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## Welcome

At Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, we are dedicated to learning excellence in a faith-filled, engaged and supportive environment.

#### Who was Caroline Chisholm?

Our College is named in honour of Caroline Chisholm (1808-1877), a Catholic social reformer who helped thousands of immigrants to Australia, particularly women, to find safe homes and respectable employment. With a personalised teaching approach, we encourage all students to be the best they are called to be and to strive for excellence in and outside of the classroom – providing a firm foundation for a successful adult life.

Each of our students is known, valued and offered a wide range of opportunities to suit their individual strengths and interests.

Our College is welcoming and diverse, with students from more than 65 nationalities, and a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

At Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, girls and boys study separately in their early adolescent years, before joining a co-educational program from Year 10.

Our students' academic results in VCE are strong; almost 90 per cent of our Year 12 go on to tertiary education. We also offer senior students the option of the more hands-on vocational program Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), as well as Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects, in preparation for a career in trades, with many students successfully receiving apprenticeship positions each year.

Within these pages, you can learn about Caroline Chisholm Catholic College in more detail, and I also encourage you to visit our College in person to see our thriving learning community for yourself.

MARCO DICESARE Principal



Dedication means trying your absolute hardest in the things you love, but more importantly the things you don't. To me VCE was not a test of intelligence but instead a test of dedication."

> SARAH CAMILLERI Top 20 ATAR Score

### Our history

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College was founded in 1997, when three schools – with roots stretching back more than 50 years – joined together.

Today, our College has three campuses located across two sites in Churchill Avenue Braybrook, and is easily accessible by public transport:

+ Christ the King (Year 7-9 Girls)

+ St John's (Year 7-9 Boys)

+ Sacred Heart (Year 10-12 Co-Educational)

We also have a 56-acre wholly-owned and operated outdoor and environmental education campus, Garema-Dumont, located on the Moorabool River near Meredith.

### Academic overview

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College encourages every student to strive for excellence, and to fulfil their potential, no matter where their interests lie.

We offer more than 50 VCE subjects, achieving excellent results, particularly in sciences, mathematics and technology. Almost 90 per cent of our Year 12 students go on to tertiary education after graduating, the vast majority of them in university.

We also offer the option of Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) qualifications for students who plan to have a career in the trades, and have a fully equipped trade training centre. Specialist worldclass technology facilities encompass use of wood, plastic, metal, fibre, food, electronics, robotics, automotive mechanics and electrotechnology.

Students start in Year 7 with a broad range of subjects – including Japanese and Italian – before being given increasing opportunities to make choices as they progress in their school careers. We offer Vietnamese as a language option at VCE.

Aspire is our accelerated learning program - gifted and talented students are encouraged to apply. Aspire is led by dedicated teachers and learning support staff who provide extra help to those who need it.

In order to support our strong literacy focus, all students in Years 7-9 also participate in our College Reading Program. This includes small reading groups, one-on-one conferencing and regular testing to raise reading performance term-by-term.

The Junior Music Program includes tuition in keyboard and acoustic guitar. We also offer the option of extra tuition in woodwind, brass, stringed and percussion instruments, as well as keyboard and voice at all year levels (fees apply).

Technology is integrated into almost every area of learning, with each student using a personal notebook computer.

Our Pathways team helps students with subject or career choices. Pathways staff also offer advice and assistance regarding work experience, job seeking skills and other preparation for further study, traineeships, apprenticeships or employment.



# Leaders in learning excellence

### Learning isn't restricted to the classroom at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

Students have access to a range of world-class facilities including a performing arts centre, trade training centre, libraries, indoor swimming pool, sports fields, and a college-owned outdoor education camp.



#### Out-of-classroom education

We stage an annual calendar of visual and performing arts events, including: instrumental, choral and dance performances; art exhibitions; and a musical.

These opportunities aren't just in the spotlight – a range of backstage crew roles are also available in our creative and supportive performing arts community.

Our College is a member of the Sports Association of Catholic Co-educational Secondary Schools (SACCSS) and is also affiliated with School Sports Victoria.

Students compete in a wide range of interschool competitions in a number of sports including swimming, golf, futsal and cross country running – and can potentially represent their region, state or country. Closer to home, they can test their skills against each other at the College's annual Athletics Day and House Carnival, and other sporting events. Students also have the opportunity to participate in sports they may never otherwise experience, such as cross-country skiing, ultimate frisbee and women's AFL.

The College's Trade Training Centre includes technology used across industries such as engineering, 3D fabrications and robotics, as well as trades such as signcrafting. Students learn how to use 3D printers and Computer Numerical Control (CNC) routers to create projects from conception to working product, showing innovation and construction skills.

Our outdoor education program aims to promote students' personal development – particularly self-esteem – while encouraging teamwork and positive attitudes towards the environment. Year by year, students safely build on their skills under the supervision of our qualified and experienced outdoor education staff. Activities include camping, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, cooking, rock climbing, surfing and many others.

In an increasingly globalised world, our students have opportunities to take advantage of our links with schools overseas. We receive visits from students from sister schools in Japan, the UK and Italy. Visiting students stay with host families from our College.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have the option of participating in an annual study tour to Japan or Italy.

We also have a range of excursions closer to home at all year levels.

Every student has the opportunity to explore, learn and grow in multiple and diverse settings at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.







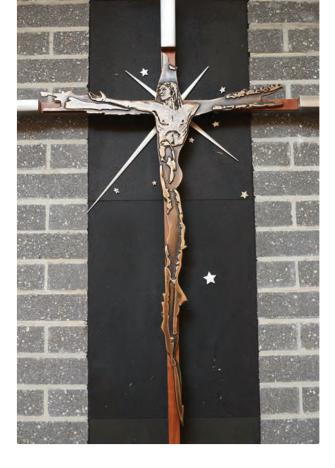
Every student has talents and we give them every chance to succeed – whether that's academically, artistically or in out-of-classroom areas such as sport and social justice."

MARCO DICESARE Principal

## The teenage years can be challenging – our goal is for students not just to survive, but to thrive

Our teachers and leadership team care about each student, not just as a learner, but as a whole person.





Those joining the school at Year 7 enjoy a special transition program to help them form new friendships and get to know each other.

Furthermore, students don't just get to know those in their year level – they are placed into 'vertical' home rooms called Learner Mentor Groups with students from other grades so they can support, learn from and mentor each other.

Students are given the opportunity to develop strong leadership skills – including problem solving and public speaking – in a number of positions ranging from College Captains to Liturgy Captains.

Our school community gives thanks daily with morning prayer. Weekly liturgies provide further time for contemplation and worship. While we teach Gospel values, we are a diverse and inclusive community with students from more than 65 nationalities and a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

The care, safety and wellbeing of students is fundamental to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, which has adopted the Victorian Government's child safe school standards and adheres to democratic principles.

We run free English classes for family members who struggle with the language, hold homework help workshops, have a free breakfast club that ensures no child starts school hungry and offer a fee assistance program as well as a number of scholarships and bursaries.

Our students also benefit from the opportunity to 'give back' and reflect on their good fortune by participating in charity and social initiatives. Generative Beyond a VCE score, the College plays a significant role in preparing our students to be global citizens with a foundation of values, a faith grounded in hope and a belief in our capacity to transcend the ordinary in our search for meaning in life."

**SUZANNE FARLEY** Deputy Principal

# Faith-filled, engaged & inclusive



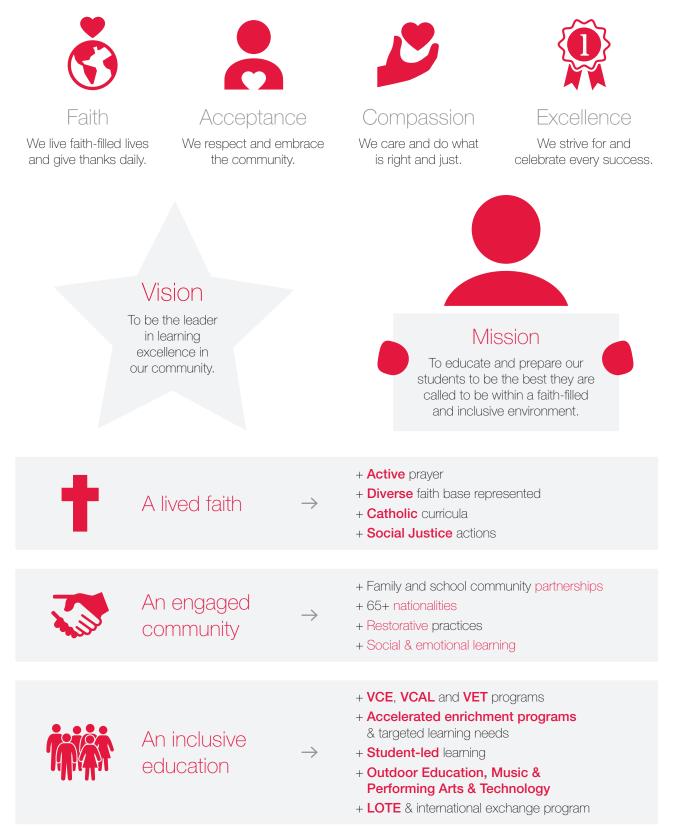
Leaders in learning excellence

## **Caroline Chisholm Catholic College**

Dedicated to learning excellence, with great staff and excellent facilities.

### Values

At Caroline Chisholm Catholic College we achieve our vision & mission by valuing:



To register your child, please contact our College Registrar on registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

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