

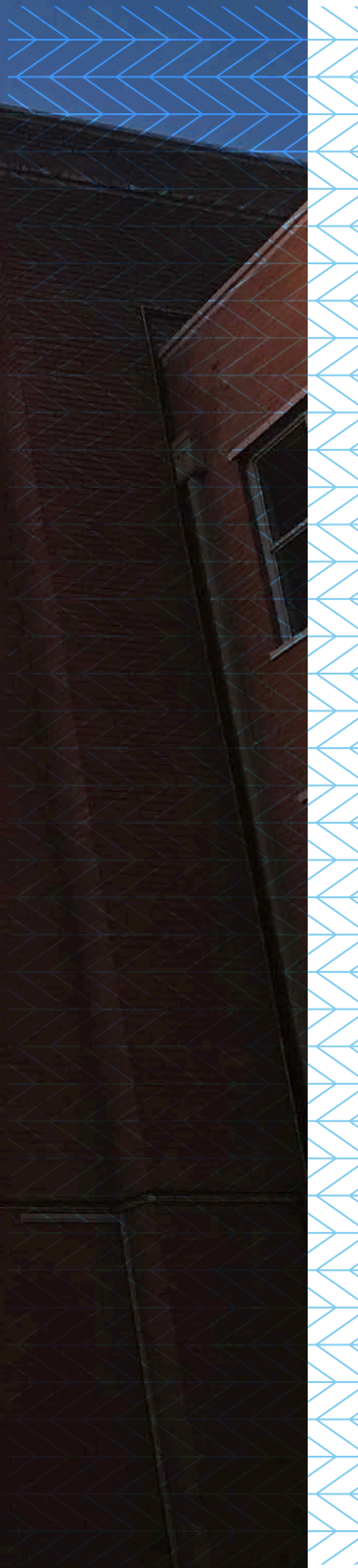


Monivae
College Hamilton

PROSPECTUS

educating the
mind
spirit
heart





WELCOME TO **MONIVAE**

I am delighted to welcome you to Monivae College, a Catholic school educating young men and women in the MSC tradition and thank you for your interest.

The choice of which secondary school for your child to attend is a very important one and I suggest that the best way to make this decision is to visit the school and talk to current students and where possible find the opportunity of speaking to their families.

Monivae prides itself on providing a safe, friendly and welcoming environment. Students come into Year 7 from over twenty different primary schools and within a very short period of time they form a cohesive year level that welcomes new students to their cohort as boarders and other newcomers join at various times over the years.

One of Monivae's significant strengths is the wide range of curriculum opportunities and subject choices available to our students. Being the largest secondary provider in the region it has a breadth of offerings that caters for the very brightest academic students to those who have a vocational focus in their studies. Monivae College is not an elite school but one that caters for all.



The College is conducted by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic religious congregation of priests and brothers working closely with the lay people on staff, whose 'heart spirituality' underpins all that we do. Heart spirituality is a gentle Christian spirituality that focuses on God's love for us and our requirement 'to be on earth the heart of God'.

While Monivae College is in its 67th year and has a rich history we are very much focussed on the future and wish to prepare our students for 21st century living. We are proud of our great history and the achievements of so many Old Collegians. We continue to be a school of many opportunities for our students.

Our school has a focus on Positive Education and wellbeing that helps to enhance the learning experiences for our students. This assists in producing happy, confident and well adjusted young people.

I invite you to join us for a discussion and tour so you too can discover the difference a Monivae education can make to your child and family.

Jonathan Rowe
Principal





MONIVAE COLLEGE

MISSION AND VISION

Mission

Monivae College is a heart-centred learning community that embodies the core MSC values of love, positive relationships and compassion. Ours is a proactive and future focused educational environment which embraces and engages with the world.

Vision

Monivae College is a Catholic secondary co-educational day and boarding school welcoming to everyone. Inspired by the vision of Jules Chevalier and spirituality of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart students are at the heart of all we do. We nurture success through developing personal and physical growth, resilience, empathy, academic achievement and faith.

‘The Monivae graduate is a life-long learner, one who is a competent, confident and compassionate citizen with spiritual awareness and the ability to lead.’



ENQUIRING MINDS

The College offers students a broad range of subject choice catering for a diversity of student interests, abilities and vocational pathways. Serious study is encouraged, as well as critical thinking and autonomous growth.

A compassionate engagement with global crises and social justice issues is encouraged and modelled through a variety of programs.

The curriculum offerings align with Victorian Curriculum for Years 7-10 and the senior VCAA studies of VCE or VCAL at Year 11 & 12. The College offers a number of VET Courses internally and through external providers.

In all things students are encouraged to be 'the best you can'. Eighty four percent of students received a Tertiary offer and the College has well established connections in the community that provide for a range of apprenticeships.



Year 7 Transition

The Year 7 transition program provides a smooth movement into the secondary school environment. As part of the transition process, Year 7 students have their own homeroom for most classes and access to their own toilets. Students attend combined classes of Art & Technology and a fortnightly MSC in Action program.

Learning, Enrichment and Extension Program (LEEP)

LEEP is a program for highly able Year 7 students at Monivae College and operates on the principles of curriculum enrichment and extension, and developing their outstanding potential.

Students in the Enrichment Program will work on the same material as other students, only in greater depth. Students will receive instruction by the teacher matching in-depth activities with existing curriculum. Additionally, students will be provided an opportunity to work on independent study projects.

The LEEP program provides an opportunity for academically able students to be extended in a group of their peers. The program will continue, in similar vein, into Years 8 and 9.

For further information of the LEEP Program, contact the Director of Studies.

Learning Support

The Learning Support team supports students across the school, both in class and by offering interventions to small groups.

The interventions offered are designed to support students with low literacy and/or numeracy. Generally the literacy interventions are carried out in Year 7 and the numeracy interventions at Year 8.

The current interventions offered are Multilit – reading tutor program – Macqlit and Quicksmart Numeracy. With support from the Catholic Education Office, students with significant learning needs can be tested by an Educational Psychologist or Speech Pathologist, as required.

Year 8

Year 8 students participate in the Monivae College Cadet program. Cadets introduces students to a range of activities designed to give students confidence, self-esteem, self-reliance, endurance and responsibility.

Core subjects in early secondary years provide a balance that recognises the importance of the transition between primary school and secondary education.

Years 9 & 10

Year 9 & 10 students are both offered expanded subject choices and the important guidance required to make subject selections that will guide them into their final years. During Year 10, students undertake work experience to help develop their career management with support from our Careers Co-ordinator.



Years 11 & 12

Year 11 and 12 students can undertake both VCE and VCAL pathways during Year 11. Students have the opportunity whilst in Year 11 to participate in the Presentation Ball. The 'Headstart Program' offers Year 12 students an orientation program for their final year with classes beginning in the last few weeks of Year 11.

Each year, Monivae has many outstanding VCE results with many Year 12 students gaining exceptional study scores in their VCE and VET subjects. Monivae is extremely proud of all the Year 12 students who every year partake and achieve to their best of their ability.

VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning)

VCAL is a recognised senior secondary qualification that has been designed to increase the pathways for young people in Years 11 and 12. It is a vocational alternative to the VCE that prepares students for further studies at TAFE or training through apprenticeships and traineeships, and for employment.

VCAL provides hands on learning, where students learn theory and gain knowledge and understanding through the practical application of skills. VCAL gives practical work related experience as well as literacy and numeracy and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. This project-based applied learning

is meaningful, relevant, has a purpose and develops thinking and conceptual skills. VCAL students complete one day per week of industry placement.

VET (Vocational Education & Training)

VET programs allow students to include VET within the VCE and VCAL pathways. This is designed to broaden the range of study options available to the growing and increasingly diverse senior secondary population. VET enables students to undertake accredited vocational studies within their senior secondary certificate and obtain a nationally accredited certificate as well. This development of generic and specific work skills enhances job prospects and future vocational training opportunities.

In this structure, learning takes place in the classroom or a simulated work environment. One week of Work Placement is encouraged for VCE students to enable them to develop their skills and to gain an understanding of the workplace. Some VET programs are delivered at Monivae (Engineering, Sport and Recreation) others are delivered locally at SWTAFE, RIST (Rural Industries Skill Training) and Hamilton District Skills Centre (HDSC) Hamilton.





BRAVE SPIRITS

Inspired by the MSC vision for the education of young people, Monivae strives to provide a holistic education, one rich in 'heart centred' learning encounters.

Our gentle MSC charism, referred to as 'Heart Spirituality' underpins all practice at the College. Our MSC message is simple - 'Remember the power of love'!

House System

The Monivae College House System promotes friendly competition, creative leadership and care for others. It allows students to mix with those outside their immediate friendship group and get to know students from all year levels. House activities allow students the opportunity to participate in a range of fun activities; athletics, swimming, debating, singing, cross- country, chess and fundraising. House activities are much awaited events and keenly contested.



Cadets

The Monivae College Cadet Unit has been an integral part of the college life since 1963. The Cadet motto – ‘Courage, Initiative, Respect and Teamwork’, encapsulates much about the outdoor activities, challenges and skills students gain from this program. The program is part of the curriculum for students in Years 8 and 9 and optional for Year 10 and 11 students, many of whom choose to remain as Senior Leaders.

The Cadet Program is exciting and challenging, and provides unsurpassed opportunities for cadets to lead and achieve away from the confines of the classroom. From recruit bivouacs at the beginning of the year at Glendinning, the Annual Camp at the foot of the Grampians, the ANZAC day parades, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, the Annual Cadet Ceremonial Parade, regular training days and leadership courses at Puckapunyal. It can be seen that the opportunities to build self-confidence, work as part of a team, to be proactive and demonstrate leadership qualities are numerous.

An integral part of the Monivae Cadet Unit is the Cadet Band. The band can be heard practising around the school grounds on most alternative education days.

Sport

Sport at Monivae is a very important component of the co-curricular program. There are a variety of sports for students to be involved with and the chance to represent their House, School, Region or State. The College offers the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Clay Shooting, Cricket, Debating, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Swimming, Rowing, Tennis, and Triathlon.

Monivae is extremely fortunate to have state-of-the art sporting facilities as part of its facilities. The Chevalier Centre heated indoor pool allows for all year round use. Incorporated into the Chevalier Centre is the extensive gymnasium, which features stationary bikes and fixed and free weight equipment for group exercise sessions. The adjoining East and West stadiums have two indoor basketball courts, with ample elevated seating and new large, change rooms.

Set amongst the gum trees, are the four combined tennis/basketball outdoor courts and hockey oval. In partnership with Cricket Victoria, the newly completed Monivae Cricket Hub is the pre-eminent cricket specific facility in Western Victoria.

The Arts

The study of and involvement in Arts at Monivae is a vital part of the maturation and development of our students and requires them to explore areas and concepts that stretch, not only their imagination, but their view of the world.

Music is a core subject in the early years with the option to continue with the Music Program right through to Year 12. Monivae offers a music Tuition Program with the opportunity to learn a range of Brass, Woodwind and String instruments. Students are encouraged to be part of the Monivae Choir and School Band, which perform at many school assemblies and school functions.

Drama and Theatrical studies are on offer at Monivae through to the completion of Year 12. Every second year, Monivae students participate in a School Musical Production with many roles available as cast, crew, band or set construction.



KIND HEARTS

The wellbeing of our students at Monivae is the highest priority for the College. The recently opened Chevalier Centre has a focus on good relationships, positive psychology and mindfulness, positioning the College at the forefront of contemporary wellbeing practice for adolescents.



Pastoral Care

Each year level is coordinated into homerooms with a designated teacher. This structure allows homeroom teachers to really get to know each student and for each student and family to have a key staff member as a focal point of contact within the College. During homeroom and the scheduled Wellbeing lessons, students are provided with strategies to develop their living, learning and thinking power.

The focus is on developing student character strengths helping them build their 'Wellbeing Bank' to draw on when they need to overcome life's challenges. It may be as simple as "Resilience Builders", where students note the emotions felt, strengths and positive self-talk used in a good situation or simply writing down three good things that happened that day.

Year Level Coordinators, the Director of Students, College Counsellor or Headspace Counsellor work with students and or families in need of support.

Student Services

Student Services at Monivae College aims to assist students facing a range of challenges that can act as barriers to their educational and developmental potential. We offer strategies and specialised support to students that are individually developed to suit the students educational needs and current level of emotional, physical and mental wellbeing.

Student Services work as part of an integrated team in conjunction with other key staff, with the aim to:

- target the individual needs of the student to enable them to achieve successful education and wellbeing outcomes;
- respond to emerging student wellbeing needs and engage them with the school based counsellor, Learning Support or external services e.g. Headspace;
- work in collaboration with services available in the community;
- facilitate and strengthen partnerships between the student, school and family to ensure the student achieves success;
- respond to critical incidents that involve students, staff and the wider community;
- create reasonable adjustments for students to engage with the curriculum according to their needs and ability.

Wellbeing Programs

Age appropriate programs provide students with a toolkit of strategies to enhance student wellbeing and assist students to flourish in and beyond the school context. The focus of wellbeing programs at Monivae is to:

- encourage gratitude and social responsibility
- cultivate positive respectful relationships
- foster learning and enhance academic achievement
- promote mindfulness through meditation and action
- increase a greater sense of self awareness
- build resilience and emotional intelligence

Social Justice

In the MSC context this is exemplified through thought and action, it is fostered by a sense of care and compassion for one another, especially for the less advantaged, in both the College and the wider community.

A wide range of charities, events and community projects are supported by the Monivae community.

Immersion

Mission experiences to remote communities in Papua New Guinea and Kiribati, offer students a unique opportunity to deepen their empathy and assess their values in different world settings.

BOARDING



We have created a home away from home for boarding students, with safe, boutique accommodation.

Full boarding provides a home for boarders seven days a week with two 'home' weekends when boarders return home to spend time with their families. Monivae also offers weekly boarding and casual boarding.

The Girls' Boarding House is adjacent to the main building and is a large comfortable home with shared bedrooms,

all with built in work stations. The girls have lounge areas, a kitchen and their own hair salon.

The Boys' Boarding House is on the third floor of the main building. The boys also have shared or single rooms, homework stations and two recreation rooms.

At selected times, all boarders also have access to the school facilities including the heated indoor pool, basketball and tennis courts, cricket nets, playing fields and gymnasium.

Benefits of boarding:

- a supervised routine study
- increased mentoring opportunities - academic and sporting
- improved time management and organizational skills
- resilience and gratitude
- life-long friendships
- country lifestyle

A TYPICAL DAY FOR A BOARDER

7.15am – 7.50am	○	Wake up, shower and tidy room
7.50am – 8.10am	○	Breakfast in the Dining Hall
8.10am – 8.40am	○	Preparation for school
8.50am	○	Start the school day
3.20pm	○	School day ends
3.45pm – 4.45pm	○	Activities
5.00pm – 6.00pm	○	Study (Compulsory Years 7 – 12)
6.00pm – 6.30pm	○	Dinner
6.30pm – 7.30pm	○	Study (Compulsory Years 11 & 12)*
9.30pm	○	Years 7- 10 to bed
10.00pm	○	Years 11 & 12 to bed

**Optional Years 7 – 10*

WEEKENDS

9am – 10am	○	Breakfast
12pm	○	Lunch
6pm	○	Dinner

Weekend Mass at St Mary's Parish or Monivae College Chapel.

MONIVAE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Established in 1998, the Foundation was formed to ensure Monivae College continues to provide young men and women of regional Victoria with quality Catholic educational experiences and opportunities. It is very much through a generosity of spirit from the wider Monivae community, that the Foundation assists students and families and supports the college as it undergoes a significant period of transformation. A generous Bursary and Scholarship Endowment fund and important contributions to the establishment of the Monivae Cricket Hub and the Chevalier Wellness Centre and indoor pool are thanks to the Foundation.

For information on currently available Scholarships and Bursaries please see our website or contact our Registrar registrar@monivae.vic.edu.au

For more information regarding the Foundation, including making tax deductible donations, contact development@monivae.vic.edu.au

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