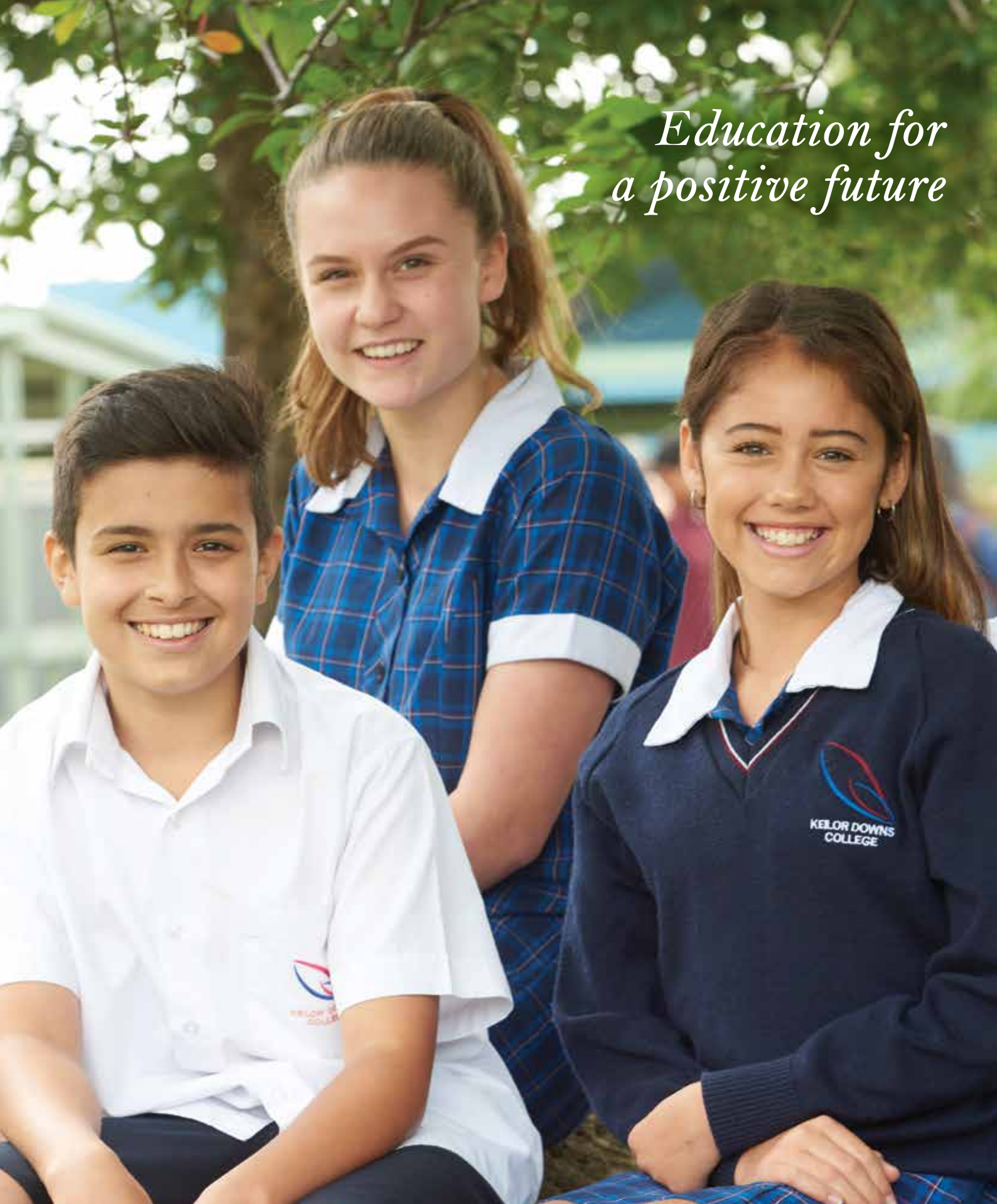


*Education for
a positive future*



Keilor Downs College



Principal's Welcome

I am so proud of Keilor Downs College for so many reasons. It is a calm, respectful school which is well known for its excellent wellbeing programs. Our vertical House structure means that, even in a big school like this, students are known and connected to Keilor Downs College.

Our curriculum is extremely consistent and well-planned, catering for the needs of our very diverse range of students. As a result, we achieve excellent learning outcomes, from strong NAPLAN results, to high performance at VCE and strong vocational outcomes. Another aspect of Keilor Downs College that I value is catering to such a wide range of student needs and ensuring that every student has the greatest opportunity to achieve their full potential. We offer a wide range of special programs including our gifted education program, a strong program for students with disabilities, language support program and a wide range of electives in later years to cater for every interest and aspiration.

One of the most positive features of the school is our extensive extracurricular program where our students can explore their strengths and talents in music, sports, chess, debating and, of course, our elite soccer program. I love being continually surprised by the amazing achievements of our students in such a diverse range of activities.

Choosing a school for your child is a significant decision and parents can be assured that their child will be guided through their secondary years by professional, committed and caring staff. I love that we serve the community of Keilor Downs College so well and look forward to welcoming your family,

Linda Maxwell

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Principal

Wellbeing

We take great pride in our ability to create a safe and secure learning environment which allow for all students to maximise their academic and social growth.

At Keilor Downs College the students are connected to a vertical House structure (from Yr. 7 - 12), supported by a dedicated House team. This helps to ensure all students are known and supported as individuals and to build a strong identity and connection to the school. It also supports families by ensuring close communication and building strong partnerships/relationships with the school.

To ensure that all students feel safe and supported we have a range of specialist wellbeing services such as student welfare coordinators, psychologists, a school nurse, a youth worker and regular access to a GP through the Doctors in School program (and even a wellbeing dog!).

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework, contains three core expectations known as the Keilor Downs College 3: Fair Learning, Fair Treatment and Safe and Secure. These form the basis of our student behaviour and expectations matrix.

The College has a strong social curriculum which explicitly teaches and models respect, gender equality, healthy relationships, diversity and resilience.

The result of these programs and resources is the calm, positive and happy learning environment that we are so proud of at Keilor Downs College.



The Junior Years

The transition from primary to secondary school is a vital step in a child's education. A solid academic foundation is established with a focus on literacy and numeracy and core studies in:

English, Humanities, Mathematics, Science, Explore, Physical Education and Sport, Arts and Technology (including Digital Technology) and LOTE in either Japanese or Italian.

Year 7 students are connected to a House through their home group. Students complete all of their core studies with their home group until they enter the Senior Years. At Year 7, to support transition and minimise movement, subjects not requiring specialist classrooms are all timetabled in their home group room. Each class also has a home group teacher who stays with them through to Year 12, wherever possible, and provides extra support to students.

To further support transition, each home group is provided with trained peer support leaders. The peer support leaders work with their home groups throughout year, attending some classes, sporting carnivals and the Year 7 camp.

Students who require extra support in the classroom may qualify to take part in our language support program and all students can access homework assistance in English and Mathematics. Students with special needs and disabilities (PSD) are supported by a PSD coordinator and a team of integration aides to provide extra support and enhance learning.

In Year 8 and 9 students continue to build strong foundations across all subject areas, with the opportunity to try new Arts and Technology subjects. Year 9 students make their own elective choices from a wide array of subjects.



The Senior Years

Entering into Year 10, all students go through an extensive counselling program tailored to student needs and includes Managed Individual Pathway (MIPs) planning which provides students with career and pathways guidance. Students undertake work experience, which builds a greater understanding of the link between senior studies and further aspirations.

A Year 10 preCAL program is offered to students who are on an applied learning pathway leading to a VCAL course of study.

High achieving students may be able to have a taste of VCE through our VCE access program.

Keilor Downs College delivers a broad range of VCE subjects that provides students access to an array of University and TAFE courses. A choice-based elective program provides pathways to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and Vocational Education and Training (VET).

Our VCE outcomes are excellent, with very high completion rates, an outstanding VCE median score and excellent ATAR scores. This means that our students access tertiary courses at a very high rate and the vast majority achieve first round offers in their chosen courses.

For students seeking TAFE or employment outcomes, the College offers the option of completing a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) course, which includes Vocational Education and Training (VET) through our involvement in the Brimbank VET Cluster. Students looking for apprenticeships or traineeships may also consider the new pilot HEADSTART program.



Extra Curricular

Students at Keilor Downs College are encouraged to participate in the wider school community. They will have access to a wide array of opportunities.

The college participates in a wide range of interschool sports from soccer to badminton and nearly everything in between. Our sports carnivals for swimming and athletics are a great opportunity for students to participate and build House spirit.

Students Making a Difference (SMAD), Student Voice and Global Leaders programs allow students to take part in leadership activities and improve our school community.

Our language programs are enhanced by cultural exchange and our sister school program with Shiroy district school in Japan, has existed for over 25 years. We also offer a trip to Italy every two years.

Our growing Arts and Technology areas include opportunities for students to perform and display their talents on a regular basis including music concerts, festivals and an Arts expo.

Students participate in Maths and Science, debating and chess competitions achieving excellent results.



SEAL

(Select Entry Accelerated Learning)

Our SEAL program offers gifted students the opportunity to extend and challenge themselves. This program has delivered excellent outcomes for our gifted students since 2002 and we are a foundation member of the SEAL Academy.

Keilor Downs College offers places to suitable candidates after a testing and interview process as part of its Year 7 intake. Limited spaces are also usually available for Year 9 placements.

Enrolments

Applicants for Year 7 enrolment must complete a Secondary School Selection Form. For government school students this is made available by your primary school. The completed form should be returned to your primary school by the set date for processing.

For students at non-government schools, a Secondary Selection School Form can be obtained from our General Office and it should be returned directly to Keilor Downs College. Students successful in their enrolment application will be notified by mail.

Applicants for enrolment at other year levels should complete an Enrolment Enquiry Form from the General Office.

We have a very high number of applications for Year 7 and we recommend you participate in our program of tours and the open night in the months before the secondary school selection date.



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