



Established in 1977, Berwick College is a vibrant learning community in the heart of the City of Casey.

Our community fosters resilient, empathetic students who challenge themselves to learn, grow and become contributing members of society. We pride ourselves on providing an inclusive, positive and respectful learning environment.

Berwick College aims to provide a learning community through:

excellence in learning

"We do our best, we consider new ideas and encourage best practice, and we select our learning opportunities."

positive relationships

"We treat others with consideration and understanding, we are truthful, trustworthy and we work with others."

rich and varied pathways

"We prepare each person for diverse pathway choices and to make a successful transition into further education, training and employment".

personal growth

"We meet our expectations, we are accountable for our actions and we work with effort, energy and persistence."



guiding principles

As students come to the end of their journey at Berwick College, we aim for them to:

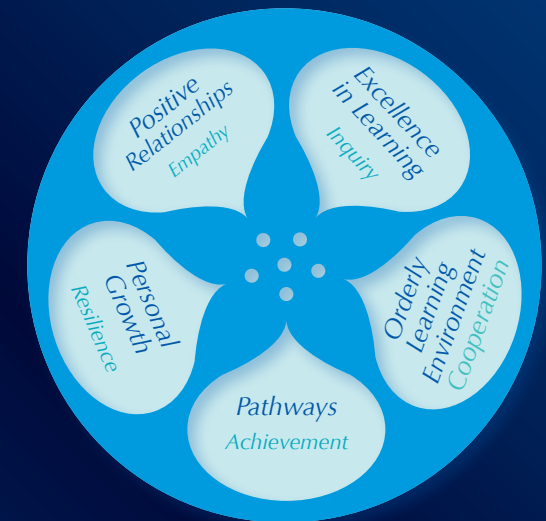
1. Possess the life skills which enable them to face challenges with confidence, resilience, empathy and respect.
2. Be adaptable to change and embrace continuous learning through problem solving, creativity and thinking critically.
3. Have a continuing sense of community, both locally and globally and an awareness of the importance of the environment.

values

We recognise and celebrate our students representing our school proudly and consistently, living our school values – I CARE

CRESCAM

Our College motto, *crescam*, incorporates the local flora and geography of the College and reflects our commitment that every person "shall grow".



College Vision & Values



All students are encouraged to explore, to take risks and to get involved with their learning. We offer a broad curriculum with the opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and skills in preparation for their senior studies.

The College's curriculum from Year 7-10 is guided by the Victorian Curriculum. At Years 11 and 12, curriculum is based on either the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), depending on the student's preferred pathway.

Our College currently has eight Domain areas, some of which contain sub-Domains to ensure a range of elective options are available for students. Domains include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology
- The Arts
- Physical Education
- Humanities
- Indonesian

The College's Instructional Model of Practice supports the consistent and effective implementation of high-impact teaching practices and maintains high professional standards to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all students.

To provide deeper and broader learning experiences, the curriculum is complemented by a range of incursions, excursions and camps. Where appropriate, students may access the Elite programs offered by the College or accelerate into a VCE subject where appropriate.

In addition, teachers use a range of online learning platforms and interfaces to provide their students with a variety of learning experiences.

Teachers, wellbeing staff, career practitioners and sub-school leaders work collaboratively to facilitate a holistic and relational approach to teaching and learning, so that students may feel supported throughout their school life.

Excellence in Learning



High Achievers' Program (HAP)

Students who show high academic aptitude and have high academic aspirations are particularly suited to our High Achievers' Program.

This highly sought-after program provides a challenging, supportive and innovative learning environment for highly able students. The HAP curriculum covers traditional subjects in a shorter time; provides opportunities to reach more abstract, complex, and in-depth content within a subject area; enables students to function independently to reach their academic potential; and enables students to interact with their intellectual peers and make local and international connections.

Entry into the program is competitive. Students find it demanding but very rewarding, enabling them to experience substantial extension and enrichment activities and to move quickly through the mainstream curriculum in a more stimulating and challenging environment with their same age peers.

Basketball Academy

The Berwick College Basketball Academy aims to provide an integrated academic pathway driven by young students' sporting aspirations. Students experience an elite and specialised sports program that allows young athletes to enhance and develop their sporting talent while concurrently receiving their secondary education and providing unique future employment and career opportunities. Expert internal coaches deliver training and theoretical sessions and VCE Units 1 to 4. Expert external coaches assist with training sessions and tournaments. The Academy has links to the Victorian Junior Basketball League, Dandenong Rangers, Pakenham Warriors, Casey Cavaliers and Keysborough Cougars.



Dance Academy

Students experience a high quality specialised dance program, covering various styles of dance, providing a pathway for both VCE and VET dance and unique professional employment opportunities. The integrated academic pathway is driven by students' dance and performing arts aspirations. Students participate in professional dance workshops and the State Schools Spectacular, and have the opportunity to compete in choreographic and specialist competitions.

Berwick College provides pathways for all students

Personal Growth - Elite Programs



School life at Berwick College is rich, varied and exciting. We offer extensive careers counselling and education programs for year 7 to 12 students with a focus on learning, pathways and personal growth. We aim to connect all students to productive and rewarding pathways.

VCE

At Berwick College we provide a comprehensive range of VCE subjects which are organised into programs that provide students with a clear focus, direction and purpose for their senior studies and future pathways.

The majority of our students successfully transition to tertiary education. Our strong community connections with local universities, the business sector, volunteer service organisations and TAFE colleges enhance our students' career opportunities.

VCAL and VET

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) at Berwick College is delivered at two levels:

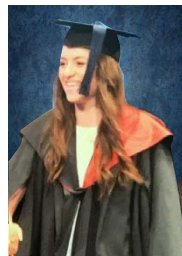
- Intermediate VCAL Year 11
- Senior VCAL Year 12

Like the VCE, the VCAL is a recognised senior secondary qualification. Students who do the VCAL are more likely to be interested in hands on learning and:

- going on to training at TAFE
- doing an apprenticeship or traineeship
- getting a job after completing Year 12

VET programs are nationally recognised qualifications that students can complete as part of their senior secondary education. They provide vocational skills with an opportunity to explore a range of exciting industries. VET contributes to the VCAL through satisfying the requirements of the Industry Specific Skills or Work Related Skills strands. Each completed 90-hour block of VET equals one VCAL unit.

Upon graduating from Berwick College, all students become members of the multi-generational connections and history within our local community and across the world.



A selection of our successful alumni, from left:

- Dr Luke N. Rodda, Chief Forensic Toxicologist
- Casey Chellew, Bachelor of Creative Arts – Dance
- Justin Leppitsch, Professional Footballer & Coach
- Dr Alecia Bellgrove, Senior Lecturer Marine Biology & Ecology
- Serge Evglevski, ISSF Pistol Shooter Silver Medallist
- Dr Shannon Ford, Lecturer International Relations
- Nathan Aliotta, Mechanical Plumbing
- Nufar Gofman, Monash University - Law

Rich and Varied Pathways



Berwick College is fortunate to have a number of specialist facilities, the equal of any in this State. These include:

- Hockey pitch flood lit for night use.
- Berwick Leisure Centre with gymnasium and associated facilities.
- Two court indoor stadium and weights room.
- Performing Arts Centre - a theatre/drama facility that has seating for 170 people.
- Music faculty that has three instrument practice rooms as well as its classroom facility, and a new performance and rehearsal space for dance, band, choir and drama.
- Health and Wellbeing Centre providing medical treatment, counselling, proactive and preventative wellbeing programs and parent forums.
- Modern well equipped facilities for automotive, electronics, wood, metal, ceramics, plastics, graphics, art, textiles, food technology and photography.
- A modern Science facility with specialist rooms in chemistry, physics, biology and science.
- Senior School Centre incorporating computer facilities and a student study/common room.
- General student facilities including a library, canteen, and tennis and basketball courts.



College Facilities



Berwick College offers:

- A broad and comprehensive range of courses and programs for students in Years 7 – 12.
- A safe and happy environment where all students are encouraged to reach their full potential.
- A Learning Team structure that fosters positive and quality relationships where students play an active role in supporting charities and wider community service activities.
- A comprehensive Instrumental Music program.
- Qualified careers practitioners for career specific pathways and counselling.
- A Student Leadership Program operating across all year levels.
- Multi-generational connections and history within our local community.
- An interschool sports program with a proud history of outstanding performance in secondary school sports.
- An outdoor education program allowing students the opportunity to extend their fitness and to challenge their skills and abilities outside the school environment.



A number of College Tours are held throughout the year.
For further information, please visit our website at:

www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au