



MACLEOD COLLEGE SECONDARY



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The College

Macleod College grew out of the 1996 merger of Macleod Primary School and Macleod High School. It provides a comprehensive Prep to Year 12 education and is located adjacent to Macleod Railway Station. While the majority of the primary students live locally, many of the secondary students come from areas accessed by the Hurstbridge train and the various bus lines, which terminate at stations on this line.

The College provides an academic education within a caring environment and is particularly proud that the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students have consistently obtained ATAR scores well above the state average.

The Staff

At Macleod College, the staff are enthusiastic, passionate and dedicated. Our staffing profile demonstrates a mix of experienced staff who have been at the College for a number of years, and staff who have joined the community more recently, bringing with them a fresh outlook, new skills and talents.

Specialist staff work across the college in various subjects, support and enrichment programs, and in a range of sporting activities. Students feel supported, encouraged and inspired by staff who are willing to provide the extra assistance necessary to help them to achieve their best.

The Grounds and Facilities

Macleod College is set on large grounds in the heart of Melbourne's northern suburbs. It boasts a wide range of educational spaces and sports facilities that cater for the ever changing learning and physical needs of its students. As a Prep -Year 12 school, we have a range of facilities to suit all needs, from play-ground equipment to the multi million dollar 4 court indoor stadium.

Students have access to cooking and music facilities, a purpose built technology building and a well equipped, modern library. Extensive grassed sports fields and multipurpose covered courts ensure our students have plenty of opportunities for sport and active play.

Our school buildings have benefited from renovation over recent years and have the latest technology including interactive white boards, digital projectors, desktop PCs and laptops for student use. Our wireless network caters for any student devices in line with our BYOD policy.

In 2019 maintenance focused on repainting classrooms and external spaces. Semester 2, 2020 will see a major upgrade of the Science laboratories with a new purpose built building being constructed.

Year 7 Program

At Macleod College we work hard to make the transition from primary to secondary school a smooth, enjoyable and rewarding journey.

The College places a high priority on its interaction with all its community primary schools, offering them a taste of our Year 7 program through primary school visits and classroom experiences. A strong start in Year 7 builds students' confidence and self-esteem and equips them with the right approach to everything that Macleod has to offer throughout their entire secondary school experience.

The welfare and happiness of every new student is an important priority for all Macleod teaching and support staff. Our Year 7 students thrive within the supportive environment of the College's small team approach.

They remain with their class for all subjects. The Health teacher works with students to develop individual learning goals that the students review each term.

Information technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. All students have a Google account connected to the school's Google Enterprise account and are encouraged to use email and Compass to keep track of their learning tasks and contact their teachers outside of class time. In addition students are encouraged to submit their assignments to teachers online, reducing printing costs, lost assignments and the impact on the environment.

One afternoon per week all Year 7 students play sport together. This develops the skills needed for inter-school sporting teams. It also creates an opportunity for Year 7 students to get to know others outside their own class. In addition, all Year 7 students have the opportunity to compete for their House and participate in our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals.

Our annual Year 7 Camp is seen as a vital part of Macleod College's overall orientation program. It is designed to assist students to make new friendships, challenge their perceptions and to ease their transition into secondary school.

Assessment of student work is ongoing and in accordance with the guidelines set out in the VICVELS Standards. Reports are issued at the conclusion of each semester and parent/teacher interviews are held twice a year, mid-semester. Interim reports are issued towards the end of Term 1 and again in Term 3. Semester reports are issued at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

The Year 7 Curriculum at Macleod College is organised into 5 periods per day, each of 60 minutes. The timetable runs over a 10 day cycle and covers the following subjects:

Art/Technology	German	Science	English
Library/Reading	Sport	PE/Health	Positive Education
Humanities	Music	Maths	

iLEAP

iLEAP is an engaging and challenging extension program that provides students with an opportunity to work with each other in a supportive and encouraging environment. The curriculum supports, enriches and extends students in the disciplines of Mathematics, Numeracy, English and Literacy. The program acknowledges that all students have different skill sets and aptitude in different areas and provides course material at three different levels – support, consolidating and extension.



Research shows that all students have different starting points and preferred learning styles. iLEAP allow students to engage with the curriculum through the provision of:

- a more challenging learning environment at all ability levels – extension, consolidating and support
- the opportunity to study more abstract, complex and in depth texts and issues
- the capacity for students to work independently and cooperatively with students of similar ability and interests
- differentiated and dynamic learning opportunities that focus on creativity, innovative thinking, problem solving and communication

Learning cohorts will be determined through the use of relevant assessment data – all year 7 students (2021) will be tested during orientation in December 2020.

Groups will be flexible so that students can move from one to another. Classes in the same discipline Maths and English will be timetabled at the same time. Students will be supported and encouraged to become independent learners. Students will be required to participate in a range of co-curricular activities offered by the college, such as: Music, Leadership, Sport or Community Projects.

The Secondary Curriculum

Macleod College is committed to providing students with the most appropriate pathway for their learning. Our curriculum is guided by the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VicVELs) and allows for students to build on their skills from year to year.

Student academic goals and progress are closely monitored through the use of Negotiated Education Plans (NEP). Creativity, critical thinking and communication are promoted through student involvement in the “New pedagogies for deep learning” program.

Years 7 & 8

Core subjects include English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Health, Physical Education, German, Art and Technology.

Year 9 & 10

Students continue with their core subjects and have the additional opportunity to select from a number of key elective subjects including some VCE studies for students in year 10. Semester based exams are also introduced as part of the assessment schedule. All Year 10 students will complete VCE Unit 1: Business and Enterprise.

Year 11 & 12

Students can enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Both programs provide students with access to a variety of Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) approved studies including Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs.

Humanities

At Macleod College we believe the study of Humanities helps us develop a sense of place and belonging in a local, national and global context, and helps us understand our place in space and time.

We engage and immerse our students not just in the theory of History, Geography and Economics but also through a broad variety of practical, hands on activities.

With a focus on targeting student interests and learning needs, Humanities at Macleod provides opportunities for students to develop skills and knowledge valuable for learners in the 21st Century whilst allowing them to enjoy the ride.

You can study Humanities anywhere, but only at Macleod will you have this:



Year 7

With a focus on the Ancient World, students involve themselves in the Ancient World Exhibition, and other Activities including a link with Egyptian mummification process and canopic jars. In Geography, students enjoy the Orienteering Day at Westerfolds Park where students develop geospatial skills and map reading.

Year 8

The re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings is a highlight of the Year 8 program focusing on the Middle Ages, in which students take on roles of participants, such as record keepers, kings and medics. After researching their roles the students carry out the battle, taking into account geographical advantages in the landscape.

As part of our partnership with Latrobe University the Year 8's also immerse themselves in the local native landscape of the Latrobe Wildlife Reserve learning about local biomes and ecology In Geography.

Year 9

Students cover the time period from the Industrial Revolution to the Early 1900's, including WW I. Through our partnership with Watsonia RSL students investigate local ANZACs that fought in the Great War, and assist in the planning and execution of our school ANZAC Day ceremony.

This is complemented with a tour of the Shrine of Remembrance as a part of the very popular City Experience, which involves a tour of the Old Melbourne Gaol and a fascinating immersion into Indigenous Melbourne by the Koori Heritage Trust.

Year 10

While engaged in the history of the modern world, students immerse themselves in the issues surrounding WW II, including a solemn excursion to the Jewish Holocaust Museum.

Students investigate, analyse, compare and contrast global issues in differing geographical locations and explore their impact on human health.

Science

In addition to accommodating a large number of prerequisites for University courses, studying Science allows students to explore the environment in which they live and to make connections between Science and the world around them. All Science events and excursions are designed to enhance student understanding and improve student engagement.

Year 7 & 8

Allows students to be introduced to a number of different branches of Science whilst giving them the chance to participate in a range of exciting practical activities. Highlights of junior Science includes student events such as the rocket competition, the egg drop extravaganza, the captivating catapult launch and the all-inclusive end of year Science Fair. These events are designed to allow scientific ideas to be formulated whilst promoting teamwork and higher order thinking skills.

Year 9 &10

Gives students the opportunity to explore the branches of Science in more depth through main stream Science classes and engaging elective subjects such as Forensic Psychology and Environmental Science. Staff at Macleod College aim to provide students with a varied Science program that will allow them to make an informed and educated decision regarding their VCE subject selections.

VCE

Allows students to focus on a particular branch of Science with teachers who are experts in their field. Macleod College offers the following VCE Science Subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Psychology and Biology. Each course provides students with engaging activities and expert knowledge whilst in accordance with VCAA guidelines.



Maths

Maths enables students to gain entry to courses like Engineering, Biomedicine and Computer Science, but it is also vital for tradespeople and for many vocational careers. A sound understanding of maths is a huge advantage in life, and so at Macleod College we present maths as a problem solving toolbox with emphasis on practical applications.

Topics studied are from the Victorian Curriculum strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Student activities cater for different learning styles and ability levels. Improving student literacy is also a focus and mathematical tasks are designed with this in mind. In addition to the curriculum, students are assigned challenges to engage their analytical skills and their application of math concepts to the real world. Each student has an opportunity to explain their solution to a problem and this assists in their own understanding as well as their ability to communicate their ideas.

Year 7 & 8

students participate in activities such as 'World of Maths', Australian Mathematics Competition, Maths Invaders online, Ed Alive and Thinking Skills. We individualise the maths curriculum for each student through the iLEAP program, grouping students according to their current needs and structuring the delivery of each topic to suit their ability levels. The groups are fluid and students move from one to another depending on the topic and their proficiency.

Year 9 &10

students can choose from a range of courses depending on their ability and interest. We cater for all levels, from those who thrive on the challenge of abstract concepts to those who require functional skills that are necessary in everyday life. We encourage our students to undertake the most appropriate course for them as an individual, based on their abilities and aspirations.

VCE

we offer the full range of Maths subjects at both VCAL and VCE. We offer Specialist Maths (the most advanced level). This runs in conjunction with Math Methods and Further Maths. Foundation Maths is offered to students wishing to undertake a more hands-on approach to study.

Assessment is an important part of any learning environment. At Macleod we have pre and post learning tests to gauge student knowledge and skill levels. We also allow students to resubmit assessments and resit tests as this encourages self improvement and a mindset of success.

Classroom participation is actively encouraged, allowing us to track each student's skills growth through their presentations and the asking or answering of questions.

Maths homework is designed around skills improvement. A Maths Homework Club runs twice a week after school for students in Years 10 to 12. At least two maths teachers are on hand to clarify the concepts learned in class and provide help with revision and homework during these sessions.



German Studies

In addition to boosting VCE scores, German is the most widely spoken second language in Europe. In an increasingly globalised world German will provide access to the language, culture and a wealth of business opportunities in Australia and abroad.

Studies show there are a number of advantages of language learning, such as:

- significantly improved VCE results
- greater range of options for study and employment in the future
- development of problem-solving skills, memory strategies and improved literacy skills
- improved brain functionality, with long term health benefits
- development of intercultural skills and understanding.

Engagement & Differentiation

At Macleod College it is our aim to provide an engaging and differentiated curriculum, in order to challenge students at all year levels, such as:

- use of technology and language learning programs
- cross-curricular units of work
- hands-on learning experiences
- one-to-one support with our German language assistant

Activities & Events

All language learning activities and events are selected and designed to support the language and cultural understanding of students studying German at Macleod College, such as:

- Excursions: German Big Day Out, Goethe Institute and the Annual German Film Festival
- VCE Camp-German language immersion and preparation for VCE Oral Examinations
- German Club, language and cultural immersion extension, exposure to current affairs and historical information and additional language support
- Bi - Annual German Christmas Market in July
- German Exchange program. International travel is an important reason for honing language skills. Our close relationship with our sister school, the Geschwister-Scholl Grammar School, has provided a range of opportunities for over 150 families since we began the relationship in 1998. The success of this program depends very much on reciprocity, they look after our students and we look after theirs. Outgoing Study Tours are a wonderful opportunity for students to travel to Germany, Austria and France. This enables students to not only immerse themselves in the German language but experience the culture and form lasting friendships with overseas students.



English

While English is a compulsory subject there are many benefits to the study. Studying English helps us to understand ourselves and our place in the world and it helps us to ask questions and to think critically. Through a study of texts we are able to see different ways of being in and viewing the world. Victorian Curriculum outlines the government requirements for the study of English.

It is divided into three major components: Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening

In meeting these requirements Macleod College involves students in a range of engaging activities at each year level.

At Macleod College we understand that students approach their learning in different ways, therefore work may be differentiated in terms of content, process and product. Regardless of their skill levels all students are offered a rich and varied program.

Examples of some overarching themes and learning activities at each level include:

Year 7:

Novel Analysis, Personal Treasure Box, Fairy Tale Extravaganza, Indigenous Film Study, Poetry and Literature Circles.

Year 8

Australian Identity, Indigenous Culture, Thrillers, Media and the News, From the Page to Screen and Literature Circles.

Year 9

Australia and World War One Literature including The Spirit of ANZAC and ANZAC Commemoration, My View of the World, Australian Texts and Literature Circles.

Year 10

American Literature, World War Two Literature, People and Displacement, Comparative Writing, Shakespeare and Argument Analysis.

VCE

A range of English studies are offered in years 11 and 12 including: English, English as an Additional Language, English Language (Linguistics) and English Literature.

Art & Technology

Our Art and Technology program enables students to explore creative concepts, innovative possibilities, gain technical skills and develop communication skills essential for contemporary life.

Art and Technology lessons target the following:

- Develop theoretical knowledge and practical skills
- To develop skills in visual literacy and understand that there are multiple ways to see and interpret ideas
- To encourage students to investigate multiple solutions to a problem
- To engage students in critical and creative thinking
- To strengthen student's ability to work collaboratively, enhancing the sense of belonging and community

Art

Encourages students to think conceptually, laterally and problem solve. Students focus on developing and refining their skills and techniques to create artworks. They practice from a broad range of disciplines including drawing, painting, sculpture and ceramics, printmaking, photography and mixed media.

Music

Offers students the opportunity to participate in both solo and group musical activities that suit their abilities and tastes. They learn how to organise and stage a musical performance, create their own music and learn ways to record it.

Materials Technology

Allows students to investigate design solutions through practical skills, design challenges and creative problem solving. Students work with wood, metal and plastics and use tools, equipment and machines to test materials, processes and construction to produce finished products.

Food Technology

Focuses on the importance of food in our daily lives. Students understand food from a theoretical and practical perspective and apply this understanding to develop knowledge and skills in food preparation. Patisserie and Creative Cakes allows students to further apply their food preparation skills with creativity.

Media

Introduces students to the basics of digital video production. They learn how to plan, produce and film quality images and sequences for a coherent and engaging video.

Visual Communication

Focuses on way visual language can be used to convey ideas, information and messages in the fields of communication, environmental and industrial design. Students learn and develop skills in visual language and design thinking to communicate ideas.

Students at Macleod College are offered the opportunity to work across a range of specialist areas. They have access to purpose built studio spaces that provides them with a rich experience using industry-grade materials, tools, cameras, hardware and software.

Year 7

Full year of Art, Materials Technology, Digital Technologies and Music.

Year 8

Full year of Art and Music, and semester rotations of Materials Technology and Food Technology.

Year 9

Students select from a range of Art/Technology electives including Art, Visual Communication Design, Materials Technology, Food Technology, Patisserie, Media and Music.

Year 10

Students select from a variety of semester electives including Art, Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design, Photography, Technology - Wood, Technology - Creative Cakes, Media, Music and ICT.

VCE

Students can select from Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design and Media.



Sport

The main objective of the sports program is to foster team spirit, good sporting etiquette, perseverance and dedication. The College is particularly proud of the large number of its students who have success in teams participating in Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association competitions and supports those who gain selection in representing Victoria or Australia in their chosen field.

In Year 7 sport is played every Wednesday and every student is encouraged to represent the college in sport throughout the year. In Year 8 - 12 Macleod sports coaches offer lunchtime coaching sessions during which students can train with their team before competitions. In addition, we offer a program that enables Year 8 - 12 students to get involved in coaching teams of younger players. We consistently have success in sport with a large number of teams representing the school in regional and state finals.

Term Sports Offered: Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball, Futsal, Soccer, Badminton and Netball.

Carnivals

Each year the school holds Swimming and Athletic carnivals. Students then go onto the next level of Swimming and Athletics - divisional, regional, state and national.

For the past 24 years Macleod College has run an elite basketball program that sees us play in the Victorian College Championships and enter the **National Schools Basketball Tournament** each year. The College is very proud to be represented on a national level so successfully and for such a long period of time. The program is overseen by a Level 3 NCAS basketball coach.



P.E

Participation in PE is compulsory until Year 10. Secondary Physical Education provides opportunities for students to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character, leadership and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.

Physical Education lessons target the following:

- To develop competence to succeed in a broad range of physical activities with an emphasis on promoting team strategies, fair play and umpiring skills.
- To be physically active for sustained periods of time by participating in moderate to vigorous activities which monitor own fitness levels across the year.
- To engage in competitive sports and activities in a variety of sporting settings such as inter house competitions and tournaments.

Each year level covers a variety of activities that increase awareness and knowledge of skills, rules and principles of fitness.

VCE PE examines the biological, physical, psychological, social and cultural influences on performance and participation in physical activity. PE students are able to learn the theory work through practical applications and participate in a variety of physical laboratory reports and activities. The study prepares students in such fields as health science, exercise science and education.

The structure of the course comprises of four units:

- Unit 1 - The Human Body in Motion
- Unit 2 - Physical Activity - Sport in Society
- Unit 3 - Movement Skills and Energy
- Unit 4 - Training to Improve Performance



Health

Macleod College delivers Health as a core subject from Years 7 through to Year 10. VCE Health and Human Development is a popular choice for students. This emphasizes the value the college places on the health and wellbeing of every student in the Macleod community.

Health education contributes to quality of life by developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable control of personal wellbeing. With a strong emphasis on developing every student's intra and interpersonal skills, students study the physical, social and mental aspects of health and are encouraged to make healthy choices for life.

Our goal is to develop strong connections with each student and personalize their learning environment in order to foster positive social and emotional wellbeing. Some of the programs on offer at various year levels include the Bullying and Cyber Safety program at Year 7 that operates with the assistance of the Wellbeing Leader, school nurse and members of the Youth Services team at Banyule Council.

The main themes of our Health Curriculum are:

Year 7

Friendship, Bullying, Cyber Safety, First Aid, Sun Safety and Puberty. A major assignment is for students to develop first aid scenarios and investigate the best way to deal with the emergency. They then develop and act out a role play and develop an emergency action plan.

Year 8

Nutrition, Lifestyle Diseases, Risk Taking and Sexual Health. An example of practical activities is the use of 'Alcohol Goggles' that demonstrates to students the effects of varying degrees of alcohol in the blood stream and how blood alcohol levels affect perception, balance and co-ordination.

Year 9

Personal Identity, Risk Taking, Community Issues (homelessness, poverty, discrimination) and Global iHealth (global food crisis, sanitation, child labour). Students identify a community issue relevant to them. They research and a program to help others who are dealing with the issue.

Year 10

Nutrition, Body Image, Mental Health and Sexual Health. Students explore a particular area of interest with regards to mental health and they investigate community programs that assist young people with mental health issues.

VCE Health and Human Development Units 1 & 2 include, the health and development of Australia's youth and individual human development and health issues.

VCE Health and Human Development Units 3 & 4 include Australia's health and global health and human development.

Co-Curricular

Co-curricular activities are a major component of the Macleod Educational Program and enhance the learning experiences of our students. Incursions, excursions and themed activities enable our students to develop personal and team skills and put their knowledge into practice.

Many of our co-curricular activities run across the whole school and include all our students. Programs such as Wellbeing, Music and Sport enable students to develop new skills outside of the classroom which in turn enhance their learning in many different ways. They bring our college together and give students and staff the opportunity to build community spirit and develop strong relationships.

Within their year levels, students are encouraged to participate in activities that pertain to their stage of education such as literacy and numeracy activity days, performance and presentation days and study skills workshops.

Co-curricular activities run by faculties extend our students by giving them the opportunity to put their studies into practice. The Science Fair, Medieval Feast, Ancient Cultures Expo and Poetry Cafe are just a few of the really engaging programs that are run throughout the year.

In the senior years subject selection, career plans and short courses are supported by our careers teacher and the Later Years Team. Guest speakers, TAFE tasters and work experience opportunities all provide our students with the opportunity to step outside the school environment and translate their skills and learning into practice.

Policies

Bullying and Harassment

All students are taught to recognise the nature of bullying, to reflect on its causes and effects and what to do if they become aware of instances of such behaviour. This is undertaken specifically in Health classes. Bullying and harassment of others is unacceptable and not tolerated at Macleod College.

Uniform

We have a stylish and practical uniform for both boys and girls with different items for summer and winter. Students are required to wear the complete school uniform while at school and while travelling to and from school. When competing in inter-school sport they are required to wear the correct sports/PE uniform to and from the venue. The PE uniform must be worn for practical classes. There is a performance uniform for Instrumental Music Students which is worn for all concert performances. Please see the Uniform Policy Document, which includes the price list and Uniform Shop opening hours, for more information.

Student Engagement Policy

Macleod College recognises that its first function is to provide an environment in which all students are able to achieve an education. Consequently it recognises that it has a duty to provide a cooperative and caring environment where members of the College community feel valued and respected and are free from harassment and bullying.

The Student Engagement Policy equips students and staff with the procedures to create a stimulating and secure learning environment. The College promotes high standards of behaviour based upon co-operation, courtesy, respect, mutual responsibility and self discipline.

The students, parents, teachers and administration have a joint responsibility to ensure that such a learning environment is provided and consequently they have an obligation to implement and support the Student Engagement Policy.

There are more policies on the Macleod College website www.macleod.vic.edu.au and all college policies are available by emailing macleod.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Leadership

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has.

The community leaders to whom we will look in the future for direction, ideas, support and encouragement are in our schools today.

Opportunities to experience leadership are a valued and integral part of life at Macleod College.

This program is designed not only to improve student participation in decision-making but to give students the training and confidence in their ability to be effective leaders.



College Captains have a one year tenure from October to October and are elected via student vote and interview process.

At Macleod College we have a vibrant and productive Student Representative Council. The council is made up of College Captains (including Music & International), House Captains and student representatives from Year 5 - 10. Through the SRC and the House System students have significant opportunities for participation in this program.

At Macleod College we want our students to have a voice and input into the running of the school. Our Year 12 College Captains are welcome to attend College Council meetings to report on SRC activities.

In addition, our student leaders complete a leadership course which involves 1 hour classes every Thursday at lunchtime. They also attend important events throughout the year such as the Vic SRC Regional Conference and Student Congress where they develop vital leadership skills and share ideas with student leaders from other schools.

Macleod College also has a strong Buddy System and Peer Support Program, which enhance student connections and support across the college from Prep to Year 12.

Curriculum

School-wide special activity programs

Instrumental music program	Excursions/Incursions	Language Perfect
Orchestra	Wellbeing programs	Literacy & Numeracy Programs
Chamber Music groups	Buddy Program	Integrated Curriculum Term Themes
Choir	Positive Education	
Small ensembles		

Year 7

Studio Art	Ceramics	Digital Design	English and EAL
Health	Humanities	German	Mathematics
Classroom Music	Physical Education	Science	Sport
Technology:- Metal/ Plastic/ Wood	Visual Communication		

Year 8

English/EAL	Food	Health	Humanities
German	Mathematics	Music	Physical Education
Science	Technology – Wood	Visual Communication	

Year 9

Central Studies

English/EAL	Health	Humanities	Language & Literacy
Mathematics	Science	Physical Ed	

Electives

Art	Food	German	Support
Music	Patisserie	Visual Communication	Materials Design & Construction
Technology - Metal/Wood	Media		

Year 10 All Year 10 students complete Unit 1 VCE Business & Enterprise & Work Experience (2 weeks)

Health	Mathematics	English and EAL
Humanities	Science	Language – German

Electives

Art	Basketball	Beyond Computing	Biological Science
Bridging EAL	Creative Cakes	Environmental Science	Forensic Psychology
Media	Money Matters	Music	PE
Pre VCE PE	Sports Psychology	Visual Communication	
Technology			

- Wood
- Metals & other Materials

NOTE: VCE 'Fast Track' Units 1 & 2 studies available for selection at Year 10 change on a yearly basis.

YEAR 11: VCE (Units 1/2) & VET

Accounting	Biology	Business Management
Chemistry	Computing	English/English Language/English as an Additional Language
Health & Human Development	Information Technology	Language- German
Mathematics	Music	Physics
• Tertiary	Psychology	Studio Arts
• General		
• Mathematical Methods		

VCAL (Intermediate & Foundation)

VET Beauty (& Retail) Macleod Campus

*VET – see note next page

YEAR 12: VCE (Units 3/4) & VET

Biology	Business Management	Chemistry
Computing	Legal Studies	English/English Language/English as Another Language
Language – German	Music	Physical Education
Physics	Psychology	Studio Arts
Mathematics	VCAL (Senior)	
• Further Mathematics		
• Mathematical Methods		
• Specialist Mathematics		

A number of programs have been developed and implemented at Macleod College to support and enhance student learning across Years 10 to 12. By the time our students reach Year 11, they have had a number of motivational and institutional guest speakers from the University of Melbourne and La Trobe University to inspire them in their choices.

They have had a number of assemblies looking at occupational, training and labor market information so that they can evaluate their career goals. Students have consolidated their decision making skills and applied these to future career and employment choices.

Year 12 students begin the year with a motivational guest speaker program. They have a chance to go over their Career Action Plans and continue the process of planning for their future. All Year 12 students attend an excursion to La Trobe University and have individual interviews with parents in attendance to discuss 'Where am I heading?' They critically examine their career goals and have sound knowledge of the requirements for their selected future education, employment or training options.

VCE - Victorian Certificate of Education

The majority of Macleod's senior students are enrolled in VCE. We offer a variety of subject choices and also enable our students to study one or two VCE subjects through Distance Education should they wish to.

VCAL - Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (Intermediate & Senior)

Macleod College offers VCAL at year 11 and 12. VCAL is an alternative to VCE for students who wish to pursue more practical and vocational focussed senior schooling. Students undertake a vocational subject of their choice and can combine their VCAL subjects with VCE or VET offerings.

VET - Vocational Education and Training

VET offerings for students include amongst others: Hospitality, Music, Industry Skills, Community Service, Child Care, Automotive, Fitness and Furniture. Macleod College runs very popular VET Hairdressing and Beauty courses in our purpose-built salons. Our careers team can assist with VET course selection.

NOTE: VET Partnership Regional Offerings: A variety of certificate courses are available for study.

Pathways

Macleod College has a pathways program for all students in Years 7 to 12 as part of the Humanities, English or Personal Development curriculum depending on their year level. Macleod College offers Later Years students a choice of pathways to cater for each students' individual needs with exceptional VCE, VCAL and VET results. Students develop a Career Action Plan in Year 10, which they revisit in Year 11 and begin to implement in Year 12.

Students have the opportunity to undertake VET Certificate III in Beauty and Certificate II Retail at Macleod College. If students have an interest on other areas they can attend VET courses outside the college within our Region offering a wide variety of other certificate courses.

Guest speakers, TAFE Tasters and University open days give students the opportunity to decide, focus on and ultimately plan their life post secondary school.

Compulsory work experience at Year 10 introduces students to the world of work, giving them the skills and experiences which assists them in making more informed choices about their future careers.

Parents are included in all parts of this process with information sessions and parent/teacher interviews.



Monitored Individual Pathways Program

Students in Years 10 and 11 are interviewed early each year and individual educational pathways are planned to maximise their success in the post compulsory years. Students who realise that they are not suited to VCE are assisted in their search to find an alternative such as: TAFE, VCAL, apprenticeship, traineeship, employment or VCE equivalent.

Study Skills Program

All students in Years 11 and 12 participate in this program that aims to motivate them in their academic endeavours and to teach them study skills that prepare them for the rigours of VCE, with a particular emphasis on their final exams. Some of the areas covered are: goal setting and motivation, conflict resolution, risk taking behaviour, organisation and time management, essay writing and improving memory.

Destination of Students

Our students have been successful in a wide variety of courses. This is reflective of the extensive work done by our Careers team to ensure that selections are based on interest and abilities rather than just scores or peer pressure. Our careers program includes mentoring and consultation throughout the senior years of high school.

2020 Charges

The Macleod College School Council makes every effort to keep the cost and purchasing of additional items to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents.

Essential Education Charges

Those items that your child needs for school that are not provided by Government funding.

Primary	\$150
Years 7 & 8	\$350
Years 9 & 10	\$450
Years 11 & 12	\$500

Voluntary Financial Contributions

Financial contributions that you may choose to pay to support our 2020 projects.

Educational Resources	\$100
Wellbeing	\$30
ICT Equipment Fund	\$25
First Aid	\$20
Grounds & Maintenance	\$30

Students also have to buy their own uniform, textbooks & stationery according to the lists distributed in November.

These charges help us to provide quality materials needed to produce work of a high standard particularly in the VCE subjects. In the case of music tuition, the College employs additional contract teachers to provide instrumental lessons.

The cost of the additional tuition is subsidised by the College Council. In the Food Technology subjects, a great deal of high quality food is used and taken home by students undertaking these courses.

Music Charges

Instrumental music tuition (Prep - Year 10)	\$500 per year
VCE	\$650 per year
Second instrument tuition	\$200 per year
Annual Instrument hire	\$200 per year
Drum/Piano Hire	\$50 per year

Electives

Year 8 Food Technology	\$60 per semester
Year 9 Patisserie	\$90 per semester
Year 9 Food Technology	\$90 per semester
Year 9 Materials	\$30 per semester
Year 9 Wood	\$30 per semester
Year 10 Creative Cakes	\$90 per semester
Year 10 Wood	\$30 per semester
Year 10 Materials	\$30 per semester
Year 10 Photography	\$30 per semester
Year 11/12 Studio Arts	\$170 per year
Year 12 Visual Communications	\$120 per year

Macleod College Music Academy

In 2011, Macleod College launched the Macleod College Music Academy (MCMA), a program available to all students from beginners to advanced and providing the Northern Region with outstanding specialized music education.

Our History

Macleod College has a strong history of music education. It was established as one of four specialist music schools in the 1970's and continues to maintain high standards of music performance, creativity and innovation. One in five students at Macleod are currently involved in the performance program.

What we offer

MCMA provides a safe and accepting environment where all students are valued and can express their talents and creativity.

Students enrolled in the Macleod College Music Academy are provided with access to:

- tuition in all areas of strings, wind, brass, percussion and voice with highly experienced and practicing musicians
- a wide range of innovative and quality performance ensembles
- individualised learning plans
- study of a second instrument
- programs in leadership and teamwork
- access to AMEB and ANZCA examinations
- regular performance opportunities
- an enjoyable and fulfilling school experience
- music tours and performance camps
- the best value for money musical experience in the northern region

What we Achieve

Macleod students regularly:

- are among the top VCE Music students in the state, and consistently achieve scores of 40+ and invitations to perform at Top Class
- receive their first preference at tertiary institutions such as Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), West Australian Performing Arts (WAPA), Monash University and Ballarat Academy of Performing Arts
- participate in many quality performances
- perform at festivals and competitions such as Generations in Jazz, State Schools Spectacular and the Royal South Street Eisteddfod

Our Facilities

Macleod College possesses a purpose built 330 seat performing arts centre complete with dedicated instrumental teaching rooms, rehearsal and performance spaces.

We provide a full range of percussion and hire instruments, a grand piano and recording equipment.

Our Partners

MCMA is building an impressive list of community partners who will work with us to provide the most comprehensive music experience in the area.

How to Enrol

Expression of Interest forms can be completed online through our website - <https://www.macleod.vic.edu.au/2020-enrolments>

For more information about enrolling in the Macleod College Music Academy contact the Music Director Mr James Griffith on 9459 0222 or email gri@macleod.vic.edu.au

International Students & IELC

Why study as an International Student?

Being an International Student at Macleod College is quite a unique opportunity. While many other schools can only offer this program to students studying in the Later Years, we offer the program to students at all levels from Prep through to Year 12.

For each student we offer:

An International Student Coordinator, Chinese Language Assistant, Vietnamese Language Assistant, International Student Administrator and Intensive English Language Program Manager work together to maximise the learning and cultural experiences of all international students.

The International Student Coordinator comes into the role with an accomplished background in Student Leadership and Student Wellbeing, contributing valuable experience to the student care model which is strongly focused on student enjoyment and achievement.

Whole group and small group meetings are held to encourage and support students to form friendships with other International students, no matter their year level or cultural background. These opportunities give this very unique group of students a safe space to practice and refine their language skills before taking the big leap and approaching the local students. Individualised 1 on 1 meetings with staff ensure that each student is happy and gaining a rewarding educational experience in Australia.

Students get the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities that allow for them to experience not only the Australian education system but to also enjoy the cultural side of what living in Australia, and particularly Melbourne, means.

Macleod College Intensive English Language Centre

2020 is the fifth year that we have offered our own on-site 20 week program, providing the service not only to future Macleod College students but also to students who will go on to study at some of our neighbouring government schools.

Program Manager Ketty Karalis has immersed the students in an engaging and innovative program that is seeing significant results. Our centre offers a stimulating and supportive environment that encourages students to take risks and expand their vocabulary while building confidence in their new language.

During our 20 week Intensive English Language program our IELC students are encouraged to immerse themselves in Australian culture and the English language. They undertake study in the following domains; reading, writing, speaking and listening. Grammar is supported by a range of literacy apps such as Education Perfect, Fluency Tutor, Quizlet and google classroom. Furthermore, our students also undertake study in a range of specialists subjects which may include art, physical education, music, mathematics, digital design, healthy living and science.

The Intensive English Language Centre is committed to providing authentic experiences for our students. During the program the students undertake a range of excursions and incursions to enhance their learning, create meaningful education experiences and build positive relationships.

They receive ongoing assessment during their semester program which includes; a five week interim report, mid cycle report and end of cycle report. Students at the Macleod College Intensive English Language Centre also receive portfolio of their work upon graduation.



Homestay – International Students

We start 2020 with over 50 International Students enrolled with us, in both our Intensive English Language Centre and in mainstream classes. While many of our students are here and living with a family member there are many who are placed in homestay arrangements organised by the school. Of our homestay students, 10 students are placed with Macleod College families and nearly another 20 students are placed with local community members and their families.

With Macleod College being a school of choice for many overseas families looking to provide their children with the study abroad experience, the majority of our homestay students will arrive in year 9 or 10 and stay with us until they complete their VCE / VCAL studies.

When we are looking for a suitable homestay family for our students we ask ourselves whether the potential homestay provider has:

- A furnished spare bedroom which has all the necessities for a teenager (bed, study space, wardrobe space, storage space and of course Wifi access)?
- A welcoming and caring potential home away from home and a desire to include the student in the family's commitments and social calendar?
- A willingness to encourage the student to immerse themselves in Australian culture and the English language, making networks to enhance the student's experience?
- The capacity to act as a parent might, by monitoring course progress, attendance, wellbeing and attending meetings such as Parent Teacher Interviews?
- A valid Working With Children Check for all over 18's living in the house?

Families who are able to provide the complete package are offered a weekly fee of approx. \$320 (personal expenses excluded).

After we have found a potential homestay we simply try to find a student that will fit with this provider based on personal preferences, extracurricular activities and family composition.

Do you think you might like to provide homestay to one of our international students?

Please contact the International Student Coordinator, Colleen Cochrane, for more information cochrane.colleen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 9459 0222.

Remember you don't have to commit to a lifetime of provision and you can always change your mind as your circumstances change.

Being a Homestay family has proven to have many benefits for my family.

It allows us to build a meaningful & hopefully a lifelong relationship with the student who lives with us.

These relationships then provide each of us with a range of personal advantages that we may not otherwise have built during our life, such as:

- *We are able to exchange & learn about the home and customs of each other and thus enhance our personal cultural awareness on an international level.*
- *It allows us to view our home, family and country through the eyes of our homestay student and thus better appreciate how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country.*
- *By sharing our home with others we learn about ourselves & build qualities such as patience, tolerance & empathy for others.*
- *We open up the world to possible reciprocal travel .*

We would never regret opening our home and our hearts to a homestay student.

Leanne Bullas
Current Homestay Provider



