



**Westbourne
Grammar
School**



Shaping
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Prospectus





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Principal's Welcome

Leading this active, skilled and caring community of staff and students is a huge privilege.

The Japanese have a saying that leadership is like air – necessary for life but impossible to see or touch. An elusive attribute that inspires, persuades and shows the way, successful leaders are people of integrity and vision. They create and innovate, manage conflict and lead by example.

A Place to Thrive

Founded in 1867 by visionaries with a burning desire to provide a great education for the young people of Melbourne's west, Westbourne is a dynamic, knowledge-rich environment where a dedicated team of professional teachers empower their students and support them to be the best they can be. In seeking to instil a lifelong commitment to growth through education, the school aims to motivate and inspire, encourage deep level thinking and creativity, and communicate a powerful shared vision: Shaping Learners Who Inspire the World.

Learning to Succeed

With a reputation for academic excellence and a very strong commitment to student wellbeing from the early years onwards, teaching and learning is characterised by a carefully planned, innovative curriculum that is not only academically challenging, but is also focussed on developing key skills, understanding and expertise in the core subject areas.

In a world in which the knowledge economy is already wielding great influence, where people are constantly connected and where the ability to think critically and globally will be fundamental; schools will continue to transform themselves. For our students, their world will be one that is full of promise. Choice and possibility will exist on a scale unprecedented in human history. Globalisation will continue apace and increasingly it will be deep level thinking, creativity and imagination that underpin success.

Westbourne Grammar understands the importance of providing its young people with the skills required for them to flourish in this exciting new world.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Westbourne community.

Meg Hansen

Principal

THINK LIKE A HERO



Igniting a hunger for learning, unlocking creativity and exploring the concepts of global thinking form the basis of our daily purpose. Westbourne educators take this responsibility seriously.

We are preparing students for a world in which the knowledge economy yields great influence, where people are constantly connected and where the ability to think critically and globally is fundamental to achievement. There is no room for complacency and the responsibility demands that we are an agile and progressive school with strong leadership and a committed teaching faculty. Each day is undertaken within the framework of the vision, Shaping Learners Who Inspire the World.

Our exceptional learning spaces, buildings, grounds, resources and staff support and extend the intellectual and creative capacity of our students.



OUR VISION

Shaping Learners Who Inspire the World



Choosing the right education for your child is one of life's most significant decisions. Thank you for considering Westbourne Grammar School.



We have been shaping learners who inspire the world for around one hundred and fifty years - young women and young men who are academically well prepared and who will make a difference in whatever they do. As the school motto says, 'That which you do, do well' and in every aspect of school life from learning in and outside the classroom, how we interact together as a community, in the co-curricular, service and the spiritual life of the school, this underpins our school values.

Westbourne Grammar School was founded in 1867 in Williamstown by a small but determined group of people with a vision to provide an outstanding education for the children in the area west of Melbourne. The desire for educational excellence for its community has seen Westbourne grow from that original vision to the large multi-campus school it is today at Truganina and Williamstown.

The young women and men who attend Westbourne are on a journey to be the best that they can be in all aspects of their life at school. We invite you to be part of this hero's journey which generally commences from ELC and Kindergarten and extends through Year 12 and beyond.



COURAGE

What can be imagined can be achieved

We learn best when we have the courage to ask questions, to take a risk, make mistakes and then continue to apply the learning that comes through courage. In every classroom across the school from Kindergarten to Year 12, students are encouraged and supported to take those learning risks and develop growth mindsets.

As parents you have nurtured your child's transition from baby steps to giant leaps and cheered as they discovered new challenges and learned new skills. As their learning world unfolds and they progress through their school life, it is reasonable for parents to assume that with the right academic support their child will realise the potential of their intelligence.

We embrace that responsibility and support your commitment to providing your child with an outstanding education. Our commitment includes equipping your child with the tools for making the most of their life opportunities.





COMMUNITY

Connected to ourselves and each other

CARE OF SELF

One of the measures of success for students once they leave school is their ability to forge good and positive personal relationships, to be honest, to have a strong sense of who they are and the moral framework to navigate an increasingly complex world. This sense of community and shared purpose brings us together as a school. Respect for the traditions of the collective past and the present is reflected in the pastoral care system and structures within the school. Our diverse community enriches the development of a culture of respect for and understanding of each other. It is reinforced through the restorative practice approach to pastoral care throughout the school and in the House system. The programs are supported by professional school counsellors and qualified experienced school nurses.

CARE OF THE SPIRIT

As a non-denominational school with a Christian ethos, students participate in the spiritual life of the school through regular chapel attendance and through an examination of values from a Christian perspective. Respect for all religions underpins our chapel services and the ways in which our chaplain works within the school.

CARING COMMUNITY

Our parents and broader community of alumni and friends of Westbourne are strong supporters and active participants in the life of the school. When your child is enrolled at Westbourne, you will become part of a community and a welcoming network which will involve you in a wide range of events in the life of the school.

CARE FOR OTHERS

Making a valuable contribution to the lives of others helps build character and a strong sense of self. All students are encouraged to participate in community initiatives – within the school community or the wider local or global community through a vibrant and lively service program.

For nearly ten years, the school has had a focus on supporting Kampuchea House, an orphanage in Cambodia. In addition there are many other service opportunities for students but the key is to develop a sense of commitment to social justice, diversity and care for our planet. The House system gives a structure to the many and varied activities within the school and provides rich leadership opportunities for students.



SCHOLARSHIP

Capacity grows through the pursuit of excellence

From our early learners through to Year 12, Westbourne students are encouraged to pursue excellence in everything they do.

Learning at Westbourne is sequenced. In order to produce outstanding educational outcomes, we need good students taught by excellent teachers who are constantly seeking to improve the ways in which they assist students to learn. We seek deep understanding of the research and we allow it to guide our practice and our educational direction.

From our beautiful Reggio Emilia Early Learning Centre and lower primary programs at Truganina and lower primary at Williamstown, through to the middle years at Westbourne Grammar, our Year 9 Program and finally the senior years, there is a strong focus on the development of literacy and numeracy, critical thinking, time management and an academic program taught in innovative and contemporary ways.

A strong but responsive framework supports senior School students through the VCE program which encompasses extensive subject choices, careers counselling and course selection as well as preparation for tertiary pathways.

International students flourish through the unique Westbourne Secondary Preparation Program into senior school. Our diverse community embraces students from all over the world who are here on a journey to university in Australia. International students are supported by expert staff and student mentors and excel in our caring environment.

Westbourne's focus on academic excellence and scholarship extends beyond the formal curriculum into the performing arts and broader co-curricular programs. Students have access to a multitude of opportunities through which they can explore the world of performance. Enhancement programs further extend the intellectual challenge and cultivate curiosity and an appetite for knowledge.



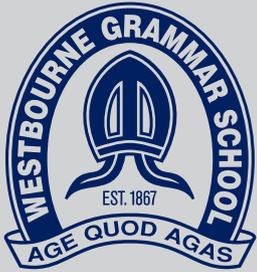
CREATIVITY

Transforming inspiration into reality

Curiosity is the seed of innovation and creative thinking enables ideas to become real.

When we work with each student to support them to explore and challenge their ideas we help them access their creative minds to enhance their academic capacity and imaginative pursuits. As these skills develop they gain the confidence to experiment, the analytical skills to respond intelligently, the voice to express themselves and the ambition to pursue their ideals. Westbourne's commitment to achieving this purpose is supported by an equal commitment to the evolution of knowledge and expansion of opportunities for all staff through planned, continued learning.

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