

Edenhope College



*Edenhope College
'Responding to the needs of all Learners'*

Information for Prospective 2021 Foundation Parents

Dear Parents,

Enrolling your child in the Primary School at Edenhope College provides the benefits of learning in **small classes**, with **experienced teachers** who provide a **welcoming, friendly and nurturing environment**. Edenhope College offers thirteen years of schooling from **Foundation – 12**.

Edenhope College is structured into three sub-schools. This arrangement places our school in an ideal position to embrace teaching and learning strategies that are ideally suited to the stages of schooling recognised as best meeting students learning needs.

The **Primary School** (Years Foundation – 6) focuses on maximising the literacy and numeracy skills of all students.



The **Middle School** (Years 7 – 9) focuses on maximising student engagement in and connectedness with their learning, and on minimising the anxieties associated in moving from primary to secondary education.

The **Senior School** (Years 10 – 12) focuses on preparing students for a range of vocational pathways, by providing access to applied and academic learning through Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS), School Based Apprenticeships, the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) programs.

At Edenhope College we are keenly interested in ensuring that all our Primary School students achieve the expected state wide standards of literacy and numeracy. We are committed to ensuring that extra resources go towards staffing, reading materials and other support material for our **Early Years Program**. Our Early Years Program focuses on **Literacy – Reading and Writing**, and **Numeracy**. Our teachers have undertaken extensive professional learning and training, and have devoted many hours of work to the preparation of resources for our students.



The Primary School teachers have regular meetings to share ideas and discuss student progress. This team approach and the use of specific information enable teachers to provide learning experiences that suit each child's needs. Parents are strongly encouraged to be a part of this vitally important phase of their child's learning, by listening to reading at home on a regular basis, and perhaps accepting the College's invitation to assist at school.

The key goal of our College Strategic Plan is to improve learning outcomes for each student throughout the College, especially in literacy and numeracy. The good news is that our detailed planning and intervention programs have resulted in **excellent student learning outcomes** in our Primary School.

Ms Kim Thornton & Mrs Alison Hausler were our Foundation teachers in 2020 and the 2021 Foundation teacher will be **Ms Kim Thornton**. **Mrs Alison Hausler** will continue as our **Primary Literacy Intervention** expert, which has proven to be extremely successful in lifting the reading skills of students in Year 1. **Mrs Alison Hausler** is a qualified Reading Recovery teacher.



A benefit for Primary School students in a Years F – 12 College is that they have **access to specialist staff and facilities**, including music, German, physical education and health teachers; the College Library; specialist foods centre, computer pods and the Kowree Sports Centre.

Our **Agricultural** program led by **Mrs Annabel Hawkins** allows all F-6 students to be a part of maintaining the school farm. Students learn how to care for the school animals and harvest produce from the garden.

We also have an extremely successful **Technology** program which exposes all primary students to lessons in Wood, Textiles, Food & Digital Technologies. These hands on, practical lessons are very popular with the students.





swimming pool.

At Edenhope College, we encourage all students to participate in all activities, and to have fun while building a healthy body. The **Kowree Sports Centre** provides our students with an excellent venue for indoor activities, with access to specialised gymnastics equipment, the stadium and an outdoor



Physical Education trained teachers teach our Primary School students for one hundred minutes each week across two lessons on separate days. Students also learn **German** for fifty (Years F – 2) or one-hundred minute (Years 3 – 4) lessons.

The College Student Wellbeing Team amongst other includes a College Chaplain and a Primary Welfare Officer who implements a number of support programs for our Primary School students. Many individual students are also helped by sessions designed for their needs.



We have a **Socialisation and Leadership Program F-12**, which addresses the well-being of students, and identifies the qualities that we all need to develop in order to live as responsible citizens. Programs that encourage students to develop their leadership skills and take on leadership roles are an integral component of our curriculum.

Our classrooms are complemented by many contemporary learning resources and exciting playground facilities. Our Primary School classrooms are ICT (Information and Communications Technology) and E-Learning (Electronic Learning) rich environments, equipped with interactive screens. In the F-2 classes, students have access to a bank of 20 iPads and the College has a 1:1 netbook ratio for all students.



The ICT installed in all College classrooms, is an engaging teaching and learning tool. Our flexible learning space,



Connected Learning Environment, will continue to create further learning options College-wide, with specialized equipment, including video conferencing and drama performance facilities.

The College uses Xuno (student management tool) as a communication tool for parents and staff. It is highly effective and fosters a positive relationship with parents. We send weekly diaries, assessment results, time tables, messages of students' progress and events information. We receive messages and absence notifications from parents.

2021 Foundation Enrolments

Now Welcome!



Check out our virtual tour

Fill out the online form to request more info

Visit our website

www.edenhope.vic.edu.au

Please contact the Office with any questions or to request an enrolment pack. P: 03 5585 1277 E: edenhope.co@education.vic.gov.au

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Further information about the College, including a **virtual tour** is available on the **College website** – www.edenhope.vic.edu.

Our virtual Foundation Information Night can be found here <https://youtu.be/V5jHiFvu71c>

Enrolment forms are included in this pack. Enrolments for students looking to commence at Edenhope College in 2021 close on **Friday October 9th**.

Transition Program 2021

During **Term 4** students who have enrolled at Edenhope College will be invited to **attend the College every Friday morning for five weeks**, commencing in the third week of term on **Friday October 23 & finishing on Friday November 20**.

There will be a **final Orientation Day on Tuesday the 8th of December**. The students will be placed in their 2021 classroom and meet all their classmates for the coming school year.

We trust that this information is useful to you. We look forward to meeting you and we are pleased to offer our College to you and your child. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the College Office on 5585 1277.

Yours faithfully,

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Foundation – Year 6 Leader

MR JON NEALL
Principal