SCHOOL PROFILE

Rowville Secondary College is a large dual campus secondary college located in Melbourne’s South Eastern suburbs, within the City of Knox. The Western Campus opened in 1990 and provides for students in years 7-12, including those in the Mathematics and Science Academy. The school’s Eastern Campus opened in 1996 and offers enrolment for students in years 7-9 as well as for Rowville Sports Academy and Rowville Institute of the Arts students through to Year 12. The school has a total enrolment of approximately 1820 students spread about equally across both campuses.

Rowville Secondary College is a unique school built around four programs:

- General Excellence operating at both campuses, with a Year 7 Learning Community being the basis of the transition year after primary school.
- A Maths and Science Academy that orientates the curriculum towards the interest and talent that students have in these subject areas
- A Sports Academy catering for talented students in six sports
- An Arts Institute based on five artistic disciplines covering both performing and visual arts

With the advent of these four programs the school has expanded from being a neighbourhood school catering for the Rowville and Lysterfield area with five main feeder primary schools to one where many students come from well outside this geographic area to pursue their passion for specialised learning.

Rowville Secondary College aims to provide modern, vibrant and challenging opportunities to all students, through a curriculum that dynamically incorporates students’ interests, abilities and future directions.

The college vision restated after its 2012 school review is that:

“We will be exemplary in our passion for learning, with high expectations for achievement and a dedication to providing for diversity of talent and interest. We strive to see students leave Rowville Secondary College confident, happy and ready for success in a changing world.”

The school motto reflects the reciprocal responsibility shared between employees of the school and its student and family clientele calling on all of the school community –

“Opportunities for All – aim high, embrace learning, reap rewards”.

Our vision and motto, however, need the support of a common set of values which enunciate the role all community members have:

1. Respect: act as you would like to be treated
2. Responsibility: brave enough to play your part
3. Excellence: nothing but your best
4. Community: we are all in this together
Staff and leadership structures at Rowville Secondary College reflect the continuing efforts to ensure that the college is unified despite being located in two different physical locations.

A variety of comprehensive induction programs are available to new staff, including professional learning programs, induction days, instructional coaches and ongoing mentors who are appointed to support each teacher. Professional learning and development is a significant part of school life. It is our belief that employment of highly skilled and highly motivated staff who are committed to reflective practices and continuous improvement is the pathway for community endorsement and recognition of our quality.