

A young boy and girl in school uniforms stand side-by-side. The boy is on the left, wearing a dark blue blazer, white shirt, and striped tie. The girl is on the right, wearing a dark blue blazer, white shirt, dark tie, and a green and blue plaid skirt. Both blazers feature a crest with an eagle and a shield. The background is a colorful, blurred pattern of squares.

The Knox School

CO-EDUCATIONAL | PRE PREP TO VCE

P R O S P E C T U S

The programs of, and teaching at The Knox School, support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

Elected Government

The rule of law

Equal rights for all before the law

Freedom of religion

Freedom of speech and association

The values of openness and tolerance





W E L C O M E

Thank you for taking the time to consider The Knox School. You have made an excellent start in your quest to find a school for your child.

The students who come to The Knox School are not only lucky to enjoy our excellent facilities and outstanding teachers, but while they are here they will develop great self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

Our strong values underpin everything we do – Values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity and Tolerance.

The students who graduate from us are remarkable young people who take these values into the world and make a difference. They may be doctors, lawyers and engineers but they could also be your local mechanic, plumber or teacher. Whatever path they choose, we know that, if they're a Knox student, they will be the best they can possibly be and we, and you, will be immensely proud of them.

We are an independent, co-educational school for students from Pre-Prep to Year 12. We are on a very attractive campus in Melbourne's leafy eastern suburbs. We are a non-denominational school welcoming students from all faiths and backgrounds.

We have a commitment to small class sizes with room for greater interaction between teacher and student. Each student is made to feel important and is recognised as a valuable and individual member of our community.

The Knox School offers students a safe and caring learning environment filled with many opportunities and challenges that will inspire and fulfil them today and into the future. Upon graduation they will join the ranks of our alumni who are changing the world in so many wonderful ways.

This is a special place; a happy place whose goal is to provide your child with a solid, well-rounded education for life.

I look forward to meeting you personally when you visit our School. You will be made very welcome.

MR ALLAN SHAW
PRINCIPAL, THE
KNOX SCHOOL



F O U R S C H O O L S O N E C A M P U S

The Knox School campus covers eight hectares, providing academic and co-curricular facilities to 800 students.

The Knox School has four sub-schools all located on the one campus:

Junior School - Pre Prep to Year 4

Lower Middle School - Year 5 to Year 7

Upper Middle School - Year 8 and Year 9

Senior College - Year 10 to Year 12

The Knox School is located on extensive and attractive grounds on Burwood Highway, between Stud Road and Mountain Highway in Wantirna South, Victoria. The School lies only 500 metres from the Burwood Highway interchange of the EastLink Freeway, making it easily accessible from most of Melbourne's eastern and southern suburbs.

The Knox School is well serviced by a wide variety of transport systems and we offer several chartered bus routes from surrounding suburbs, comprising coach services run specifically for The Knox School and our own fleet of mini buses.



BECOME
THE **BEST**
THAT **YOU**
CAN BE

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FIRST CLASS FACILITIES

The first class facilities at The Knox School include the Information Common Building, a resource shared by the whole school, featuring a unique Multimedia Recording Studio, two Libraries, Careers and Counselling Services and a Health Centre with a fully qualified nurse.

At The Knox School, technology plays a pivotal role in the daily life of our students. iPads are introduced from Lower Middle School and are changing the way teachers teach and students learn. High speed wireless broadband connections are located throughout the entire School.

The 400 seat Auditorium is a modern and lively venue where students and their families come to celebrate student achievement, creativity and talent during assemblies, productions and performances. The Auditorium also features a function space and an Art Gallery with student artwork on display.

Our Hospitality Centre is an industry standard facility featuring a wide variety of commercial equipment and a 24 seat café, allowing students to prepare and present their amazing dishes and beverages.

Located throughout the grounds is a wide range of sporting facilities including an Olympic size, synthetic turf, floodlit hockey field; extensive ovals; tennis courts; basketball courts; grassed playing areas and a multi-purpose sports centre housing two indoor basketball courts and a fully-equipped weights room.

Our classrooms are spacious and filled with natural light. All rooms are heated and air-conditioned. Electronic whiteboards and projection equipment are available in all classrooms to enhance student learning. Our modern Science Laboratories feature the very latest in scientific equipment including digital microscopes.

THE KNOX SCHOOL JOURNEY

The Knox School has a strong values-based education program which underpins everything that we do: Values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care, compassion and tolerance.

There is an emphasis on the creative aspects of education: arts, music, drama and dance. There is a healthy participation in sport, outdoor education and community involvement.

Small class sizes throughout the entire School enable teachers to truly get to know each student and their family on a personal level. Teachers pride themselves in their knowledge and implementation of all aspects of Pastoral Care.

With only 800 students across the entire campus, we are small enough to provide the personal care and attention your child deserves. This is a place where both academic and co-curricular achievements are recognised and applauded.

The introduction of iPads throughout several levels of the School is teaching students to be responsible digital citizens as well as making lessons exciting, engaging and fun.

The Knox School students are happy and confident with a true sense of empathy and consideration for others.



RESPECT,
RESPONSIBILITY,
HONESTY,
CARE,
COMPASSION AND
TOLERANCE

THE

BEST PLACE FOR LITTLE
PEOPLE



JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School caters for students in the first stage of their formal education offering a Pre-Prep program for three and four year olds and classes for Prep to Year 4 students. Playgroup is also available in the Junior School.

The environment is warm and supportive, bright and vibrant – encouraging students to explore their surroundings and develop an appetite for learning and life.

The Pre-Prep program is undertaken in the Early Learning Centre and introduces our youngest children to the School in a program that draws on play and children's natural interests. Specialist classes in Performing Arts, Library and PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) are part of the curriculum. The Pre-Prep program allows children to make the transition to Prep very smoothly and with greater confidence.

From Prep to Year 4, students are introduced to a greater range of opportunities. The Specialist Program allows our

specialist teachers to work closely with classroom teachers to develop a curriculum that links concepts and skills across a range of topics.

Literacy and numeracy skills are a primary focus of the Prep to Year 4 program and integrated units are underpinned by Science, Health, Technology and Humanities.

Special days provide a focus for a different approach to learning such as our Oktoberfest where students participate in activities that consolidate class sessions and generate an interest in another culture.

The home-school connection is important in the Junior School and we welcome family members to the School on Special Persons' Day; to assist with school productions; assemblies and as classroom helpers during the term.

WRAP

WRAP is a child-centred approach literacy program. It includes instruction in listening, speaking, spelling, reading, writing, handwriting and comprehension. WRAP develops foundational literacy skills through multisensory perceptual work and develops application of those skills in meaningful contexts for practice.

Students develop a sound understanding of the English language for spelling, writing and reading.

All Junior School teachers at The Knox School have received extensive training in delivering this wonderful literacy program to our younger students. The evidence of its success is clear in our excellent NAPLAN results (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) showing that 100% of our students are above the national average in writing. *

**2013 results. Years 3 & 5*

LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Lower Middle School comprises Years 5 to 7 and provides a seamless transition from the Junior School, building on the wonderful values-based programs established during the younger years.

Years 5 and 6 are housed in a bright and colourful learning centre atop the Information Common building with plenty of space and light for collaborative learning and teaching. Year 7 has a dedicated learning and transition centre catering for the needs of developing students by encompassing both individual year level classrooms and an open learning space. The centre space allows for innovative collaboration and the use of technology and electronic media.

The school day is structured to provide five periods of 70 minutes duration allowing for the inclusion of in-depth learning and consolidation within each lesson. In Years 5 and 6 the core program is run by a skilled generalist teacher, whilst at Year 7 the program will allocate a team of dedicated Year 7 specialists to provide integrated units of study. At all three levels, specialist teachers will deliver a varied creative, artistic and technology-rich program.

A unique aspect of the Lower Middle School is the Music program. Each student is offered free music lessons with a

rotation of orchestral instruments and the opportunity to form part of training bands through to the School's major musical ensembles. Private tuition is also available. From Year 7, students can take an active role in musical productions or competitions.

In these important formative years, students' needs evolve and Year Level Coordinators are available for Pastoral Care and mentorship.

To improve self-confidence and personal growth, students in Lower Middle School are encouraged to further develop their public speaking and debating skills.

To facilitate the transition of the large number of students who will join the School at Year 7, The Knox School conducts Orientation Days for all incoming students to make them feel welcome and to allow them to experience the exciting times ahead.

In our Year 7 Transition Centre, there is an emphasis on preparing students for Secondary life and many leadership opportunities are available.



ESTABLISHING

VITAL

FOUNDATIONS



TEENAGE
HEALTH AND
WELLBEING

UPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The adolescent years offer a challenging time for many young people and our dynamic and unique Upper Middle School, comprising Years 8 and 9, has at its core a curriculum focus on adolescent health and wellbeing. We aim to develop in our Upper Middle School students, greater social and personal development, confidence, resilience and self-esteem.

While a dedicated team of staff ensures that key learning areas are met, there are a number of self-discovery programs that students will participate in – all programs that are very important as they deal with the varied challenges of adolescence in the modern world.

The SPIRIT community service program is the focus for the entire Upper Middle School years. Research has proven that active community service promotes a positive self-identity for young people. Active citizenship programs are a way of reducing mental health issues associated with teenage years.



The aims for students as they work in the local and worldwide community are:

- To extend the hand of friendship
- To raise cultural awareness
- To introduce students to meaningful community involvement
- To extend a student's knowledge of their community
- To deepen a student's social conscience
- To strengthen appreciation of others
- To work together with shared values and a common goal

The Upper Middle School is sensitively staffed with a mixture of male and female teachers who are specifically trained to deal with young people.

Students experience programs such as the Tournament of Minds, the KEEP (Knox Educational Experience Program) city project, Outdoor Education, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the experiential program at Phillip Island.

The Upper Middle School allows students to enter the Senior College with confidence in the uniqueness of self, in their talents and with their relationships. At this important stage in their schooling, students have developed an independence and belief in the dream of what they can achieve.

SENIOR COLLEGE

The Senior College is the final stepping stone for students in Year 10 to Year 12 as they prepare for the future.

The Knox School provides opportunities for our Senior College students to achieve academic success and to enhance their individual wellbeing, giving them the best possible start to life beyond school.

The Knox School's vision acknowledges enterprise, business acumen and the importance of preparing for the technology-based society of the 21st century.

The curriculum is constantly reviewed to be a reflection of the demands of our dynamic world.

Personal development is encouraged through Pastoral Care and we have an emphasis on the ethics of work, community service, leadership and initiative.

Our School's values encourage responsibility towards the environment, respect for our uniform, acceptance of others and tolerance of difference. It is our aim to develop in the young people who graduate from the Senior College a respect for citizenship, honesty, thoughtfulness, loyalty and a willingness to serve others.

Co-curricular programs, emphasising leadership and the acceptance of responsibility for others, underpin the Senior College's values and practices. Leadership is developed through our School Captains, Prefects, House Captains, Music Captains and Monitors.

Students are encouraged to participate in an extensive program of activities that centre on building self-confidence, public speaking skills, improving individual organisational abilities and building sound personal relationships with others.

At The Knox School, size is our advantage. Small class sizes, particularly in Year 12, enable students to receive the attention that they deserve at this critical time in their education.

The Knox School offers both VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) and VET (Vocational Education and Training) subjects to meet the prerequisites for tertiary and vocational training.

Our VET focus is on Hospitality and Multimedia, while the VCE curriculum offers the choice of more than thirty subjects including three languages in the languages program.

Leadership is central to the development of character for all students of The Knox School. Our students are encouraged to speak publicly, to accept responsibilities in a variety of co-curricular activities and to join programs which specifically target leadership skills.

The development of leadership skills is fundamental to our ethos. Young people who support each other in all aspects of school life are likely to live and work together with purpose. Our School leaders are encouraged to support and care for their peers. Every student of The Knox School should feel secure and comfortable to seek help and advice from a School leader.

A young man with dark, spiky hair, wearing a white lab coat, is smiling warmly at the camera. He is positioned behind a microscope on a laboratory bench. The background features a grid of square panels, each containing a different biological illustration, such as a cell, a flower, and a leaf. The entire image has a light blue color cast.

ESTABLISHING
TOMORROW'S
LEADERS
TODAY



CATERING FOR
INDIVIDUALS

C U R R I C U L U M

At The Knox School our mission is to enhance and develop the aspiring mind with a passion for life-long, local and global, discovery and learning. The curriculum is the structure through which we deliver this mission.

Throughout the School, we aim to provide the opportunity for every individual so they gain the satisfaction of realising their academic potential. From the support of our Assisted and Accelerated Learning Department to the encouragement of enrichment programs, we strive to ensure that every student at every level is individually catered for.

The curriculum is designed to meet the challenge of preparing young people for the technology-based global society of the 21st century. We incorporate Learning Technology across a broad range of subjects including Multimedia, Robotics, Games Programming, Music Technology, Web Authoring, Graphic Design and Photography. Our unique Multimedia facilities allow us to integrate this technology, utilising our fully equipped studio to create audio and visual recordings.

Our Hospitality Centre allows students to explore their creative side as they undertake Hospitality and Food Technology studies.

The curriculum is constantly reviewed to ensure that it continues to provide the optimum choice of subjects to suit the widely differing career paths and goals of individual students. At the senior level, we offer both VCE and VET subjects.

The Lower Middle School curriculum aims to improve students' self-confidence and to develop individuality whilst the Upper Middle School curriculum is focused on student health and wellbeing.

In the Junior School the curriculum is designed to challenge and stimulate young minds and to allow teachers to work with students on an individual level.

T H E D I G I T A L A G E

The Knox School is immensely proud of its place in the digital age. Across the entire school we have embraced the latest technology to enhance, not only our educational outcomes but to communicate with our community and to provide timely and up to date parent-school access.

Continuous Online Reporting is available to parents who, via a secure login, can be kept informed about students' assessment tasks and their progress through them.

At any time during the year, they are able to see the task, the date due, the criteria for marking and the achieved result.

Parents no longer receive a surprising end of semester report outlining a problem encountered several months earlier. The reports are completely up to date with the progress of all subjects and results published a short time after the assessment task is completed and marked.

By seeing the criteria for marking, both the parent and the student can see where they need to improve and action can be taken immediately so that the following tests show an improvement.

This Continuous Online Reporting system helps students improve in all areas of learning.



KEEPING

YOU

IN TOUCH

ENRICHING

LIVES



C O - C U R R I C U L A R

Co-curricular activities are those that extend learning beyond the core curriculum. They are an essential and enjoyable part of school life for all students at The Knox School.

The School offers a wide range of co-curricular activities designed to enable all students to develop interests, skills and personal qualities that will enrich their lives now and in the future.

The co-curricular activities on offer at The Knox School are extensive and encompass Music, Performing Arts, Sport, Outdoor Education, Equestrian, Debating and Technology.

A highlight of our co-curricular program is the unique opportunity to learn a musical instrument from Year 2 to Year 7 at no extra cost.

Students at The Knox School have the opportunity to participate in the school production, a large scale event that

involves over 100 students taking part as dramatic performers, musical performers and backstage crew.

School concerts are exciting musical events and an opportunity for The Knox School to showcase our musical talent with performances by choirs, orchestras, concert bands, big bands, brass ensembles, percussion bands, rock bands and more.

The Knox School offers students the opportunity to participate in numerous professional and competitive events in local, national and international arenas. We have achieved state and national recognition in competitions such as the Tournament of Minds, Rock Eisteddfod and Wakakirri, and received international acclaim for our Music Ensembles.

Sport is also a significant part of our co-curricular offering. Students have the opportunity to experience a range of sports and compete with other independent, co-educational Melbourne schools in the Inter-school Sports Program.

INDIVIDUAL CARE

The Knox School's personalised attention is not only a feature of our teaching but also extends to the care of our students. We provide a network to support students in every aspect of their study and personal life.

The Knox School offers a range of services to assist students with their academic and personal needs including:

- Subject selection
- Career guidance
- Counselling
- Pastoral care
- Academic support programs
- Medical assistance
- Holiday programs

The Assisted and Accelerated Learning Department provides support for students with special learning needs from Prep through to Year 12. As students have strengths and weaknesses and different learning styles, the student support program is tailored to suit the learning needs of individual students.

The Da Vinci enrichment program has been developed for gifted and talented students and is designed to enrich and supplement the individualised learning already in place across the School.

Pastoral Care is concerned with the emotional, physical, intellectual and moral development of the individual student. Pastoral Care is important in all stages of transition, helping students develop a positive self-image, resilience and a feeling of belonging.

Individual counselling sessions, group support, specialist program development, staff discussions and working with families are all available to enhance the continuing health and wellbeing of the school community.

Throughout the whole school, regular open and honest communication between students, parents and staff promote a joint approach to student wellbeing.

A feature of The Knox School is the intimate size of each of the sub-schools where all students and their families are known to every member of staff. This creates a strong sense of belonging which supports the students through their various developmental stages.





C O M M U N I T Y

The Knox School community includes our students and families, staff, School Board, and our Alumni Association..

Led by our Principal, Mr Allan Shaw, The Knox School staff consists of dedicated, hardworking professionals who value the importance of a well-rounded education. They are caring, passionate, approachable and innovative.

Teachers maintain contact with parents throughout the year via regular parent-teacher interviews and reports. They are able to be contacted at all times via email. Parental involvement in the life of the School is encouraged and parents are welcome to seek further feedback and advice from teachers throughout the year.

The staff at The Knox School extend beyond the classroom with teachers, administrative personnel and the management team working together to provide our students with a pleasant, secure and safe learning environment.

The Knox School values the on-going support of our community and we work closely with all members to ensure that our School is an active and established member of the wider community. The Knox School supports many charities and appeals throughout the year as a way of giving back to our community.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L S T U D E N T S

The international nature of The Knox School is one of our most distinctive and special features. Every day at The Knox School sees a celebration of diversity and an affirmation that this feature of the School is one of its enduring strengths.

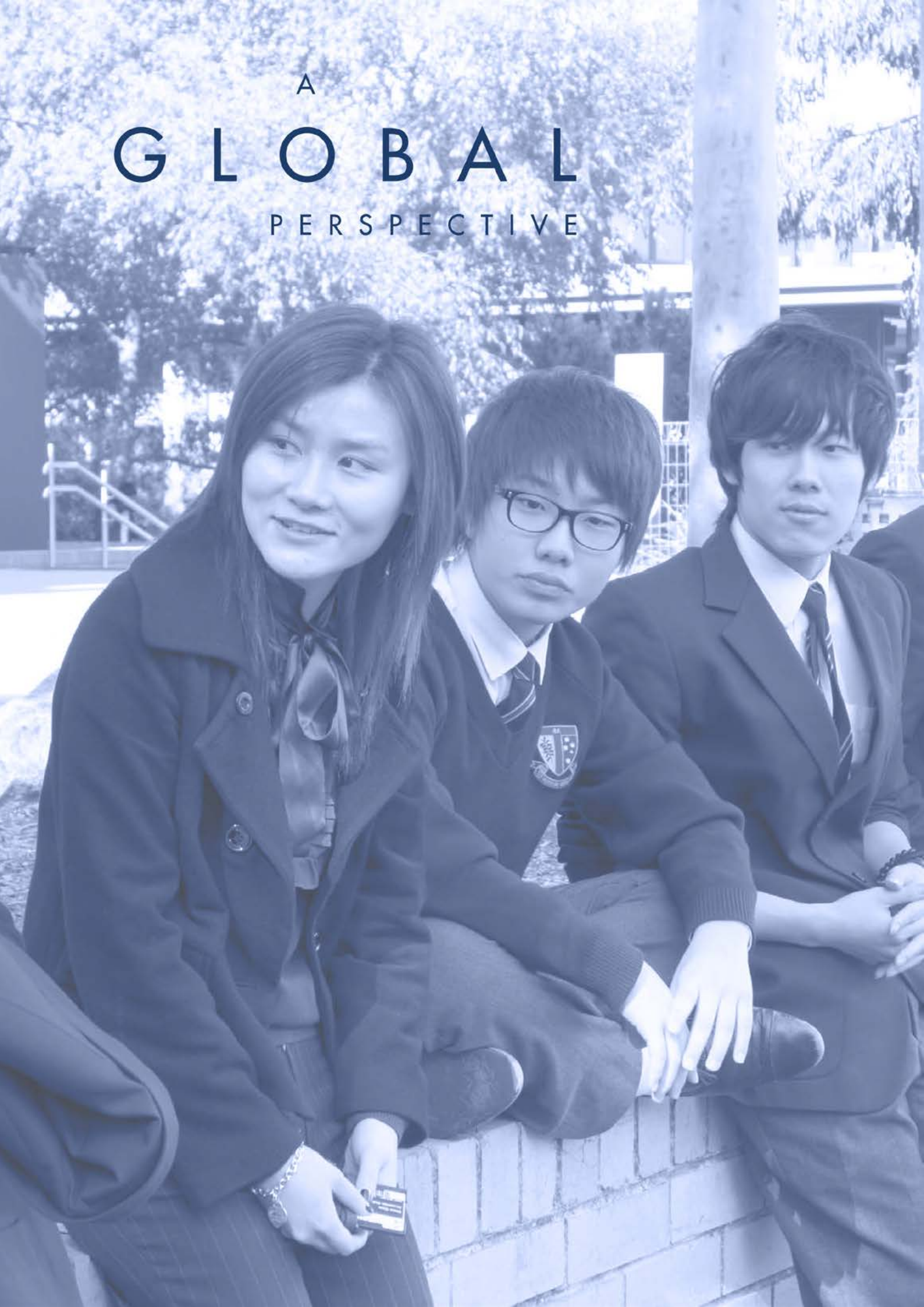
At The Knox School you will find openness amongst staff and students - a willingness to accept the values and beliefs of others and to learn about different cultures.

The Knox School is committed to the promotion of international understanding and cultural respect within our School and in the wider community. We aim to build bridges between our culture and international cultures, accepting our differences and respecting the traditions of others.

The Knox School welcomes students from all around the world. Many international students use homestay accommodation where Australian families care for them within their homes.

All students at The Knox School, both local and international, benefit greatly from the global perspective that our International Program offers.

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GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVE





THANK YOU

Thank you for spending a few minutes of your time to consider The Knox School.

We invite you to take a personal tour of the School so that you can experience our wonderful facilities and meet our friendly staff and students.

Please contact our Registrar on 8805 3800 or email registrar@knox.vic.edu.au to arrange an appointment or to join our monthly School Tours led by our Principal, Heads of School and School Captains.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Staff & Students,
The Knox School**

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