

PROSPECTUS



WELCOME TO THE NEXT STAGE IN YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

We live in a complex and changing world. At Coburg High School, we pride ourselves on empowering, preparing and equipping our students for the opportunities that will arise and the challenges they may face in their lives beyond school.

We offer an engaging, contemporary and comprehensive curriculum program from Years 7 to 12 and that is enriched by our extensive student excellence programs, co-curricular clubs, leadership development programs, adventure camps and tours, and year-round house competitions. We hold high expectations for student achievement. Our students strive for their personal best and take up the wide range of opportunities on offer to showcase their talents, explore their interests, and continually develop new knowledge and skills.

It is an exciting time to be a student at Coburg High School. We are known for our positive learning environment, dynamic teachers, robust curriculum, strong wellbeing supports, and our beautiful grounds, state-of-the-art technologies and distinctive buildings. We have grown rapidly since our re-establishment in 2015 and our academic success and vibrant culture has generated great enthusiasm for the school in the local community and beyond, resulting in a high demand for student places.

The original Coburg High School was one of the first high schools in Melbourne and we maintain a strong connection to our long and proud history while forging our own distinctive future for this new generation of young leaders.

I 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 VISION

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.

ONLINE CURRICULUM INTERFACE SNAPSHOT



The image shows a screenshot of an online curriculum interface. At the top, there are three hexagonal icons: a wireframe building labeled 'Design & Technology', a hand holding a glowing lightbulb labeled 'Digital Technologies', and a hand writing on a document labeled 'English'. Below these is a large banner with a background of Indigenous Australian art, featuring the text 'Indigenous Australia'. Underneath the banner is a navigation bar with four buttons: 'Unit Outline', 'Assessment', 'Home Learning', and 'Supplementary Resources'. The main content area is titled 'Learning Overview' and contains four columns of links:

<u>Skills & Sources</u>	<u>Indigenous Australia</u>	<u>Narrabeen Man</u>	<u>First Peoples</u>
Introduction to Humanities	Understanding ATSI language groups	Report Writing	Womiojeka: Melbourne Museum
Where do humans come from?	Victorian Aboriginal Groups	Primary and Secondary Sources	Excursion
A timeline of Aboriginal Australia	Moreland's Aboriginal History	Analysing Sources	First Peoples Reflection

“MY DAUGHTER HAS SETTLED IN VERY WELL FROM DAY ONE – MAKING FRIENDS RIGHT AWAY”

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

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.

OUR VIBRANT CULTURE

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.



ENGAGE

AT OUR SCHOOL,
INTERACTIONS BETWEEN
STAFF AND STUDENTS
ARE RESPECTFUL,
GENUINE AND WARM





INNOVATION

HIGH QUALITY TEACHING, LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORTS

EDUCATIONAL INNOVATIONS

Coburg High School has been an Apple Distinguished School and we are actively involved in networks to use cutting-edge technology in our curriculum. We were one of the first schools to introduce a one-to-one laptop program in Victoria. We have always been innovators in curriculum and in wellbeing.

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, Student Support Leaders, 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 and Mandarin as our LOTE and it is compulsory that students choose one of these at Year 7 and 8 with the option of extending their studies through to VCE. Our students achieve highly in Spanish and Mandarin. They 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 have recently constructed 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.

Basketball Victoria is in negotiations with Coburg High School to bring a premier multi-court basketball facility to CHS in the near future.





FOOD TECHNOLOGY

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

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.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Coburg High School's Learning Resource Centre was opened at the end of 2019 and designed to provide a centralised place of study and research.

Our full time librarian has curated out large collection of texts and facilitates online reading via our Library Management System 'Oliver'. Students use the Learning Resource Centre for designated lessons and during break times to read, play games and to study.

Senior Students have a designated study space within the Learning Resource Centre for their study periods and close access to the VCE Student Support Team, the Wellbeing Team and IT Support who are also located within the LRC.

Students can also access the One Button Studio to create and present their own online presentation using an interactive screen, traditional white board and professional level recording equipment.

OPPORTUNITIES

REAL-WORLD AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR
STUDENTS TO DEVELOP
THEIR SKILLS IN
COMPOSITION AND
PERFORMANCE



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.



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESENT AND PERFORM TO DIFFERENT AUDIENCES, AND WE HAVE A SISTER-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP WITH MAURICK COLLEGE, AN EMINENT PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL IN THE NETHERLANDS

OPPORTUNITIES IN ARTS

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, 9, 10 and 11 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 and in Granada, one of Spain's most historic cities, focussing on immersing students in the Spanish language.

Coburg High School undertakes expedition via World Challenge to foster a strong sense of adventure and to build initiative in students as these months long expeditions require direct student leadership.

We conduct outdoor education camps and a marine biology camp, and we have teams participate in the great Victorian Bike Ride. 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.

STUDENT CLUBS

Students can participate in a number of clubs at Coburg High School. These include Homework Club, Games Club, Bike Club, Standout Group, Run Club and many more. Students are encouraged to begin and lead their own clubs when they find others who share their interests.

Oxygen Youth Centre also offers homework help for our students and we regularly partner with Oxygen on community projects to build student leadership capacity. 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.

OUR BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL GROUNDS

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.

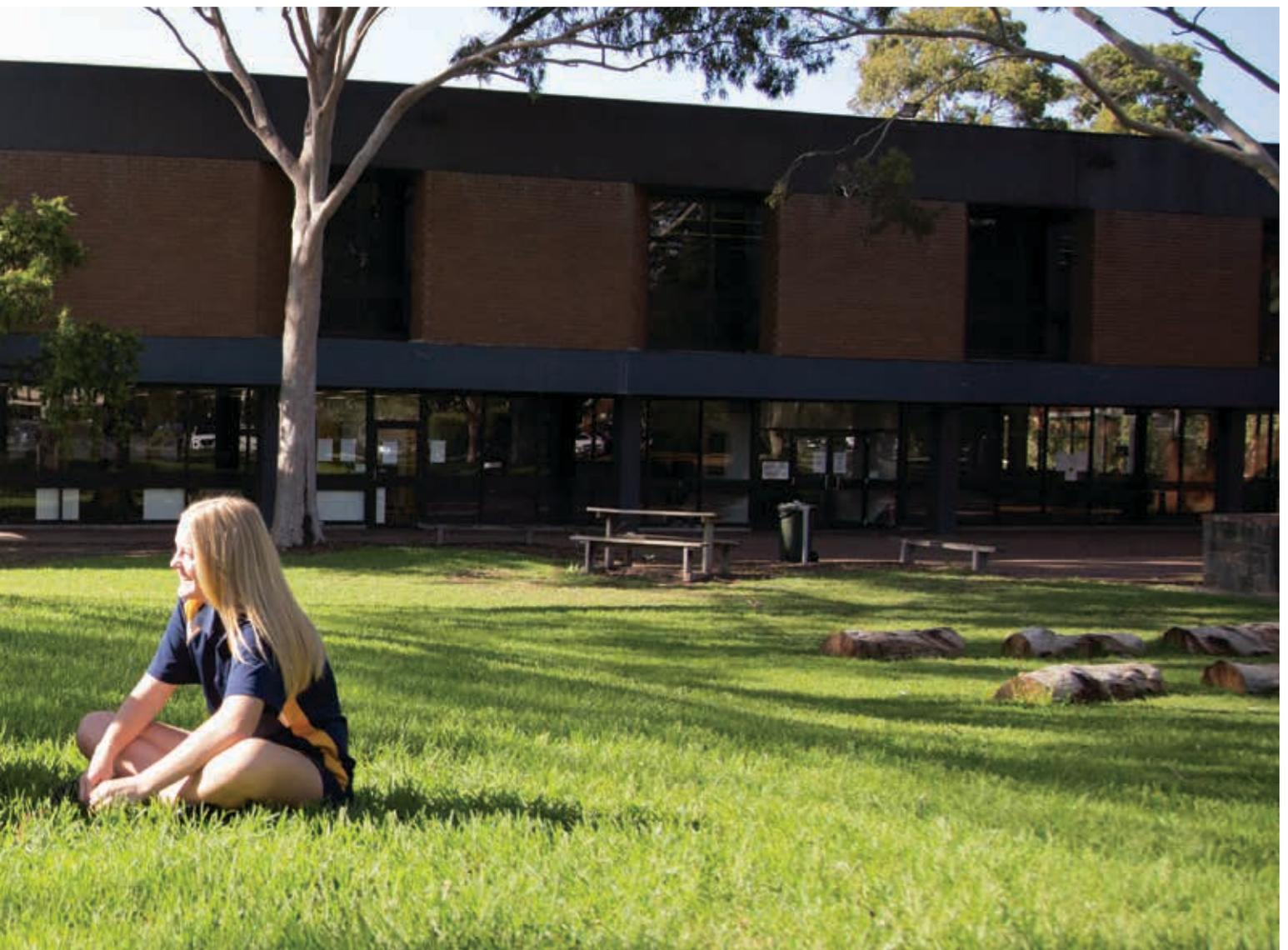
PERFORMANCE

**VCE RESULTS
EXCEED STATE
AVERAGES**



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