooms are spacious and filled with natural light. All rooms are heated and air-conditioned. Electronic whiteboards and projection equipment are available in all classrooms to enhance student learning. Our modern Science Laboratories feature the very latest in scientific equipment including digital microscopes.

# The Knox School Journey

The Knox School has a strong values-based education program which underpins everything we do.

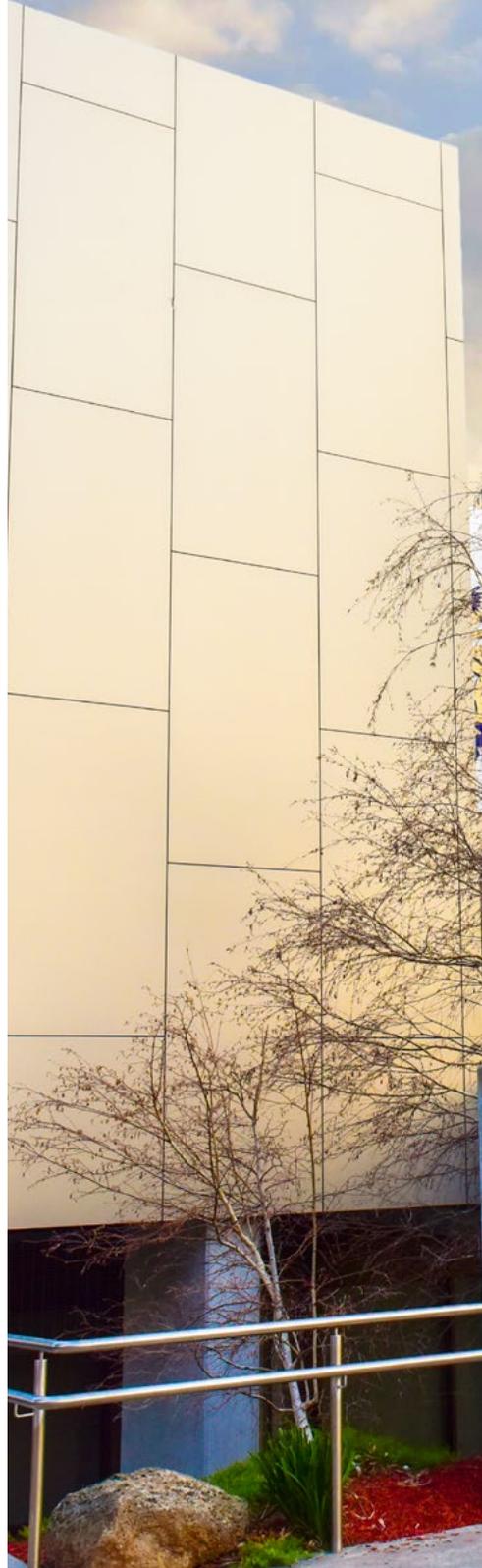
There is an emphasis on the creative aspects of education: arts, music, drama and dance. There is a healthy participation in sport, outdoor education and community involvement.

Teachers care for and truly get to know each student and their family. The quality of student relationships with each other and the adults on site is one not found in many schools.

With only 650 students across the entire campus, we are small enough to provide the personal care and attention your child deserves. This is a place where both academic and co-curricular achievements are recognised and applauded.

In order to better position students as they leave School to enter a complex and shifting world, greater emphasis is being developed for the adaptive skill set (*Future of Jobs Report, World Economic Forum 2015*) to complement the extraordinary tertiary placement outcomes achieved regularly.

The Knox School students are happy and confident with a true sense of empathy and consideration for others.



*Achievement,  
Responsibility,  
Respect,  
Resilience,  
Care & Empathy*



*Learning to be at*  
**SCHOOL**

# Junior School

The Junior School caters for students in the first stage of their formal education offering an ELC program for three and four year olds and classes for Prep to Year 6 students. Playgroup is also available in the Junior School.

The environment is warm and supportive, bright and vibrant – encouraging students to explore their surroundings and develop an appetite for learning and life.

The ELC program introduces our youngest children to the School in a program that draws on play and children's natural interests. Specialist classes in Performing Arts, Library and PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) are part of the curriculum. The ELC program allows children to make the transition to Prep very smoothly and with greater confidence.

From Prep to Year 6, students are introduced to a greater range of opportunities. The Specialist Program allows our specialist teachers to work closely with classroom teachers to develop a

curriculum that links concepts and skills across a range of topics.

Literacy and numeracy skills are a primary focus of the Prep to Year 6 program and integrated units are underpinned by Science, Health, Technology and Humanities. Years 5 and 6 are housed in a bright and colourful learning centre atop the Information Common building with plenty of space and light for collaborative learning and teaching.

Special days provide a focus for a different approach to learning such as our Oktoberfest where students participate in activities that consolidate class sessions and generate an interest in another culture.

The home-school connection is important in the Junior School and we welcome family members to the School on Special Persons' Day, to assist with School productions, assemblies and as classroom helpers during the term.

## WRAP

WRAP is a child-centred approach literacy program. It includes instruction in listening, speaking, spelling, reading, writing, handwriting and comprehension. WRAP develops foundational literacy skills through multisensory perceptual work and develops application of those skills in meaningful contexts for practice.

Students develop a sound understanding of the English language for spelling, writing and reading.

The evidence of its success is clear in our excellent NAPLAN results (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) showing that 100% of our students are above the national average in writing,\* and the Junior School's results place it in the top 2% to 2.5% of primary schools in the country.

\*2015 results. Years 3 & 5

# Middle School

The Middle School comprises Years 7 to 9 and provides a seamless transition from the Junior School, building on the wonderful values-based programs established during the younger years.

Year 7 has a dedicated learning and transition centre catering for the needs of developing students by encompassing both individual year level classrooms and an open learning space. The centre space allows for innovative collaboration and the use of technology and electronic media.

The school day is structured to provide five periods of 70 minutes duration allowing for the inclusion of in-depth learning and consolidation within each lesson. In Year 7 the program will allocate a team of dedicated Year 7 specialists to provide engaging units of study. At all three levels, specialist teachers will deliver a varied creative, artistic and technology-rich program.

In these important formative years, students' needs evolve and specialist staff are available for Pastoral Care and mentorship.

To improve self-confidence and personal growth, students in Middle School are encouraged to further develop their public speaking and debating skills.

To facilitate the transition of the large number of students who will join the School at Year 7, The Knox School conducts Orientation Days for all incoming students to make them feel welcome

and to allow them to experience the exciting times ahead.

The adolescent years offer a challenging time for many young people and our dynamic and unique Middle School has at its core a curriculum focus on adolescent health and wellbeing. We aim to develop in our Middle School students, greater social and personal development, confidence, resilience and self-esteem.

While a dedicated team of staff ensures that key learning areas are met, there are a number of self-discovery programs that students will participate in – all programs that are very important as they deal with the varied challenges of adolescence in the modern world.

The Middle School is sensitively staffed with a mixture of male and female teachers who are specifically trained to deal with young people.

Students experience programs such as the Tournament of Minds, the KEEP (Knox Educational Experience Program) city project, Outdoor Education and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Middle School allows students to enter the Senior College with confidence in the uniqueness of self, in their talents and with their relationships. At this important stage in their schooling, students have developed an independence and belief in the dream of what they can achieve.



*Establishing my place in a*  
**BIGGER WORLD**



POSITIONING  
*for the* FUTURE

# Senior College

The Senior College is the final stepping stone for students in Year 10 to Year 12 as they position for their future.

The Knox School provides opportunities for our senior students to achieve academic success and to enhance their individual wellbeing, giving them the best possible start to life beyond school.

The Knox School's vision acknowledges enterprise, business acumen and the importance of preparing for the technology-based society of the 21st century.

The curriculum is constantly reviewed to be a reflection of the demands of our dynamic world.

Personal development is encouraged through many opportunities and we have an emphasis on development of a growth mindset, personal excellence, leadership and continual improvement. Our School's values encourage responsibility towards the environment, respect for our uniform, acceptance of others and tolerance of difference. It is our aim to develop in the young people who graduate from The Knox School a respect for citizenship, honesty, thoughtfulness, loyalty and a willingness to serve others.

Co-curricular programs, emphasising leadership and the acceptance of responsibility for others, underpin the Senior College's values and practices. Leadership is developed through our School Captains, Prefects, House Captains, Music Captains and Peer Mentors.

Students are encouraged to participate in an extensive program of activities that centre on building self-confidence, public speaking skills, improving organisational abilities and building sound personal relationships.

At The Knox School, size is our advantage. Class sizes enable students to receive the individual attention that they may need at this critical time.

The Knox School offers both VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) and VET (Vocational Education and Training) subjects to meet the prerequisites for tertiary and vocational training.

The VCE curriculum offers the choice of more than thirty subjects including three foreign languages. Our VET focus is on Hospitality and Multimedia, through membership of the Mullum Cluster and a range of other courses.

Leadership is central to the development of character for all our students. Our students are encouraged to speak publicly, to accept responsibilities in a variety of co-curricular activities and to join programs which specifically target the skills of leadership and good followership.

The development of leadership skills is fundamental to our ethos. Young people who support each other in all aspects of school life are likely to live and work together with purpose. Our School leaders are encouraged to support and care for their younger peers. Every student of The Knox School should feel secure and comfortable to seek help and advice from a School leader.

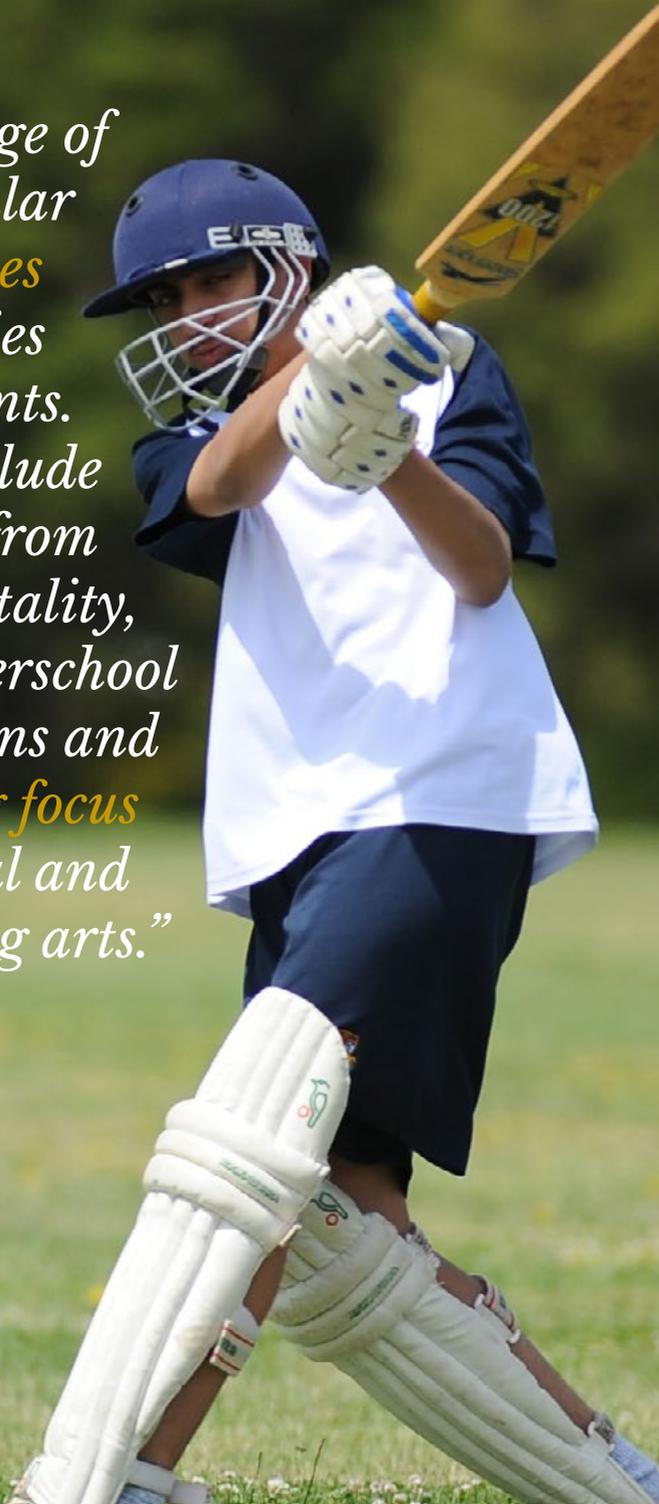
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School, there is  
an **expectation** of  
**personal excellence.***

*Our students are  
**challenged** every  
day to be the  
best they can  
possibly be.”*



*“A large range of  
co-curricular  
opportunities  
and activities  
exist for students.*

*These include  
anything from  
sport to hospitality,  
interschool  
competitions and  
a strong focus  
on visual and  
performing arts.”*



# Curriculum

At The Knox School our mission is to enhance and develop the aspiring mind with a passion for life-long discovery and learning. The curriculum is the structure through which we deliver this mission.

Throughout the entire School we recognise the importance of the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and The Humanities and we aim to provide the opportunity for every individual to gain the satisfaction of realising their academic potential. From the support of our Assisted and Accelerated Learning Department to the challenge of enrichment programs, we strive to ensure that every student at every level is individually catered for.

The curriculum is designed to meet the challenge of preparing young people for the technology-based global society of the 21st century. We incorporate Learning Technology across a broad range of subjects including Multimedia, Robotics, Games Programming, Music Technology, Web Authoring, Graphic Design and Photography. Our unique multimedia facilities allow us to integrate this technology, utilising our fully equipped studio to create audio and visual recordings.

The curriculum is constantly reviewed to ensure that it continues to provide the optimum choice of subjects to suit the widely differing career paths and goals of individual students.

In the Junior School the curriculum is designed to challenge and stimulate young minds all while providing a strong focus on literacy and numeracy skills. The Middle School curriculum aims to improve students' self-confidence and to develop individuality.





*Catering*  
for **INDIVIDUALS**



*Working in partnership  
with you*

A young boy with brown hair, wearing a dark blue school suit, white shirt, and a striped tie, is smiling warmly at the camera. His hands are clasped in front of him.

# The Power of Feedback

The Knox School is immensely proud of its place in the digital age. Across the entire school we have embraced the latest technology to enhance, not only our educational outcomes but to communicate with our community and to provide timely and up to date parent-school access.

Continuous Online Reporting is available to parents from Year 7 and above who can be kept informed of students' assessment tasks and their progress through them.

At any time during the year, they are able to see the task, the date due, the criteria for marking and the achieved result.

The reports are up to date with the progress of all subjects and results published a short time after the assessment task is completed and marked.

By seeing the criteria for marking, both parent and student can see where they need to improve and action can be taken immediately so that subsequent tests show improvement.

This Continuous Online Reporting system helps students improve in all areas of learning.

# Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular activities are those that extend learning beyond the core curriculum. They are an essential and enjoyable part of school life for all students at The Knox School.

The School offers a wide range of co-curricular activities designed to enable all students to develop interests, skills and personal qualities that will enrich their lives now and in the future.

The co-curricular activities on offer at The Knox School are extensive and encompass Music, Performing Arts, Sport, Outdoor Education, Equestrian, Debating and Technology.

A highlight of our co-curricular program is the unique opportunity to learn a musical instrument from Year 2 to Year 7 at no extra cost.

Students at The Knox School have the opportunity to participate in School productions; large scale events that involve many students as dramatic or musical performers and backstage crew.

School concerts are exciting musical events and an opportunity for The Knox School to showcase our musical talent with performances by choirs, orchestras, concert bands, big bands, brass ensembles, percussion bands, rock bands and more.

The Knox School offers students the opportunity to participate in numerous professional and competitive events in local, national and international arenas. We have achieved state and national recognition in competitions such as the Tournament of Minds, and received international acclaim for our Music Ensembles.

Sport is also a significant part of our co-curricular offering. Students have the opportunity to experience a range of sports and compete with other independent, co-educational Melbourne schools in the Inter-school Sports Program.





*Enriching*  
**LIVES**

# Individual Care

The Knox School's personalised attention is not only a feature of our teaching but also extends to the care of our students. We provide a network to support students in every aspect of their study and personal life.

The Knox School offers a range of services to assist students with their academic and personal needs including:

- Subject selection
- Career guidance
- Counselling
- Pastoral care

- Academic support programs
- Medical assistance
- Access to holiday programs

The Assisted and Accelerated Learning Department provides support for students with special learning needs from Prep through to Year 12. As students have strengths and weaknesses and different learning needs, the student support program is tailored to suit the learning needs of individual students.

The Enrichment Program has been developed for gifted and talented students and is designed



to enrich and supplement the individualised learning already in place across the School.

Pastoral Care is concerned with the emotional, physical, intellectual and moral development of the individual student. Pastoral Care is important in all stages of transition, helping students develop a positive self-image, resilience and a feeling of belonging.

Individual counselling, group support, specialist program development, staff discussions and working with families are all used to enhance the continuing health and wellbeing of individuals

and the broader School community.

Throughout the whole School, regular open and honest communication between students, parents and staff promotes a joint approach to student wellbeing.

A feature of The Knox School is the intimate size of each sub-school where all students and their families are known to every member of staff. This creates a strong sense of belonging which supports the students through their various developmental stages.





# Community

The Knox School community includes our students and families, staff, School Board, and our Alumni association.

Led by our Principal, Mr Allan Shaw, The Knox School staff consists of dedicated professionals who value the importance of a well-rounded education. They are caring, passionate, approachable and innovative.

Teachers maintain contact with parents throughout the year via regular parent-teacher interviews and reports, and contact via email. Parental involvement in the life of the School is encouraged and parents are welcome to seek further feedback and advice from teachers throughout the year.



The staff at The Knox School extend beyond the classroom with teachers and administrative personnel working together to provide our students with a pleasant, secure and safe learning environment.

The Knox School values the on-going support of our community and we work closely with all

members to ensure that our School is an active and established member of the wider community. The Knox School supports many charities and appeals throughout the year as a way of giving back to our community.



# Discover the Difference

At The Knox School, we celebrate each person's unique spirit.

Students can explore their talents in a large number of ways: on the sporting arena, the concert platform, the hospitality kitchen, the performance stage.

A recent survey of our Middle and Senior students showed they are optimistic; connected to school;



encouraged by teachers and engaged in the process of learning.

One of our core values is Resilience, the mental or psychological skill to properly adapt to stress and adversity. In doing this we each draw upon the best in ourselves and those around us.

Building resilience involves creating the three things every parent wants for their child, every

teacher wants for their students, and every community wants for its young people: that is for children and teens to have **safe, happy and fulfilling** lives.



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HOUSE CAPTAIN  
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SCHOOL CAPTAIN  
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# Thank you

Thank you for spending a few minutes of your time to consider The Knox School.

We invite you to take a personal tour of the School so that you can experience our wonderful facilities and meet our friendly staff and students.

Please contact our Registrar on 8805 3800 or email [registrar@knox.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@knox.vic.edu.au) to arrange an appointment or to join our monthly School Tours led by our Principal, Heads of School and School Captains.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Staff & Students,  
The Knox School

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