



ROWVILLE

SECONDARY COLLEGE

Curiosity and Powerful Learning



One Great School
Four Strengths Based Learning Programs



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Welcome to Rowville Secondary College

Rowville Secondary College is **One Great School** with **Four Strengths Based Learning Programs** focused on your child's talents and passions. Our school philosophy enables our students to do what they *love*, so in turn they *love* coming to school to learn and grow. In this prospectus you will get a taste of what school life is like at Rowville Secondary College including:

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- A Variety of Pathways
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- Cross Campus College Facilities

Need more information?

If you have any question about Rowville Secondary College or would like detailed information on our enrolment process please phone **9755 4555** or visit our website **rowvillesc.vic.edu.au**.



School Location

School information

Rowville Secondary College is located in a safe part of Melbourne's east and nearby to the Dandenong Ranges National Park. The school consists of two campuses, East and West. The school's four featured learning programs - RGE, MSA, RIA and RSA offer a diverse range of learning opportunities and challenges for all students. Strong academic, welfare and discipline structures are features. A broad curriculum is offered with over 50 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subjects, Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) plus unique specialist programs in Mathematics and Science, Sport and the Arts. There are opportunities and pathways to successful outcomes for all of our students.

Features of the local area

- Natural environment with open space and Dandenong Ranges National Park nearby.
- Three train stations and two Smart buses service the area, along with local buses.
- Close to a number of shopping centres, cinemas and international restaurants and grocery stores.



Learning for Life



**Strengths
based
approach**

**Centered
&
Grounded**

**Growth
mindset**

**Curious &
powerful
learners**

**Building
resilience**

**This is
YOU**

Message from our Principal

As Principal of Rowville Secondary College, I spend a lot of time listening to what parents and community members want for their children. There is a strong and clear message that in this rapidly changing world, families want education to equip our students with the critical skills to thrive in the world of work, contribute positively to the community and be happy and confident.

At Rowville Secondary College, we focus on the whole child, assisting them to build social and emotional well-being to become more confident learners who are able to meet the challenges of their future.

That is why we have four different learning programs that focus on each child's strengths. All students enrol in one of four unique programs - Rowville General Excellence, Rowville Maths & Science Academy, Rowville Institute of the Arts or Rowville Sports Academy. These programs immerse students in curriculum tailored specifically to their strengths, talents and passions.

Whether your child loves science, sports, humanities, arts, dance, drama, writing, media, reading, maths, robotics, technology, ICT, cooking, music, or all of the above, we offer a diverse range of programs and subjects for everyone. In addition, the college provides a variety of senior pathways including VCE, VCAL, VET and SBAT. We are extremely proud of our school's academic achievements with our top two ATAR scores from 2017 - 99.50 and 98.25. An outstanding achievement for our students and school community.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Rowville Secondary College community and we'd love your family to join our One Great School.

Ms. Julie Kennedy
College Principal

School Philosophy

Our Values

Respect

Act how you would like to be treated

Responsibility

Brave enough to play your part

Excellence

Nothing but your best

Community

We're all in this together



Our Vision

"We strive to see students leave Rowville Secondary College confident, happy and ready for success in a changing world."

Four Strengths Based Learning Programs



Rowville General Excellence provides an extensive academic program with a broad range of curricular and extra curricular opportunities designed for students who love a combination of Arts, Sports, Mathematics, Science, Language, Literature, Technology and Humanities subjects.



Rowville Maths & Science Academy promotes academic excellence and innovative thinking through an integrated and practical STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum.



Rowville Institute of the Arts is a full time academic and arts program that caters for talented aspiring artists. The curriculum is grounded in world's best practice and caters for five specialist arts practices - Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Visual Arts.



Rowville Sports Academy is a full time integrated academic and sporting program that focuses on Football (Soccer), Basketball, Golf, Aussie Rules Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Cricket and Netball.

Literacy & Numeracy

... the starting point of a great education.

The ACE team model is a unique and exciting approach to differentiated learning that impacts on literacy and numeracy growth for students specifically in year 7 and year 8 English and Mathematics.

ACE stands for accelerate, challenge and extend. Students are placed in one of these three groups to best suit their learning needs. The program is designed to ensure each child's learning growth is maximised.

How it works

At the commencement of each unit of work, teachers pre-test students to identify whether their skills, knowledge and understanding is at, above or below the expected level.

They then divide the class into three differentiated groups and deliver specifically targeted lessons based on student entry points. Across all groups students are supported to aim for excellence striving for "nothing but their best" (one of our school values).



"I am thrilled with the feedback I have had from students, parents and teachers about the positive impact that our ACE model is having on student learning. Students feel that they get more targeted instruction based on their individual learning needs, teachers feel they are able to utilise individual learning data to develop and deliver differentiated lessons and parents have reported a growth in the learning confidence of their child."

Julie Kennedy,
College Principal.

Opportunities for All



Our Instrumental Music Program delivers quality music education to all students. We cater for a vast range of instruments and voice, and encourage, motivate, inspire and guide our students to achieve their best through individual and ensemble based learning.



The College Production is a major highlight on our school calendar. Annually we stage a full-scale musical, in which students from all programs and year levels can participate. Each year we cast between 80-100 students in the production and they work to develop the high quality performance that is staged every August to audiences of up to 2000 people.



A variety of school camps and overseas trips are offered at the college including year 7 and year 8 camps, year 9 Urban Experience, Year 10 Central Australia Trip and international tours to Japan and Italy.



Our Interschool Sports provides students across all programs the opportunity to get involved and represent the college in all types of sports including cricket, baseball, tennis, athletics, swimming, badminton, table tennis and more.

KIOSC is a high-tech learning centre we partner with situated at Swinburne, Wantirna Campus. At KIOSC students focus on environmental sustainability and new technologies.

A Variety of Pathways

As a strengths based school we value and support a variety of pathways into the world of work. In year 11 and year 12 we offer:

VCE - Victorian Certificate of Education

VET - Vocational Education and Training

SBAT - School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

VCAL - Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.

Please note students in our specialist programs are limited in their access to some of these pathways.

Every senior student has a 'Managed Individual Pathway' and course counselling to assist in selecting the pathway that supports their strengths, talents and passions.



Our House System

- Every student is placed in a Learning Mentor Group (vertical yr 8-12) which is aligned to a House and a Dean.
- Learning Mentor Groups combine students from different programs.
- We have four houses - **Aston**, **Stynes**, **Mabo** and **Walton**.
- Students attend Learning Mentor sessions every morning and each day follows a different theme.
- Year 7's are placed in Learning Mentor groups with their own year level to assist transition into secondary school.

We have themes for the Learning Mentor Sessions:

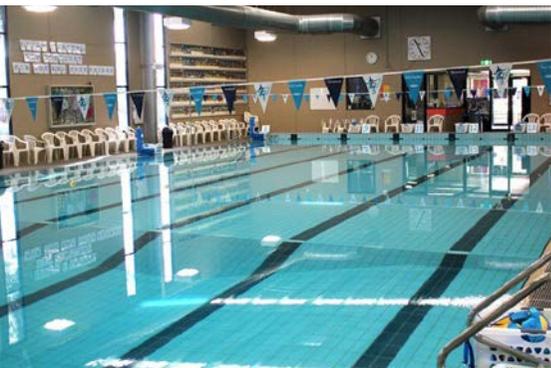
Mindful Monday
Tackle it Tuesday
Wonder-full Wednesday
Thoughtful Thursday
Friendship Friday

We believe a **strong partnership** between students, teachers and families helps students to thrive.

We believe that **curious & powerful learners** need resilience & a growth mindset.

We believe strong relationships matter. Students learn best from teachers they **love & respect**.

Cross Campus College Facilities



Swimming Pool

●
Rowville Performing Arts Centre

●
Rowville Sports Precinct

●
Resource Centre at each campus

●
Canteen at each campus



International Study Program

Why choose to study at Rowville SC?

- Unique four programs, aims for all students: Rowville General Excellence (RGE), Rowville Maths & Science Academy (MSA), Rowville Institute of Arts (RIA) and Rowville Sports Academy (RSA)
- Outstanding facilities - including a 500 seat theatre, indoor swimming pool, study centre, sports stadium with multiple courts, gymnasium and café, soccer pitch, etc.
- Adjacent to Monash University and collaborated with the university and Swinburn University for secondary and university studies programs
- 90% of local Australian students, good English learning environment to help international students practice English
- Facilitate all students needs at RSC.

Support for international students:

- English as an Additional Language, Years 7-12, plus small support classes
- Wellbeing teachers, plus social worker and educational psychologist
- Careers and Pathways Resource Centre
- Personal Development program including goal setting, course counselling, work experience
- Peer support and 'buddy' programs along with leadership opportunities.

Extracurricular activities

- Camps and tours within Victoria, Central Australia and Tasmania
- International study tours to Italy, Malaysia and Japan
- World Challenge activities within Asia, Africa and Central America
- Music, dance and drama classes and performances and competitions up to state level
- Sport at local, state and national levels; international tours.

Success Stories



Cao Yiran; Practicing Pharmacist in Melbourne (studied at Monash University)

“I had great time at Rowville Secondary College. I met lots of friends and learnt how to study in a western country. One of the greatest things that I have learnt is how to ask questions and how to discuss with teachers and classmates. I learnt how to talk to anyone freely and with confidence. The other great thing that Rowville gave me was the opportunity to join in school functions such as school formals and celebration day. I have to say they were really fun. They do help students to build their strong relationships and let us meet more friends.”

Yuki Akiyama

On May 12, 2016, international student graduate Yuki Akiyama visited the College. Yuki, from Japan, was part of the first group of students in our international student program in 2004. After completing Year 12 in 2006, Yuki went on to study first in New York and then in Boston, completing a degree specialising in film and television, while still maintaining a passion for experimental visual arts.

She has worked both in USA and Japan, with 3D projecting being a particular focus - like our “White Night” here in Melbourne. Yuki toured both campuses noting what has changed in the past 10 years, spoke with Year 11 EAL students about her experience as a Year 10-12 overseas student and how she managed her studies, and met up with past teachers and principal team members.

Yuki says that Rowville set her on the path to her successful future as she was encouraged to follow her interests in Art and History and spoke very fondly of time at the college when departing. “I would like to put my arms around the whole school,” she said.

Other international students have studied in areas such as Engineering (University of Melbourne, RMIT), Commerce/Accounting (University of Melbourne, Deakin, Swinburne) and Science (Monash) at University of Melbourne, while others have moved to other states - Sports Management (Griffith) or continued studies overseas after completing VCE, including in the USA (Boston College of Art).



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- Rowville Sports Academy (RSA)

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