

SCHOOL TRANSITION IN GANNAWARRA

Education information and advice for families
with children entering Prep and Year 7 in 2024



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MAYOR'S Message

Welcome to the 2023 edition of the *School Transition in Gannawarra Guide*. First produced in 2016, this Gannawarra Shire Council-produced guide has helped families in selecting which primary and secondary schools within the Gannawarra to enrol their children in, as well as provide advice regarding the school transition journey.

The 2023 edition is no exception, with this guide not possible without the support of the Gannawarra's primary and secondary schools, along with Swan Hill Specialist School.

All schools featured in the guide encourage you to visit the amazing and diverse educational choices available to help with choosing which school your child will enrol in for Prep or Year 7 in 2024.

This edition of the *School Transition in Gannawarra Guide* also includes a Family Services section, which features organisations that provide targeted support and a range of services for families across the Gannawarra, and details regarding Gannawarra Shire Council-managed Early Childhood programs and the benefits of being a Gannawarra Library Service member.

I wish families all the best with the exciting milestone of school transition into primary and secondary education.



CR CHARLIE GILLINGHAM
Mayor



CHILDREN'S *Services*



GANNAWARRA SHIRE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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SMALLTALK PLAYGROUP

smalltalk Supported Playgroup

Supported Playgroup is a number of families (mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents or carers and children) and a facilitator, interacting and playing in a stimulating environment.

The playgroup incorporates the elements of *smalltalk* and models everyday opportunities and activities with coaching and support to have a go at home.

ABOUT *smalltalk*

smalltalk is about child development and how parents can support it. The early experiences children have lay the foundation for their brain development. Parents have an important part in this process through their interactions with their children.

WHERE

Playgroups are held at various locations within the Gannawarra Shire. Some families are also eligible for in-home coaching to support using the *smalltalk* strategies in their homes.

Sounds interesting? Phone (03) 5452 1357



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Gannawarra Shire Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is a free service available to all families with children from birth to school age. We offer guidance and advice on a variety of child care, parenting and family related issues. The service can provide additional support to families experiencing difficulties as well as provide support and education on a range of sleep and settling issues.

For further information please phone (03) 5452 1357.



GANNAWARRA SHIRE FAMILY DAY CARE

Family Day Care is provided in Cohuna, Kerang and Leitchville. Children are cared for in the home of qualified Early Childhood Educators.

For more information on this service please contact (03) 5452 1357.



IMMUNISATION

For further information please contact the Gannawarra Shire on: (03) 5450 9333 or visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation



FAMILY Services



Address: 62 McCallum Street SWAN HILL
Phone: (03) 5036 3200

To access Integrated Family Services and the Specialist Disability Support Program contact The Orange Door

Phone: 1800 290 943

Gamblers Helpline

Phone: 1800 858 858

E: gamblerhelp@anglicarevic.org.au



Bendigo: (03) 5438 1300

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Address: 1/22 Victoria Street KERANG

Phone: (03) 5452 2863

Address: 229 Beveridge Street
SWAN HILL

Phone: (03) 5032 4479

Anglicare Victoria – working with families and community partners, we deliver specialist counselling, education and support services to secure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Integrated Family Services

Family Services offers a program that supports families to meet the needs of their children and young people.

Specialist Disability Support Program

This program aims to assist vulnerable children with disabilities (and their parents), who are eligible for Family Services, to access disability supports and participate effectively in the NDIS.

Gamblers Help including Therapeutic Counselling and Financial Counselling

Support for individuals and families affected by harmful gambling behaviours with free and confidential financial and therapeutic counselling services with the aim to minimise gambling harm.

CatholicCare Victoria works to empower communities, build strength and resilience, and help every person reach their full potential.

We provide a wide range of services to support families, individuals, couples and children in times of need.

Our support services are available to all individuals or groups regardless of race, religious beliefs or economic status.

Some of our services include:

- Parenting workshops and programs (Zoom and F2F)
- Employment help for parents with young children
- Kinship Care
- Counselling for adults, children and teens
- Support for separating or separated families

Mallee Family Care provides a range of supports, including financial counselling, child and family services and legal services, through its offices in Kerang and Swan Hill.



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Kerang - Medical Clinic: (03) 5452 1366
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f facebook.com/FreeZaNDCH

@ ndch_freeza

MDAS provides more than 50 essential services from our health and family services centres in Kerang, Swan Hill and Mildura.

NDCH works to support the health and wellbeing of the local Gannawarra community through a range of services with expert and friendly advice.

Some of the services for Children & Youth include:

- Medical Care
- Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Dietetics Support and Diabetes Education
- Youth counselling, both general and drug and alcohol (over 12 years)
- Community youth programs such as FReeZA and ENGAGE. To get involved contact NDCH or visit the youth socials.
- Aboriginal child and youth programs
 - o Kethawil Pembengguk (pre-school aged)
 - o Typen Kwe (after school program for primary school aged)
 - o Korin Korin Balit Djak (8-week program for secondary aged)



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Noah's Ark is a not-for-profit community organisation based in Victoria, NSW and the ACT. We offer a range of services and programs that support families who have a child (aged 0-12) with a disability or additional needs.

At Noah's Ark we work closely with children with a disability, their families and the services they participate in. We recognise that parents are experts on their own child and we provide them with information and support that enables them to make informed decisions.



GANNAWARRA Library Service

THE GANNAWARRA LIBRARY SERVICE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!

We have a wonderful range of books, graphic novels, school readers and eBooks to make help make reading fun, plus DVDs and audio books for you and your family to enjoy. For school students, we offer study spaces, free WI-FI and online resources.



STORY TIME

Story Time is a free, early literacy session designed for children aged 0-6 years of age. It is a fun and special sharing time where children and caregivers can establish a love of books and reading. The sessions include stories, songs and a craft activity on occasion.

STORY BOX LIBRARY

Favourite stories read by our best storytellers! Enjoy popular picture story books being read by well-known Australians. The stories come to life with some pages being animated and panned across. Waive the subscription fee by accessing this amazing service for free using your library membership. Now available to download as an app.

www.storyboxlibrary.com.au

BORROWBOX

BorrowBox is an app compatible with iPhone, iPad, Kindle Fire, Android smart phones and tablets. Download and enjoy eBooks and eAudiobooks from a Gannawarra Library Service collection that includes children's books in addition to adult novels and non-fiction titles.

Keep an eye out for our school holiday activities too!

For more details phone (03) 5452 1546 or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/gannawarralibraryservice
Visit us online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/libraries



PLAYGROUPS *in Gannawarra*

PLAYGROUP		LOCATION
Kerang Baptist Playgroup Kerang Baptist Church		57 Fitzroy Street KERANG VIC 3579 Hayley - 0402 249 825
Kethawil Pembenguk Indigenous Playgroup Northern District Community Health		27 Fitzroy Street KERANG VIC 3579 Casey - (03) 5451 0200
Lake Charm Playgroup		1939 Murray Valley Hwy LAKE CHARM VIC 3581 Karlee - 0434 645 639 https://www.facebook.com/groups/1560062844422137
St Mary's Play Group St. Mary's Primary School		51 King Edward Street COHUNA VIC 3568 St Mary's Primary School - (03) 5456 2062
Murra-Bubs & Playgroup Murrabit Childcare Centre		Gonn Avenue MURRABIT VIC 3579 Olivia - 0427 603 912 www.facebook.com/murrabitplaygroup



KINDERGARTENS in Gannawarra



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN THE GANNAWARRA

Free Three- and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten will be available across the Gannawarra Shire in 2024. Children accessing a funded program will have access to 15 hours of fully funded kindergarten for the two years before school. The Victorian Government is funding the kindergarten program to ensure every child gets the best start in life. To be eligible for a kindergarten program children must turn three before 30 April 2024

To find out more details, please contact the Children’s Services administrative team on (03) 5452 1357.

ONLINE ENROLMENT

Council manages and offers Kindergarten programs at Cohuna, Kerang, Koondrook and Leitchville.

Council also offers Long Day Care in Kerang, as well as Family Day Care across Cohuna, Kerang and Leitchville.

Please register your interest for any of these services at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/enrolments

LOCATION	ADDRESS
COHUNA AND DISTRICT PRESCHOOL CENTRE	23 Channel Street Cohuna 3568
GANNAWARRA SHIRE CHILDREN’S CENTRE	2 Murray Street Kerang 3579
KOONDROOK PRESCHOOL	9 Punt Road Koondrook 3580
LEITCHVILLE PRESCHOOL PLAY CENTRE	50 King Albert Avenue Leitchville 3567



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GET READY for Prep



FOR 10 QUICK TIPS TO GET YOUR CHILD READY AND EXCITED FOR PREP, GO TO -

www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/Tips-for-parents_Starting-Prep.pdf

Starting school is an exciting step for children and a positive transition helps foster their enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Families and carers play a significant role in supporting their children's transition to school. Helping children to make the step to Prep starts well before, and extends far beyond, their first day.

WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO TOGETHER?

Many children wonder what starting school will be like. It is a big change for your child and family. A positive start to school can help your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

You know your child best and play a big role in helping them transition to school. Here are some practical ideas for supporting your child at this important time.

TALK ABOUT SCHOOL

Talking with your child about their first days at school is an easy way to support them.

Talk about:

- Their first day
- How to make friends
- Your happy memories of school

BUILD INDEPENDENCE

At your school, your child will look after their belongings and follow daily routines. Independence supports your child to join in at school.

You can support your child's independence by:

- Setting up morning and evening routines
- Helping them choose a lunch box they can open and close
- Practising putting on their socks and shoes.

YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Starting school is a chance for you to make new friends with other families and support each other. You can meet other families by:

- Going to P&C nights
- Helping in the tuck shop or uniform shop
- Spending time in your child's classroom
- Attending events at school

READ WITH YOUR CHILD

Reading with your child is special. You are bonding together and supporting their growth. Sharing books with your child:

- Builds their reading and language skills
- Encourages a lifelong love of reading
- Grows their understanding of the world.

CELEBRATE STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school is a time to celebrate. Your child will feel important and their confidence will grow. Celebrate starting school by:

- Counting down to the first day of school
- Take photos of your child's first day
- Have a family party

YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING

Your child's excitement about starting school may be mixed with sadness about leaving home and kindy, and worry about what school will be like.

You can support your child's wellbeing by:

- Talking about how they are feeling and why this might be
- Teaching them how and who to ask for help
- Making time to rest before school starts and over the first few weeks

MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

We Want the Children at Murrabit to Fly!



SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY:

At Murrabit Group School our aim is to provide a flexible, warm, happy and supportive learning environment which will enable every student to experience success.

We are a community-centred school where a dedicated team of teachers and support staff work together with the school community to provide positive educational outcomes for all students. We ensure our children have the chance to fulfil their potential; to learn, to develop excellent social skills and to build important life skills such as resilience, independence, responsibility, and a sense of fair play. Staff and parents work together to create a partnership based on trust, respect and shared responsibility for the education of each child.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- A strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy, wellbeing and respectful relationships with extra support and extension programs.
- Small class sizes ensuring individualised attention.
- Specialist programs in Library, Art, Music, Italian, STEAM, I.T., Hands on Learning, Physical Education and Bike Ed.
- Outstanding community involvement through programs such as the Men's Shed Woodwork Program, Murrabit Market, Lions Club Public Speaking Australia, ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies and Breakfast Club.
- Stephanie Alexander Garden Club.
- Strong links with local cluster school

MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL VALUES:

Respect Honesty
Teamwork
Learning Persistence



MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

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LEITCHVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*The Leitchville Primary School
difference: Inclusive,
Individualised, Innovative, Nurturing.*



Leitchville Primary School provides a high powered academic curriculum in a genuinely inclusive and dynamic environment.

The school seeks to develop motivated, creative and independent learners who demonstrate strong social values and whose leadership, confidence, resilience and self-esteem is evident when interacting with the school and the wider community.

We are a well-resourced, small school with expansive well-maintained grounds. Our students enjoy utilising different spaces in our school to engage in a variety of physical activities at recess and lunch times. Our school is serviced by a school bus, which leaves from Cohuna each morning.

At Leitchville Primary School we run Grade P-2 and 3-6 classes, ensuring small class sizes and that each child is afforded a tailored learning environment to suit their individual needs. We prioritise academic learning and weave in other extra-curricular learning where possible; including weekly cooking, the school vegetable patch and regular excursions and camps. Our students undertake Library, Art and Italian specialist areas each week. In addition to our academic and extra-curricular focus, we have a strong focus on wellbeing and deliver Respectful Relationships learning during our Circle Time each week.



- Good manners
- Friendliness
- Courage
- Persistence and Resilience
- Tolerance and Acceptance
- Compassion and Empathy



LEITCHVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Where the pursuit of excellence
is encouraged*



AT KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, OUR AIM IS TO:

- Provide a supportive, safe and secure learning environment that promotes thinking, creativity and individuality.
- Provide high quality programs that engage our students in their learning and instil the essential skills that will enable them to reach their full potential; supporting and extending them in all forms of academic, social, creative and physical endeavours.
- Create a resilient school community where all students develop independence, emotional intelligence and social competency as they strive to achieve their full potential as 21st century learners.
- Provide a stimulating and supportive environment for all teachers; and assist, inform and involve parents and the greater community of Koondrook.

KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFERS YOUR CHILD:

- A strong focus on building Literacy & Numeracy skills.
- Modern facilities with extensive access to digital technologies.
- Picturesque River setting with opportunities for outdoor learning.
- Modern Technology - 1:1 iPads and computers Foundation - Year 6.
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.
- Weekly Well-being and Physical Education sessions as well as being a part of the Sporting Schools Program.
- Weekly Mobile Art and Library Program.
- Values promoted through the School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategy.
- Well-being Program offered - Respectful Relationships, Teacher and Student Buddies, Peer Support in Year 3 and 6.
- Student Leadership Program.
- Cluster Camp Program Years 3-6.
- Opportunities to participate in Cluster, District, Zone and Regional Sporting Events.
- A school bus for students in outlying areas.



**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
RESILIENCE**



KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COHUNA

*Respect for Self, Others
& Environment*



OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT:

St Mary's Parish Primary School is a Catholic Community following in the Good Samaritan Tradition where God is glorified in all things.

St Mary's Parish School strives to be an educating community where:

The whole child is nurtured and encouraged to be the best that they can be. St Mary's is an intimate Catholic Primary School where our learners are at the core of all we do. St Mary's culture is founded on respectful relationships where our learners respect themselves, others and the environment.

At St Mary's we recognise that every learner is unique, with varied passions and interests. Through collaborative practices, both educators and learners are striving to personalise, engage and teach the skills and knowledge needed to live in the world today.

ST MARY'S OFFERS:

- Learning experiences created to engage and inspire
- Educators dedicated to making a difference
- 1:1 devices for every child
- Use of Google Apps for Education (GAPE)
- Specialist Curriculum: STEAM, The Arts, LOTE: Italian and Physical Education
- Positive Behaviour Intervention Support (PBIS)
- A progressive camp program from Prep – Year 6
- Learning support in classrooms
- Scaffolded Transition Program for Prep and Year 6

Enquiries and school tours are welcome any time. Please contact our office for further information.



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COHUNA

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COHUNA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Caring and Commitment Leads to Success



COHUNA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS:

Cohuna Consolidated Primary School caters for students with different learning styles, personalities, strengths, talents and perspectives. We nurture individuality and create an inclusive culture across all areas of school life.

We are located in a beautiful setting in the heart of Cohuna and our community approach provides the ideal Foundation - Year 6 learning environment. The school's flexible classroom spaces, equipped with the latest technology, are purpose-built for student-centered learning.

While Cohuna Consolidated draws on and learns from the past, our focus is very much on the future. We strive to challenge young minds and equip our students with the skills, knowledge and confidence necessary to be contributing citizens of the 21st century.

Cohuna Consolidated was established on its current site in 1978, and the visionary principles and values created then, remain central to our progressive culture.

Enquiries and school tours are welcome any time. Please contact our office for further information.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Success, Honesty and Trust underpin our daily interactions within our welcoming school community.



COHUNA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KERANG

*We are committed to, and
passionate about, ensuring
learning for ALL CHILDREN*



AT ST JOSEPH'S, WE STRIVE TO BE:

- A community who celebrates our Catholic traditions, names Jesus Christ and promotes Gospel values as a framework for participation in society.
- A school where RESPECT for SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT is nurtured in partnership with all community members.
- A school that strives to educate and challenge the whole child to reach their full potential and become lifelong learners.
- A school that challenges all children by planning and teaching enriching curriculum experiences.
- A school committed to social justice who participates in learning about Aboriginal Australia and actively working for Reconciliation.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- A warm and welcoming environment for all families.
- Committed and highly skilled staff that work collaboratively as a team to meet the needs of all students.
- A strong focus on Reading, Writing and Maths.
- A dynamic specialist program incorporating: Science, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education and Italian.
- A school-wide expectation of Positive Behaviour
- Outstanding facilities inside and out, featuring: - Library, - Art Room, - Hall, - Canteen, - COLA, - Junior & Senior Adventure Playground, - Junior & Senior Oval, - Outside learning areas and lots of opportunities for engaged play outside.



St Joseph's is a Catholic primary school that offers a quality education of the whole child.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KERANG

89 – 103 NOLAN STREET, KERANG 3579

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KERANG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educating, Encouraging and Empowering Our Students



OUR VIBE

(Values, Intention, Behaviours, Expectations)

At Kerang South, we believe that every child is able to thrive as a learner. That’s why we work together to help every child achieve their full potential and be good citizens. We welcome all students and our staff strive to teach to their individual needs in a safe, caring and inclusive environment. Everyone who enters our school comments on the warm and welcoming feeling, the friendly and engaged students and the vibrant classrooms. We fondly refer to this as our VIBE.

WHAT KERANG SOUTH OFFERS

- A stimulating curriculum based on the Victorian Curriculum.
- Dedicated, caring teachers and support staff, extensive facilities and excellent resources. Happy students.
- High quality teaching practices, based on current research, to equip students for the future.
- Strong well-being programs - Better Buddies, teacher buddies for all students, peer mediators, Respectful Relationships (YCDI!), mindfulness P-6, Louie (wellbeing dog).
- Extra support and extension groups for literacy and numeracy, including a specialist Tutoring Program P-6.
- Specialists for Physical Education, Music, Art, Respectful Relationships, Well-being, Science and Indonesian.
- Modern technology, 1:1 iPads and computers from P-6 – to complement, not replace, explicit teaching.
- Beautiful spacious grounds incorporating a large oval, basketball courts, sandpit / cubby, attractive gardens, bike shed, extensive shading, a chook yard, vegetable garden, outdoor chess boards, community garden, fitness track and several play equipment areas.
- Well-equipped library, sports shed, canteen, computer lab, Art / Music Room, Chill Out zone and outdoor learning areas.
- Lunch time clubs, Student Representative Council, Breakfast Club and leadership opportunities for students.
- Camps and / or excursions at all year levels and a broad range of extracurricular activities.
- Opportunities for students, parents and staff to build positive relationships and connectedness to our school.

OUR VISION:

Each individual at Kerang South thrives as a learner.

OUR VALUES:



KERANG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KERANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

*A School Where Every
Child Counts*



Our **VISION** at KPS is to create a safe and caring learning environment, where everyone has the opportunity to engage and learn to the best of their ability. Kerang Primary School is an inclusive school catering for the educational learning needs of ALL students.

OUR VALUES:

At Kerang Primary School, we will strive to be the best we can, through the values of: • Compassion • Accountability • Respect • Inclusiveness • Nurture • Gratitude

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Positive, professional staff committed to sharing their passion for learning with the students and the wider community.
- An innovative curriculum that values diversity.
- A school culture that values strong partnerships between home, school and community.
- The use of ICT and touchscreen Promethean Boards with a comprehensive iPad and Netbook program.
- An Inclusion Well-being Officer.
- Specialist lessons for students consisting of MARC Van Literature Appreciation lessons in the school library, Specialist Physical Education lessons and Science lessons. The school also runs a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.
- A modernised learning environment due to recent refurbishments and continuing upgrades to the school entrance foyer, classrooms, exterior of the building and playgrounds.

Start your learning journey here at KPS and give your child the best start. Call us today to find out how on (03) 5450 3181. Enquiries and school tours are welcome anytime.



- MARC Van
- Brekky Club
- Promethean Boards

- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
- Free Summer Uniforms



KERANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KERANG CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Integrity, Faith and Family



ADVANCING TOGETHER PRIMARY

A Christian education community where every person is valued and nurtured to grow in their faith and knowledge.

Kerang Christian College is focused on providing exceptional Christian education that meets the needs of every student.

Our curriculum is strongly focused on developing literacy and numeracy skills while providing a range of subjects to challenge and inspire.

Along with core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Humanities, our College also offers specialist subjects to broaden students' knowledge in Physical Education, Design Technology, Christian Studies, ICT, LOTE (Auslan), Performing Arts and Visual Arts.

To support this learning, we offer high-quality facilities and resources, as well as a culture of continuous improvement, professional development and pastoral support.

It is our prayer and desire that every student will have a positive experience at school; one that involves achieving their personal best, forming healthy relationships, and developing a greater understanding of Christian faith and character.

OUR VISION:

Kerang Christian College aims to encourage the pursuit of excellence and spiritual growth towards authentic Christian living



KERANG CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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SWAN HILL SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Aim High!

Yakuwa



WHAT WE OFFER:

- Our average class size of 6 learners in Early Years and 9 learners in Middle Years.
- Two staff members in every classroom
- Focus on Literacy and Numeracy
- School Bus Service for outlying area
- Allied Health Team
- Breakfast Program
- Student Leadership Program
- Student Wellbeing Program – Mental Health Practitioner
- Wonderful overnight camps for all year levels
- Swim Program with Aust swim qualified staff
- Play based learning

SCHOOL FACILITIES:

- Well-equipped Music, Sensory and Art spaces
- Indoor Therapy Pool that supports our extensive Learn to Swim Program
- Community Farm Garden/ Horticulture
- Community Café
- Two large commercial kitchens
- 1:1 technologies
- Inclusive Adventure Playground
- Kitchen facilities for classrooms

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Music
- Horticulture
- Hydrotherapy Pool
- P.E / Bike Ed
- Performing Arts
- Science
- Art
- Sensory
- Dance
- RDA



TRUST BELONGING KINDNESS



SWAN HILL SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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GET READY for Secondary School

Moving from primary to secondary school is a time of great change in your child's life. They are already experiencing many changes in their physical, emotional, and brain development, so the transition to high school is another big change for them to manage. It's at times like these that they need you by their side. Here's some tips to help you in supporting your child through this challenging time.

REASSURE THEM THAT NERVES ARE NORMAL

Starting high school brings many new and unfamiliar experiences at school. At high school, your child will have many different teachers and new subjects, and they will need to get to know a new group of classmates. Manage their expectations by reassuring them that it's normal for there to be some ups and downs. Help them maintain routines so they can keep things in perspective and encourage them to eat well and get plenty of sleep.

BUILD THEIR RESILIENCE

Change can be hard but it can also build resilience, an essential life skill for your child's future. Resilience is the ability to bounce back and adapt to difficult circumstances, and even thrive, despite challenges life might throw at you. The presence of trusted adults in a child's life can help build their resilience. Research has found that young people who have mentor-like relationships with trusted adults are more likely to complete the tasks they start, remain calm in the face of challenges, show interest in learning new things, and engage in activities at school. You can also build your child's resilience through positive goal setting and celebrating wins. Such positivity promotes optimistic thinking and can give a child a greater sense of meaning and direction in life.

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ENCOURAGE POSITIVITY

Being positive can help your child feel better and learn better. Be positive about the transition to high school and help your child to see high school as an exciting adventure that will open up many new opportunities for them. Your child is more likely to look forward to starting high school if you are positive about it.

HELP THEM MAKE FRIENDS

Moving to high school involves meeting new people and making new friends. Reassure your child that it's normal to feel nervous about this. Remind your child that they already know how to make friends and that many kids will feel just as nervous as they do. Find out if there are children from your child's primary school who are going to the same high school and connect with their parents. Ask if your child's high school has a buddy system where older kids look out for new students and encourage your child to get involved.

LISTEN AND CONNECT

The early days of high school can be overwhelming. Try and be around as much as possible during the early weeks of secondary school while your child settles in. If your child wants to talk, try and listen more than you speak and give them the space they need to discuss how they are feeling. With your guidance, encourage them to think of solutions to problems they might be facing as this will help them assert their independence and build their confidence.

EXPAND THEIR INTERESTS

Help your child find out about the extracurricular activities offered at high school. Encourage them to expand their interests and talents and to meet new friends by trying out new things or joining clubs. Think about what your child is interested in and enjoys doing and nurture that spark through seeking out activities at school that will help them grow their spark.

MAKE A FRESH START

Even if your child had a rocky end to primary school, remind them that starting high school can be a fresh start. The team at your child's primary school can help you work with the guidance officer or other staff at your child's secondary school so they can make sure there is extra support in place from your child's first day at high school.

STAY INVOLVED: IT'S NOT OVER YET

Don't step back from schooling when your child starts high school as they will need you more than ever, especially if they've struggled at primary school. There's help available if they've fallen behind so talk to your child's primary school about connecting with their high school to seek extra support. There may even be things your child can do over the summer holidays to catch up before school starts. Remember: when parents and schools work together, children are far more likely to enjoy going to school and achieve success in their learning. And if you work closely with your child's school and things still aren't working out, please contact your Department of Education local regional office to seek help.



FOR 10 QUICK TIPS TO GET YOUR CHILD READY AND EXCITED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, GO TO -
www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/Tips-for-parents_Starting-Secondary.pdf

KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

*Respect
Resilience
Responsibility*



TRANSITION:

Facilitated by Junior School Leader, Miss Zoe Ferrier, Kerang Technical High School offers an extensive transition program. The transition initiative begins early in the year, with Miss Ferrier conducting Primary School visits through March and April. Students are additionally offered the opportunity to undertake three Transition Days, whereby Grade 6 students attend KTHS for a full day of classes. The transition experience then culminates with the Statewide Orientation Day in December.

The KTHS Transition pathway enables students to access a comprehensive experience of secondary school life. They undertake a range of subjects, meet school staff and familiarise themselves with the physical layout of school.

Throughout the year, Junior School Leader Miss Ferrier continually communicates with prospective families, offering invitations to school events such as Open Day and Parent Information Evenings.

Kerang Technical High School warmly welcomes all families, offering individual enrolments meetings and tours.

WHAT WE CAN OFFER:

Kerang Technical High School promotes an inclusive culture across all areas of school life.

Students in Junior School Years 7-9 study the following core subjects: Mathematics, English, Humanities, Science, Health & Physical Education and Language. Additionally, our broad elective program provides students with the opportunity to further their interests in Food Studies, Woodwork, Metalwork, Agriculture, Engineering, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Music, Art and Visual Communications and Design.

KTHS also offers an extensive program at Senior School Years 10-12, with students having the opportunity to undertake the VCE in addition to offering five Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects: Furnishing, Automotive, Engineering, Agriculture and Hospitality. The VET Program enables our school to support students in pathways including school-based apprenticeships.

We work extensively with Primary Schools and prospective families to provide an individual transition program. Please contact Junior School Leader Miss Zoe Ferrier if you would like further information: Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au



Quality education for the future in an inclusive and supportive environment



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KERANG CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Integrity, Faith and Family



ADVANCING TOGETHER SECONDARY

A Christian education community where every person is valued and nurtured to grow in their faith and knowledge.

Kerang Christian College is focused on providing exceptional Christian education that meets the needs of every student.

Our students are inspired to develop a love of learning and to embrace challenges as growth opportunities, with the encouragement, and guidance of their teachers and family.

In Years 7-9, we offer a set of core subjects as well as a range of specialist classes that allow students to discover new abilities and interests.

This year, electives have included Photography, Woodwork, Cooking and Visual Arts.

As students enter the senior school of Years 10-12, our focus is on providing them with the skills, knowledge, and courage to step out and succeed in whatever career path they choose to follow.

With every student having differing needs, our College offers flexibility to explore options, and our small class sizes mean students get the attention and support they need from staff at this time.

OUR VISION:

Kerang Christian College aims to encourage the pursuit of excellence and spiritual growth towards authentic Christian living.



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COHUNA SECONDARY COLLEGE

'Excellamus - Let Us Excel'



WHAT WE OFFER:

Our College aims to encourage each student to develop positive behaviours based on cooperation, mutual respect and tolerance. We have a strong academic culture, where students are supported to achieve their best.

OUR VISION:

- Treat all people with respect;
- Actively engage in diverse learning experiences;
- Create and utilise opportunities to enhance our capabilities;
- Care for and support each other within the school and the wider community; and
- Strive for excellence in all that we do.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- A strong focus on continuing to build Literacy and Numeracy skills across the College.
- A strong Pathways and Transition program.
- Comprehensive curriculum offerings including Art, Home Economics, Wood, Tech Studies, Textiles and VCD.
- Extra Curricular includes Instrumental Music, Theatre Restaurant, Public Speaking and numerous sporting activities.
- A broad camps and excursion program.
- Commitment to building relationships and restorative practice.
- A well-developed student leadership program.
- VCE, VCAL, VET, SBA and HOL program for middle/senior students.
- Outstanding record in students obtaining apprenticeships, employment and TAFE/University places.
- Strong community engagement.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

COMMUNITY working together to achieve great things;
OWNERSHIP accepting responsibility for our actions and behaviours;
RESPECT each other and the environment we live in;
EXCELLENCE we strive for excellence in all that we do;



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SWAN HILL SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Aim High!

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WHAT WE OFFER:

- Our average class size of 12 learners in Seniors
- Two staff members in every classroom
- Focus on Literacy and Numeracy,
- School Bus Service for outlying areas
- School Allied Health Team
- Breakfast Program
- Student Leadership Program
- Student Wellbeing Program – Social Worker
- Fantastic camps including our graduate's five-day camp on the Gold Coast.
- Senior pathways including VCAL and VET
- Hospitality
- Hands on Learning

SCHOOL FACILITIES:

- A well-equipped Music, Sensory and Art Rooms
- Indoor Therapy Pool that supports our extensive Learn to Swim Program
- Community Farm Garden/ Horticulture
- Community Café
- Two large commercial kitchens
- 1:1 technologies
- Kitchen facilities for classrooms
- VCAL Room

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Music
- Horticulture
- Hydrotherapy Pool
- P.E / Bike Ed
- RDA
- Science
- Art
- Sensory
- Dance



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