At Coburg High School we offer a broad range of subjects, courses and programs and an extensive range of co-curricular programs and clubs, house activities, interschool sporting competitions, camps, tours, leadership opportunities, and volunteering and community service programs, all within one of the most technology-rich school environments in Victoria.

Coburg High School was re-established in 2015 and we are forging our own traditions and innovations. However, there is a well-established bridge between our contemporary Coburg High School and the original Coburg High School with a large and active alumni group and considerable memorabilia on display at the school. The original Coburg High School was one of the first high schools in Melbourne and in 2016, we held our reunion celebrations for the centenary of the opening of Coburg High School in 1916. Many former students of Coburg High School have become extremely successful in their respective fields of endeavour. In addition, we have expanded from Coburg Senior High School to become a comprehensive Year 7 to 12 school so we have a recent history of highly successful VCE provision and clear, sequential pathways for students through the school. It has been pleasing that our VCE scores have increased each year over the past three years.

It is an exciting time to be a student at Coburg High School. With our state-of-the-art learning commons and specialist facilities, first-class curriculum options, dynamic and dedicated staff, and a vibrant culture focussed on the individual growth of each student, students are offered a broad, enriching and positive experience at Coburg High School.

We warmly invite you to consider Coburg High School as your first choice for high school.

Stewart Milner
PRINCIPAL
WE ARE BUILDING A STRONG CULTURE OF READING AND OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS
Our central purpose is to enable students to strive for **Excellence**, possess a sense of **Curiosity** and a strong interest and openness to learning new things, show **Integrity** in the ways they speak and act, and contribute to the **Community** so they graduate to lead rewarding, healthy and happy lives and can accept and handle challenges. Our goals are for all students to achieve significant and measurable growth in their learning progress and to develop cohesive and sequential pathways and transitions into, through and beyond the school. We also aim to foster a growth mindset and authentic student agency in their learning and decision-making.

We develop the skills of lifelong learning in our students and teach them the knowledge, skills and values they need to thrive in a complex and changing world.

We develop the unique talents of each of our students and enable them to make significant growth and progress in learning.

We foster authentic student agency in their learning, decision-making and future pathways.

We enable students to lead healthy lives, to develop inner strength, and to build and maintain positive relationships with others.
CORE VALUES

We have four core values that underpin our expected behaviours, policies, practices, communication and decision-making at Coburg High School.

EXCELLENCE
We strive to do our best in our learning and our work and to continually improve;

INTEGRITY
We are honest, open, trustworthy and ethical;

CURIOSITY
As lifelong learners, we take an inquisitive approach to our learning and work;

COMMUNITY
We are community-minded, we respect the rights of others, we contribute to making the school an even better place, and we encourage, support and collaborate with each other.

“MY DAUGHTER HAS SETTLED IN VERY WELL FROM DAY ONE – MAKING FRIENDS RIGHT AWAY”
Coburg High School is a vibrant school with diverse and talented students, dynamic and professional staff, and a culture of celebrating achievement and encouraging, supporting and challenging each other to be our best. We go beyond traditional methods of teaching and learning and our students are eager and engaged in stimulating learning tasks, activities and projects.

OUR TEACHERS

Our teaching staff have been drawn from a multitude of high-performing professionals eager to work in a highly collegiate environment.

We are an employer-of-choice in terms of our educational approach, our inner-northern suburban location, and our ongoing professional development of staff through action research, lesson observations, mentoring and a strong culture of collaboratively planning curriculum, teaching and assessing in teams.
We have a BYO MacBook program and students use their high-end MacBooks as the basis for their learning. Students have opportunities to not only learn to use Apple software but also to learn Microsoft, Adobe Creative Suite and Google products. We use Compass as our school learning management portal and parents have access to ongoing progress reports, attendance information, news bulletins, assessment tasks and our school calendar.

**DYNAMIC USE OF LEARNING SPACES TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS**

In 2015, multi-million dollar renovations were undertaken across the school. Our renovated and air-conditioned learning commons enable students to learn in a range of ways to meet their various needs and to cultivate a sense of transparency, community, care and responsibility. Our furniture and classroom spaces can be reconfigured to enable students to learn individually, in pairs, small groups, and across classes and year levels. Our professional and dedicated teachers are comfortable working in pairs and teams to collectively support and challenge all students. We know our students’ strengths, extend their talents, and actively address their individual learning needs.

**SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FRAMEWORK**

We remain at the forefront of student support and wellbeing practices as a lead school in the School-Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB) framework in the northern region and a pioneering school in the Respectful Relationships program. Students are supported to develop a strong sense of identity and wellbeing by all staff and by their Home Group Teacher and our two approachable and experienced Student Wellbeing Coordinators.
PROGRAMS TO CULTIVATE STUDENT TALENTS

There is never a dull moment at Coburg High School. Our students enjoy a broad range of academic, artistic, environmental, performance, musical and sporting opportunities and resources.

Our students participate in a range of sports including inter-school competitions in tennis, hockey, softball, soccer, football, cricket, badminton, volleyball, basketball, cricket, futsal, table-tennis and cross-country running. We have an extensive house program that includes athletics and swimming carnivals, fun runs, debating, talent shows, and inter-house sporting competitions.

OUR LANGUAGES PROGRAM

At Coburg High School we teach Spanish as our LOTE and this is compulsory at Years 7 and 8. Our students achieve highly in Spanish and have placed first in Australia and third in the world in the global Language Perfect competition for Spanish.

HUMANITIES PROGRAM

In Humanities students can choose from a range of electives including subjects such as ‘Criminal Melbourne’, drawing on our nearby access to parts of Pentridge, and interdisciplinary subjects combining psychology, legal studies and history. Our students have opportunities for self-directed projects and investigations based on topics of interest in Humanities and English and we offer real-world and relevant experiences such as mock elections, geography fieldwork excursions, model Youth United Nations, and debating.

SPORT FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

We have a large gymnasium and are constructing a $560,000 set of brand new multipurpose courts with lighting for netball, basketball, volleyball and futsal as part of a Department of Education and Netball Victoria initiative and a joint-use agreement with Moreland City Council.
OUR MUSIC PROGRAM
Our music program is outstanding with expert, friendly and helpful teachers. We have a school show choir, jazz ensemble, rock orchestra, guitar ensemble, and regular concerts and performances.

There are open mic opportunities at lunchtimes and opportunities for students to showcase their talents in our high quality indoor performance space and outside on our performance deck.

In addition, we have a range of opportunities for students to develop their skills in composition, media, audio-visual and music production through our recording studio, broadcast studio and media suite. We offer instrumental music tuition in voice, guitar, bass guitar, piano, keyboard, percussion, woodwind and brass.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY
Our commitment to a diverse and rich education extends to the introduction of food technology as an elective in our newly refurbished room.

OUR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS PROGRAMS
Students learn mathematics and science from highly-experienced and highly-qualified staff—including a number of staff with PhDs—and our specialist science laboratories are state-of-the-art. There are a range of pathways for students in chemistry, biology, physics, STEM, environmental science, robotics and engineering and our students participate in the Science Talent Search, national mathematics competitions, and visit the Gene Technology Access Centre, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Scienceworks for exciting projects and programs.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
STUDENTS TO DEVELOP
THEIR SKILLS IN
COMPOSITION AND
PERFORMANCE
PERFORMING ARTS
At Coburg High School, we have an amazing performing arts program with annual musical productions and a large number of students performing in Wakakirri and in the State School Spectacular as dancers, singers and puppeteers. Our performing arts space, which is used for dance and drama as well as year level assemblies and concerts, is considered by many to be one of the finest performing arts spaces in the northern region of Melbourne. In the arts space, we have fully sprung wood flooring, large mirrors, an AV control box for sound, lighting and projection which overlooks the space, and retractable seating for over 150 audience members.

VISUAL ARTS AND MEDIA
Our visual arts program enables students to explore and fully develop their ability to express themselves and to understand the visual world with well-stocked and inter-connected art rooms overflowing with resources, supplies and artwork and with many opportunities for students to exhibit their work in the local community.
CAMPS, OVERSEAS TOURS AND INTERSCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

There are a range of camps and tours at Coburg High School. Currently we offer camps in Year 7, 8 and 9, including a tour of Tasmania, and specialist camps and tours at senior levels. We have an exchange program with a sister school in the Netherlands focussed on developing the talents of students in the performing arts. We have a close partnership with Melbourne City Ballet and a number of our students are enrolled in the Melbourne Institute of Classical Arts program.

We have also run trips to Thailand for community development work and to foster a strong sense of civic engagement and a global perspective. We conduct outdoor education camps and a marine biology camp, and we have teams participate in the great Victorian Bike Ride and World Challenge expeditions. A number of our students participate in the Alpine School of Student Leadership.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We are proud to serve the local Coburg community and we are deeply committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for our students. We have close ties with Moreland City Council including a Champions Program and collaborative art exhibitions.

OUR HOMEWORK CLUB

We hold a Homework Club every week that students can attend for additional guidance and support with their studies.

Oxygen Youth Centre also offers homework help for our students and we regularly partner with Oxygen on community projects to build student leadership capacity. In 2016 one of our students won the Moreland competition to have her mural artwork displayed, for a year, on the external wall of the Oxygen Youth Centre.
We are situated on an expansive estate nestled within parkland with well-kept lawns and grounds and with beautiful trees surrounding the school. Our school has many sustainability features including a wind-turbine, several large water storage tanks, and a greenhouse for horticulture. We are in close proximity to Merri Creek, Coburg Olympic Pool, Coburg Athletics Track, Coburg Velodrome and Moreland Library. We are easily accessible by public transport and many students walk and cycle to and from school.
OUR HIGH-QUALITY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Our strong VCE results exceed state averages and are continuing to strengthen. As our school has expanded from a Years 10–12 senior-only school to a full Year 7–12 school, we have an extensive and successful history of VCE provision and our team of staff possess high levels of expertise and experience in VCE.

BYTES CAFÉ

Our café, Bytes Café, offers nutritious and delicious food prepared and cooked on site each day.

OUR UNIFORM

Our uniform is neat, comfortable, contemporary, affordable and unique.