



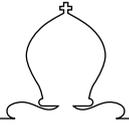
YARRA VALLEY
GRAMMAR



International Prospectus Melbourne Australia

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION – ELC TO YEAR 12





Principal's welcome

“THERE IS AN AFRICAN PROVERB THAT TELLS US: “IT TAKES A WHOLE VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD.” AS EDUCATORS, WE TAKE THE ROLE OF THE VILLAGERS, HELPING STUDENTS TO DEVELOP ACADEMICALLY, SPIRITUALLY, PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY AND CULTURALLY.”

DR MARK MERRY, PRINCIPAL



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Yarra Valley Grammar in Ringwood is one of Melbourne's great schools. Yarra Valley Grammar is co-educational with students from preschool to Year 12 studying on a beautiful campus conveniently located in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Students from many different countries come to our School because of its reputation for academic excellence and innovation which sees Yarra ranked consistently in the top 10% of schools studying the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The School sets high standards of student performance in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

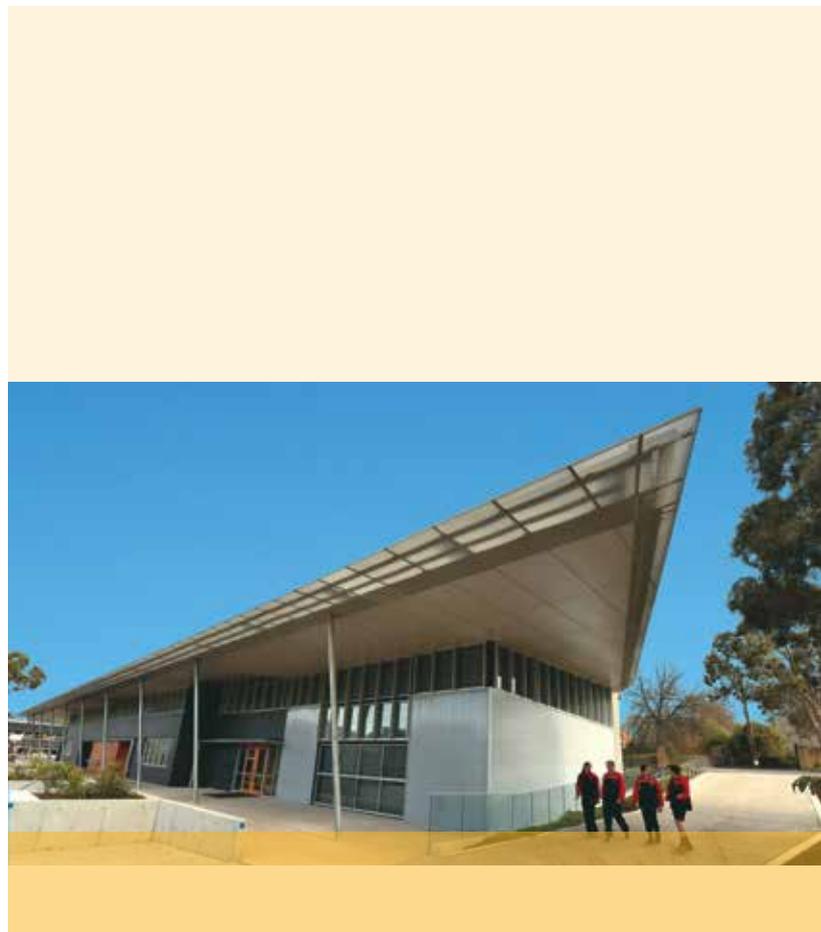
Our students excel under the guidance of great teachers who love what they do and seek to inspire them to achieve their best. They have a genuine interest in getting to know their students, so they can teach them effectively and make the school experience as enjoyable

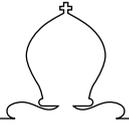
as possible. Our local students and staff create a welcoming environment for our overseas students who speak very highly of the School and their experiences.

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is the common credential for all Victorian students, providing pathways to universities and spanning over two years (Years 11 and 12). The majority of our students move on to tertiary study, with the University of Melbourne and Monash University being amongst the popular choices. Yarra enjoys a strong relationship with both these fine universities as well as partnerships with schools in France, China and Japan.

I invite you to consider the opportunities available at Yarra Valley Grammar.

Dr Mark Merry
Principal





Great opportunity

“MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YARRA
IS THE COURSES THEY OFFER HERE
AND HOW THE TEACHERS REALLY HELP
YOU A LOT IN SUCCEEDING”

STEFAN CHOI, (YOG 2015)



Building the confidence to achieve

Yarra Valley Grammar started with just 135 students in February 1966 and has grown today to educate more than 1,300 students from ELC to Year 12. Originally conceived as a boys school due to the lack of schooling options for boys in Melbourne's East, Yarra Valley Grammar now offers co-educational opportunities right through the year levels. A solid foundation of Anglican values, dedicated teachers and community spirit were evident in the establishment of the School and continue to this day.

Yarra Valley Grammar has an established overseas student program that sees students from all over the world enrol at our School. We have students from Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, The UK and South Africa which brings richness and diversity to our School community. We love to welcome students from overseas and provide this cohort with a great Australian educational experience.

A unique aspect of Yarra Valley Grammar is its spacious grounds and on-site playing fields including a Physical

Education and Sports Complex with tennis courts, hockey and football fields and a swimming pool. For students interested in the outdoors Yarra Valley Grammar has a property in Eastern Victoria, *Wootton Lodge*, which compliments the School's comprehensive Outdoor Education program.

There are also superior facilities for Music and Drama within the School's 1000 seat Performing Arts Centre and state-of-the-art Music School, as well as two Resource Centres, and a contemporary Senior Students Centre.

The School's new Science and Mathematics faculty offers a double-level open learning hub, with a range of breakout spaces for individual and group study, research and discussion that are linked to six multi-purpose laboratories. The innovative design allows visual connection between spaces and provides interactive digital and physical displays in each classroom. The facility also includes a theatrette with retractable seating for 130 people for lectures and small assemblies.

ities to excel.

Yarra Valley Grammar is situated approximately 30 kilometres from Melbourne's Central Business District. The School is a single-campus set on 29 hectares of grounds overlooking the Yarra Valley and picturesque Dandenong Ranges. Our school is easily accessible by car and is well served by a network of private charters and public bus services from surrounding areas.

Yarra Valley Grammar has a strong tradition of academic success. The achievement of both our overseas and local students consistently places the School in the top 10% of Victorian schools. Yarra Valley Grammar is also the top performing School in the outer eastern region of Victoria. (Better Education, 2014).

Almost all of our students continue onto tertiary study, most here in Melbourne but some pursue university study in other Australian cities and occasionally, overseas.

Historically in each graduating year, over a third of our students accept a place at a G08 University. G08 Universities are consistently the highest ranked Australian Universities in world rankings.

“OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATION WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THAT WILL PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR FULFILLING FUTURES.”

MR ANDREW HOCKING, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL



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“RECOGNISING THAT STUDENTS IN THIS AGE GROUP ARE EXPERIENCING A PERIOD OF SELF-DISCOVERY, OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED AND SUPPORTIVE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CATERING TO STUDENTS’ INCREASINGLY INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS.”

MRS JULIE HALL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL –
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL



Curriculum

Yarra Valley Grammar’s curriculum is both broad and responsive to individual student needs. New subjects and projects are introduced to ensure innovation and relevance to today’s students. Our students also have access to support and extension programs.

Junior School (Years Prep – 6)

Students in Prep to Year 6 follow eight learning areas. These learning areas are English; Mathematics; Science; Humanities and Social Sciences; The Arts; Technologies; Health and Physical Education as well as Language (French).

The students have a classroom teacher as well as specialist teachers for Visual and Media Arts, French, Health and Physical Education, Music, Drama, Religious Education and Library and Resources.

Every term, each year level guides students in an integrated unit, which develops the breadth and depth of the curriculum to encompass knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that, together with curriculum

content, assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century.

We follow The Resilience Project and You Can Do It programs to ensure our students are supported to become successful learners, confident, resilient, creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Middle School (Years 7 – 9)

Students in Years 7 and 8 complete a range of core subjects, including Maths, English, Science, Art, Drama, Humanities, Health and Physical Education, Technology and Languages (French, Chinese/ Mandarin or Indonesian). The broad curriculum at Years 7 and 8 means students are exposed to the complete spectrum of learning areas.

In Year 9, students have an increased opportunity to personalise their program and pursue study in their areas of strength and interest, combining core studies with an extensive selection of elective subjects. The Year 9 program prepares our students for the academic rigour of Senior School study.

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Senior School (Years 10 – 12)

Year 10 students continue to study a range of core and elective pre VCE subjects that enable them to establish a strong foundation for their final years of secondary school studies. Students typically undertake six subjects, each with a direct link to current VCE subjects offered at Yarra Valley Grammar, including the nature of class work, assessment tasks and examinations.

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is the certificate that the majority of students receive on satisfactory completion of their secondary school education. The program spans over two years of study in Years 11 and 12. Some students may also have the opportunity to undertake a VCE subject in Year 10.

The VCE is an internationally recognised qualification for entry into tertiary education. At the end of Year 12 students receive an ATAR – a ranking score used by tertiary institutions for admission into their undergraduate programs.

Yarra Valley Grammar's broad VCE curriculum allows students to choose from more than 40 different subject units, ensuring they will find a match for their skills and interests. Chinese as a first language is available.

English as an Additional Language (EAL) and classroom support

Yarra Valley Grammar offers EAL as part of our curriculum for students with English as a second language. EAL class sizes are kept small to maximise student teacher interaction. This builds confidence and strong rapport within the classroom.

An international integration aide is present in classes with overseas students to provide additional support and ensure that subject content is understood so that students can be fully engaged in their learning.

Yarra Valley Grammar provides support classes for our Senior School overseas students after school to complement the curriculum across key subject areas. These classes are taught by experienced teachers with a strong understanding of the learning needs of our overseas students.



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MR CHRIS LAWSON, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



on for life.

Co-curricular activities

Yarra Valley Grammar offers a diverse co-curricular program giving our students the opportunity to participate in a range of activities and maintain other interests beyond the classroom. Co-curricular activities are an integral part of the School program, helping students to develop skills in time management, self-discipline as well as providing the opportunity for socialising and mentoring between year levels. All students belong to a School House and have the opportunity to compete in a range of House competitions during the school year including swimming, athletics, Performing Arts and music.

Sport

Yarra Valley Grammar is a member of the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria (AGSV) for boys and the combined Associated Grammar School (AGS) and Associated Public Schools (APS) for girls. These groups provide the basis for interschool sporting competition between member schools in a range of sports. Overseas students have the opportunity to be involved in a

number of sporting teams including soccer, tennis, basketball, badminton, netball, football, athletics and swimming throughout the school year.

Performing Arts and Music

Beyond the music curriculum offered at the School, private tuition is available to students who wish to specialise in a particular instrument or singing. Around 25 instrumental teachers teach twenty different instruments in group and individual classes. In addition, there are many bands, orchestras and choirs to join – some of which participate in performances and competitions around the country. Students can also be involved in drama productions ranging from the large scale School musical to smaller productions, in a range of roles behind the scenes and as performers.

Community Service

Yarra Valley Grammar's Community Links Program provides a focus for our students' personal development as they learn first-hand about caring for and serving others.

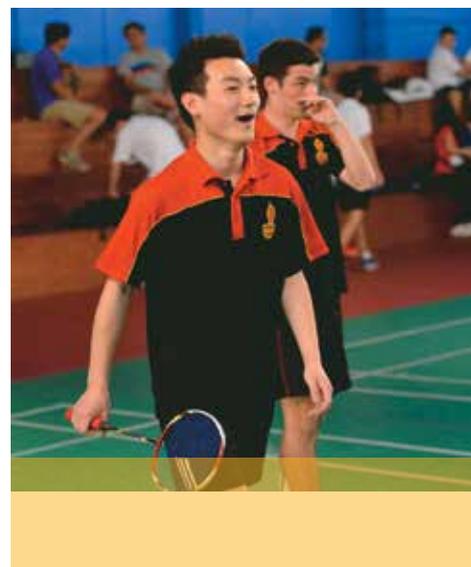
A Community Links team composed of students and staff from all parts of the School leads the program, and encourages students from all year levels to participate in and organise a range of social service and fundraising activities throughout the year.

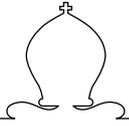
Leadership

Each year, two Year 12 overseas students are appointed as Captains to mentor and provide leadership to our overseas student cohort. There are other leadership opportunities at the School including Captains of each of the four Houses, Leaders of Activities, Prefects, Peer Support Leaders, Supportive Friends and Mentors.

Other

Students can become involved in a range of special interest groups and can participate in public speaking competitions, including the DAV debating competition, as well as academic competitions, opportunities for writing, specialist art programs, and international tours and exchanges.





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Caring for our students

Accommodation, Support and Welfare Arrangements

Overseas students who intend to attend Yarra Valley Grammar and reside in Australia without a Department of Immigration approved relative or parent must be issued with a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) by the School. The School will never issue a CAAW to a student who is under the age of 13.

Additionally, students who are under the age of 13 will never be permitted to reside in homestay accommodation.

When the School signs and issues a CAAW letter it assumes and accepts the responsibility for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for the student to whom CAAW has been issued. The School does not delegate, outsource or contract out this responsibility to another party.

All overseas students who do not reside with either their parents or a nominated guardian as approved by the Department of Immigration are required as a condition of their enrolment and CAAW to reside in a School approved homestay accommodation for the duration of the study period defined in the Confirmation of Enrolment.

For the avoidance of doubt this applies to students who are over the age of 18 or turn 18 years of age during their enrolment at the School.

Parents are required to choose one of the following nominated arrangements while enrolling their child at Yarra Valley Grammar.

- A. Parent will accompany the student. Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) will not be issued by the School in this case.
- B. Parent nominated Guardian approved by the Department of Immigration. Guardian's contact details and proof of approval as a guardian must be provided to the School. Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) will not be issued by the school in this case.
- C. Yarra Valley Grammar approved accommodation and welfare arrangements. Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) will be issued by the School in this case.



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Homestay

Unless the overseas student is living with a parent or a Department of Immigration approved Guardian all overseas students (regardless of age) will reside in homestay arrangements during their entire enrolment period, approved by Yarra Valley Grammar.

The School has engaged two homestay organisations:

- CETA Homestay
www.homestayceta.com, and
- Australian Homestay Network (AHN)
www.homestaynetwork.org

to source homestay families for overseas students. The School is responsible for selection, approval and ongoing monitoring of homestay families.

“HAVING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN OUR HOME WAS A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE OUR CHILDREN TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND CULTURES AND FOR THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE WHAT WE HAVE AS A FAMILY AND AS A COUNTRY.”

LISA JOHANSON, YARRA VALLEY GRAMMAR HOMESTAY HOST



“WHEN STUDENTS COME HERE THEY FEEL A SENSE OF OPEN SPACE;
IT’S A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT, FRESH AIR, SUNLIGHT, AND IN
A SENSE IT ALL ADDS TO THAT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.”

DR MARK MERRY, PRINCIPAL







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“STUDENT WELL-BEING AND SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT AT YARRA. IT’S AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF OUR STUDENTS.”

MR PAUL CHERRY, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COORDINATOR



re of our students.

Pastoral care

A dedicated team of teaching and support staff assist our overseas students in the transition to schooling in Australia and monitor their progress during their time at Yarra Valley Grammar. They understand how important it is for every student to feel safe and valued within the School community as well as instil a sense of independence and resilience in each student.

The International Student Coordinator along with the Director of Marketing and Admissions is responsible for the welfare of our overseas students from their first day of orientation at the School until they complete their VCE studies. The International Student Coordinator has daily contact with students and communicates regularly with homestay hosts, parents and guardians to ensure that they have settled into their studies and life at Yarra Valley Grammar.

The International Student Coordinator leads a team of

bilingual learning assistants who support students both academically and in a pastoral care aspect.

The International Student Coordinator also works closely with Tutors, Year Level Coordinators, Heads of School and the Head of Student Wellbeing to ensure overseas students are achieving their personal best and when needed develops collaborative support teams with parents or guardians to support students. Confidential personal counselling is available to students when needed.

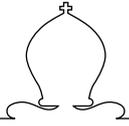
The School Careers Advisor works with our Year 9 – 12 students in providing work experience placements, subject selection advice and university pathway counselling. The Careers Office has a wide range of resources for students to research tertiary course options and other post-secondary school programs. Combined with this information, the Careers Advisor will support students in exploring their

subject strengths and interests to develop a pathway plan to achieve their career aspirations. The Careers Advisor also assists overseas students with their university applications and works with them until they have accepted a place in a tertiary program.

All new overseas students are assigned a buddy or Australian friend on their first day at Yarra Valley Grammar to assist in the everyday activities of the School, such as finding their way to classes, accessing facilities as well as being on hand to answer any questions they may have.

An orientation session is conducted on the first day of the school year which allows new overseas students to meet staff and fellow students.

Overseas students are encouraged to participate in activities that assist them in a smooth transition into Yarra Valley Grammar.



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“I WAS PROUD TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD AND LOOK FORWARD TO BOTH THE ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL COME WITH IT.”

BEKAH (WENXUAN) LIU
2018 WINNER OF THE KWONG DEE LOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



The Melbourne Schools' Partnership International

Yarra Valley Grammar is a proud member of the Melbourne Schools' Partnership International (MSPI) with the University of Melbourne. The MSPI is a unique partnership between the University of Melbourne and leading independent and government schools in Melbourne. The MSPI program supports the holistic development of our high achieving overseas students in Year 11 and 12 through:

- Provision of annual merit-based school prizes
- Invitations to undertake academic activities on campus
- Delivery of tailored course information to support overseas students to make decisions about their post-secondary school study options.

As an MSPI member, Yarra Valley Grammar has the opportunity each year to nominate one overseas student for the *Kwong Dee Low Young Scholars Program* (KLDYS).

The KLDYS Program offers high-achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to engage with the University and each other through an extensive program of events and activities. Whilst in secondary school, students selected as *Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars*:

- Receive an approved borrower card allowing them to access resources at any of the University of Melbourne's libraries
- Participate in dedicated KLDYS academic enrichment events and key University events
- Meet like-minded students from diverse backgrounds through on-campus activities
- Gain access to the Young Scholars social networks so that they can keep in touch with others in the Program.

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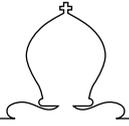
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2018 WINNER OF THE KWONG DEE LOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



“RECEIVING ENTRY INTO THE KWONG LEE DOW PROGRAM HAS BEEN A HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT YARRA VALLEY GRAMMAR.”

KENT (KAI) CHEN
2018 WINNER OF THE KWONG DEE LOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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“MEETING NEW FRIENDS FROM A DIFFERENT COUNTRY WAS REALLY NERVE-WRACKING AT THE START, BUT THEY WERE REALLY WELCOMING, AND MADE ME FEEL AT HOME.”

TEJAS MAUREE, YEAR 9



Study at our great School

Enrolment Procedures

Yarra Valley Grammar welcomes applications from overseas students wishing to undertake study at our School from Prep to Year 12. Please note that commencement at the School outside Term 1 will be approved at the discretion of the School.

It is a School requirement that all overseas applications (if applicable) sit an English Language Assessment Test which provides an assessment of the student's English language proficiency and suggests the duration of an intensive English language course required before commencement at Yarra Valley Grammar.

Please contact the School for the details of recommended language schools for intensive English language programs.

To apply for a place at Yarra Valley Grammar, please provide a copy of the following:

- Completed Overseas Student Enrolment Application form
- English Language assessment report
- School reports for the last two years of study (translated into English and certified)
- Passport and/or birth certificate
- Proof of Visa (if applicable).

Applications should be forwarded to:
international@yvg.vic.edu.au

at School.

Once an application with supporting documentation has been received it will be reviewed by the Marketing and Admissions Office in consultation with the relevant Head of School and International Student Co-ordinator. Successful applicants will receive a provisional letter of offer subject to the following conditions:

- Successful completion of an English preparation course – duration of study specified in the English language assessment report
- Students will be invited to sit testing at the School towards the end of their English language program, upon receipt of satisfactory results achieved in the English preparation course.

To accept a provisional place at Yarra Valley Grammar, payment of the deposit amount as specified in the letter of offer should be received by the due date along with the requested documentation included in the enrolment agreement.

A COE and/or CAAW letter as applicable will be issued once the documentation has been received by the School.

To view Yarra Valley Grammar's policies including refund policy and current tuition fee schedule please visit the School Website.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR FAMILY INTO OUR COMMUNITY TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL THAT BELIEVES GREAT TEACHERS ARE AT THE VERY CORE OF DELIVERING A GREAT EDUCATION COMPLEMENTED BY GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS.



Contact us

Learning more about our great School is easy. You can contact our Marketing and Admissions office, or visit the website.

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