

Prospectus





Mission Statement

“Lakeside College seeks to provide a caring, Christian environment in which the teachers, parents and students actively collaborate to ensure that all children are provided with the resources and opportunities to reach their potential in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural, social and emotional areas of their lives”.

From the Principal

Welcome to Lakeside College

We are a Co-Educational Prep - Year 12 mainstream Christian College welcoming students and families from all cultures and backgrounds. What do you desire for your child's education? With our emphasis on the welfare of each child, a nurturing environment, genuine school-home partnerships and a rich educational experience, we want our students to discover their full potential, grow in confidence and develop the skills for living in the 21st Century.

Located in Lakeside, Pakenham the College is continuing a 170 year tradition in Lutheran Education. Lutheran Education began in Australia in 1839 and has built a strong reputation for delivering excellence in academic achievement, pastoral care and community service within a safe and supportive Christian community. Students in our College join a cohort of over 40,000 students in 86 Lutheran schools and pre-schools across Australia, and an extensive global education network.

At Lakeside College, we are committed to building individuals who are confident, aware, career and life ready.

Our students experience success as purposeful, enthusiastic learners. Our Junior classes enable students to develop cooperative learning strategies as life-long learners and problem solvers. Middle School students enjoy a wide range of subjects including Art, Food Technology, Music, PE and a vibrant outdoor education program. Senior School students have access to a range of academic subjects and alternative pathways with strong support from dedicated experienced teachers.

The College has a comprehensive range of curricular and co-curricular opportunities and strong community partnerships, providing first-rate facilities for our sporting and cultural programs. An affordable fee structure includes many extras such as camps and excursions. We warmly welcome you to visit and experience for yourself the Lakeside difference. I look forward to meeting you soon, to discuss how we might become partners in your child's learning journey.

Mr Thomas Brennen

Principal



Learning at Lakeside

Lakeside College is situated in Lakeside, Pakenham, within the Cardinia Shire. In addition to our school facilities, the College has access to excellent community Creative Arts and Recreation facilities.

The College curricular and co-curricular programs ensure that students learn to live in and contribute to the community.

Core Curriculum

The Lakeside College Core Curriculum can be identified in three main stages:



Junior School

Prep to Year 5



Middle School

Years 6 – 9



Senior School

Years 10 – 12

Junior School

Prep to Year 5

At Lakeside College we seek to provide a well-rounded, Christian education for students of all backgrounds. In the Junior School we aim to provide each child with programs suited to their needs, in order to lay the foundations for future learning. We provide a safe and caring environment where each child is challenged to reach their full potential. In order to ensure all students are engaged in learning we use a range of teaching and learning methods including small group work and 'hands on', inquiry based experiences.

Older students work with younger students across the College, creating collegiality and inclusiveness amongst students of all ages and backgrounds. At Lakeside College we have a strong commitment to developing skills across a range of Curriculum areas. In the Junior School we have a firm emphasis on literacy and numeracy as well as Art, LOTE German, Health and Well-Being, Music, Science and Sport and studies of our community. Central to our teaching and learning are our Christian values. Students are taught about the Christian faith and values in an inclusive, nonthreatening way. Each week we have a Chapel service, in which the students participate.



Middle School

Years 6 – 9

Middle School at Lakeside College is comprised of Years 6, 7, 8 and 9. Our Middle School ethos is centred on the principles of creating a safe, supportive and caring learning environment, which encourages a positive and supportive relationship between students and staff. The Middle School culture is based on Christian values such as love, service, appreciation, courage, compassion, kindness and humility through cooperative learning and a differentiated, integrated Curriculum. We aim to develop confidence and a sense of self worth, so that students become independent and interdependent learners who are optimistic about what they can contribute to the world.

Change is an important and necessary part of life, and the Middle Years of schooling is certainly a time when students experience change. This time of transition from childhood to young adulthood can be a time of excitement and energy and yet at the same time daunting. It is a time of testing the boundaries and challenging the accepted norms, and all this needs to be nurtured in an environment where students experience a sense of belonging with their peers, and a connectedness with their formal learning. At Lakeside College the differing rates of physical, emotional and social development are recognised and provided for through a Curriculum that incorporates rich learning opportunities. This enables students to engage in learning and interaction across the various academic disciplines, as well as practical life related experiences.

The Middle School Curriculum establishes a sound knowledge base, and encourages life long learning through skills development, both within the Curriculum and through co-curricular opportunities.

Lakeside College caters for individual differences by:

- Providing a differentiated Curriculum across all learning areas and the opportunity for learning enrichment.
- Custom Year 9 program – MY9
- Supportive Pastoral Care through Homeroom Teachers, Chaplain and Pastor.
- Opportunity for involvement in Debating, Human Powered Vehicle, Public Speaking, Community Service and Leadership Development Program.
- Outdoor Education program including Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.
- A class music program, private music lessons, choirs, instrumental ensembles and choral recitals.
- Chromebook Program for students from Year 7 onwards. Appropriate use of technology to research and validate information. Sharing and collaborating to achieve common goals including the use of web based technology
- Leadership opportunities in Interschool Sport, Student Executive Council and cross-age programs.
- Encouragement of multi-cultural awareness through study of LOTE (German), Humanities, Religious Educational programs and Community Service. Additionally, there is an Overseas Language Immersion Study Program in Germany.
- A positive example by teaching and other staff members, consistent with our Christian ethos and College culture, with the use of Restorative Practices to manage student behaviour and interpersonal relationships.
- Recognition of service or achievement through the Principals, Endeavour and Excellence Awards.

- Parent Access Module (PAM) allowing parents and guardians real time access to student's timetable, results, school reports, attendance, school notices and more.
- Student involvement and contribution to corporate events, such as Chapel, Assemblies, College Open Days and performances.

It is our goal that, by the time they complete the Middle Years of schooling, our students will be adequately equipped to successfully transition to the further challenge of Senior School and VCE.



Senior School

Years 10 - 12

In common with most Secondary Colleges, we anticipate that the great majority of students will stay on to finish the required course of study for their VCE. In fact, it is most important that students do this if they are to maximise their career opportunities in later life. With this in mind, the College provides courses which open up possibilities for students to proceed directly to the workforce or to training courses with TAFE, University, or other tertiary institutions.

However, for their VCE Years to be worthwhile and fulfilling, students need to think of these years as more than just subjects to be studied. They are, in fact, part of a pathway to their future career and it is important that students set goals for their future. Students may have goals in mind, and we work with each student individually to ensure that they can achieve success. These goals may be examined in the light of past performance, the abilities that have come to light over previous years and the interests which students have developed.

The VCE Years offer more than a routine of study. We have a common vision which we share with other Christian Colleges, aiming to uphold and promote a Christian ethos which values a faith-centred approach to life, and the uniqueness, integrity and dignity of all those who are involved in the life of the College community. The Religious Education program is a way of working together to educate students in their faith and the faiths of the broader community, and therefore classroom units of Religion and Retreats are a compulsory part of the VCE Years.

Year 10

Students undertake Christian Studies, English, Humanities, Mathematics, Physical Education and Science as core units. Students also select from a range of elective units, which are designed to prepare the students for options in VCE. Whilst these may vary from year to year Studio Art, Visual Communication, German, Psychology, Music, History and Food Technology are examples from this program. Students are also afforded the opportunity to apply to complete one VCE Unit 1, whilst in Year 10.

Year 11 (VCE Units 1 and 2)

Students will undertake a minimum of six subjects per semester, plus one Unit of Religion and Society. Students must include an English subject and usually a Mathematics and/or Science study.

Year 12 (VCE Units 3 and 4)

Students will normally undertake five subjects per semester, including an English study and one Unit of Religion and Society. In special circumstances and by negotiation, the College supports students completing University extension programs to contribute to their VCE.

Year 12 students also undertake a Retreat program at the beginning of the year, which is specifically designed to prepare them for the coming year. At the conclusion of the year, there is a Valedictory Dinner and Graduation to celebrate the conclusion of the students' secondary school days.

VCE Subject Selection

- Biology - Units 1-4
- Business Management - Units 1-4
- Chemistry - Units 1-4
- English - Units 1-4
- Health and Human Development - Units 1-4
- History - Units 1-4
- LOTE: German - Units 1-4
- Mathematics: Further - Units 3-4
- Mathematics: General - Units 1-2
- Mathematical Methods - Units 1-4
- Mathematics Specialist - Units 1-4
- Music Performance - Units 1-4
- Physical Education - Units 1-4
- Physics - Units 1-4
- Psychology - Units 1-4
- Religion and Society - Units 1-4
- Studio Art - Units 1-4
- Visual Communication - Units 1-4

VETis on campus (Further options available offsite)

- Certificate III in Information, Digital Media & Technology
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation



Specialist Learning Areas

Christian Life & Pastoral Care

As a Christian College, we seek to share the Gospel through our worship, teaching and practice. We are mindful that not all of our students and their families have necessarily experienced the culture of a Christian community.

Weekly sub-school Chapel and daily Home Group devotions are a part of the experience of Christian community at Lakeside College. Our worship experiences are life-related and contemporary in style, with music being a particular feature.

Through our Christian Studies Program students have the opportunity to explore and understand the beliefs and practices of both the Christian faith, and other faith groups. We welcome and encourage active engagement in respectful discussion and debate regarding the teachings and practices of the Christian faith and other religions. By doing so, we believe that our students are engaging in an important aspect of their personal and spiritual development.



Food Technology

In the modern world of 'Fast Foods' and inactivity this subject offers an alternative. Skills range from general cooking skills and food preparation, to nutrition education and menu planning, International cookery and associated cultures. Food presentation and cake decoration will also be high on the agenda when planning the Curriculum.

With ultra-modern facilities, including a smart TV and video system, as well as a camera over a demonstration bench, the Food Technology faculty supports students with "Skills for Living."



Health, Physical Education and Sport

The Lakeside College Health and Physical Education Curriculum is committed to the personal growth and development of each individual student. It encompasses a wide variety of physical activities, which is the Junior medium of Physical Education, and promotes an integrated approach to health related issues. There has been a deliberate effort to ensure that all students participate in a wide variety of physical activities and experiences.

As part of the Curriculum all Junior and Middle School students participate in a swimming and aquatic safety program, aimed at improving both their swimming capabilities and developing a greater sense of water safety.

All students are allocated a House Group upon arrival at the College and take part in an extensive Interhouse sport program; Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. The College also has an established Interschool Sport program, with Secondary students representing the College in the Casey North Division of School Sport Victoria. Junior students are also afforded the opportunity to represent the College, competing in the Officer District of School Sport Victoria.

Students have the opportunity to represent the College in a range of sports including:

- Athletics
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Football (AFL)
- Football (Soccer)
- Hockey
- Netball
- Softball
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball



L.O.T.E German

Languages and the understanding of other cultures are essential skills as students prepare to live and work in a global society. Most of the world's population is bilingual or multilingual. Engaging with other languages is equally a cognitive and linguistic challenge that fosters critical thinking, creativity and mental flexibility. German is the official language in seven European countries and ranks among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages in the world. It is a leading language of science, literature, philosophy, theology, history, music, film and art. Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and the fourth largest in the world. The education system has a long tradition. It also has a good international reputation, making Germany one of the most important destination countries for international students.

Since the early 19th century, the Lutheran Church has been closely linked to the presence of German language and culture in Australia. German migrants from Prussia established the faith in South Australia in 1838. The provision of schools for their children soon became a priority, and German continued to be the language of many Lutheran homes for up to three or four generations.

Growing from this tradition, German has played a significant role in making Lakeside College the open and outward looking learning community it is today. German is taught from Prep through to Year 9 with German elective 1 & 2 being available for VCE.

ICT Technology

Students today are growing up in a digital world with new technologies that constantly shape the way we live and learn. At Lakeside College we work to provide a rich and engaging curriculum that prepares students for a globalised and interconnected world. Our approach to ICT seeks to develop 21st Century learners who:

- Are learning to live and work in a knowledge-based economy
- Use ICT to access information, communicate, collaborate and connect with others
- Are developing creativity, problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking skills
- Become socially responsible citizens who are empowered to respond positively and innovatively to the challenges of the future.

The College is well resourced with computer desktops, laptops and all Curriculum areas from Years Prep to 12 have ready access to the ICT facilities. In addition, The College has implemented a Take home Chromebook program for students in Year 7 to Year 12. The College is committed to providing appropriate levels of state of the art technology as a means of ensuring that our students are well equipped for ongoing learning in today's interactive, technology dependent world. Interactive white boards have been introduced into the Junior School, together with state of the art whiteboards and data projectors throughout the school.

Performing Arts

The Music Department delivers a comprehensive musical experience as part of the College Curriculum; collaborating, wherever possible, with focus studies in other subjects. Each musical focus area is studied for a term, and includes Australian Music, Blues, World Music, Art Music, Music History, Protest Music, Experimental Music and Scoring Techniques. All topics incorporate the fundamental components of any study of Music – listening (analysis and discussion), composition and performance. At the Junior level, all students have the opportunity to play a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments through classroom activities, and the program includes music theory and expressive movement through dance and drama.

A wide range of co-curricular opportunities are available to students, including the College Choir, Junior Choir, Men's Choir, Women's Vocal Group, Chapel Band and student-initiated groups.

The College is proud of its rapidly expanding Instrumental Music program, with tuition being offered by specialist tutors including but not limited to piano, guitar, drums, and voice.



Science

Science is an important and exciting aspect of the student's education at Lakeside College. All students from Prep – Year 12 engage in weekly Science lessons. In levels Prep - Year 4 Science is incorporated as part of the everyday classroom Curriculum, where exploration through touch, feel and sight is encouraged. Year 5 to Year 8 classes see their specialist Science teacher once to three times a week, with many practical sessions booked for students to continue in their hands-on learning approach. From Year 9 onwards, four lessons per week are dedicated to Science studies. Students participate in annual Science excursions from Years 7-12, with frequent visits to the Gene Technology Access Centre, The University of Melbourne and the CSIRO Education Centre. During Science Week all students at the College are encouraged to participate in a range of activities on offer. In previous years these have included rocket launching, food science recipes, reaction demonstrations and treasure hunts.



At Lakeside, scientific theories and current endeavours are continually linked to the students' course of study, with ICT animations, use of video cameras and modelling of structures incorporated into all Science classes. Within the VCE disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology, students are actively encouraged to develop their skills in designing investigations, predicting appropriate results and evaluating processes for improvement. Students learn how to correctly use a microscope, make polymers (or slime!) create cosmetics, test the purity of substances like aspirin, extract DNA, grow plants under various conditions, and have fun whilst working safely in a laboratory. Scientific literature is also a vital area for development that is reinforced through each year level as students work through the steps of the scientific method and learn the successful writing of practical reports.



Visual Arts

Students in the Junior School (Prep - Year 5) have art lessons once a week with specialist Art teachers, creating individual and collaborative artworks in a variety of visual art forms such as Painting, Drawing, Textiles, Sculpture, Printmaking and Collage.

Students in the Middle School (Years 6 - 9), continue to participate in a creative and challenging Art program with specialist Art teachers. Students complete practical units in a variety of studio areas and also study the theoretical components of Art, where they are encouraged to develop art appreciation across a variety of historical and cultural contexts.

In Year 10, Art is an elective subject. Students have the opportunity to develop and refine their skills in a wide range of studio areas and design. Research in Art History complements the practical studies, as students develop the skills of visual literacy alongside their technical skills.

For VCE students, Studio Arts and Visual Communication are offered. In Units 1-4, students engage in art making and design exploration, developed through individual folios. Resolved artworks and designs reflect individual and personal artistic expression.

Visual artworks produced by students from Prep to Year 12 are exhibited in displays around the College, in the Annual Art Exhibition in September and in exhibitions in the wider community, including the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Art excursions are an integral component of the Art program for each year level with students having opportunities to visit public and private galleries.



Community Service

The College has established close relationships with local Community Service organisations and students are encouraged to participate in Community Service and fundraising programs.

The College works closely with organisations such as:

- 4C's Food Bank & Charity Organisation
- Australian Lutheran World Service
- Lakeside Residents Group
- Pakenham Football Club
- Pakenham RSVL, ANZAC Day
- Rotary Club

Choir

Junior School students are timetabled for Choir once a week. All students are encouraged to participate in the College Choir, year level appropriate productions, local Choir competitions and College performances.

Chapel

Chapel services are coordinated by the College Chaplain once a week, with separate services for Junior and Secondary students. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in music, worship and prayer, in a contemporary context and life related way.

Language and Cultural Exchange Program

Students from Year 8 to Year 11 have the opportunity to take part in a 3-week Language and Cultural Exchange Program to Germany. These visits give students the opportunity to live in and experience a new culture and continues to develop their perspective of living in a global society. Students have the added benefit of applying and further developing their language skills learnt throughout their LOTE studies.

Co-Curricular Programs

Clubs

A variety of clubs are available to students and are organised by teachers during and after school hours, and students are encouraged to participate when possible.

Human Powered Vehicle (HPV)

The Human Powered Vehicle program is intended to provide students with the opportunity to work with the College community, local businesses, and family and friends, to design and develop an innovative vehicle, powered by the human body.

The College has a HPV Team for Middle School students, and the team is supervised by a Science Teacher. The HPV Team attends regular meetings, HPV and Science related excursions, and also registers for upcoming competitions against other schools in the State.



Interhouse Athletics

Interhouse Athletics is coordinated for the Junior, Middle and Senior School. The College's Swimming, Athletics, Netball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Cricket teams achieve considerable success in Interschool competitions.

Debutante Ball

Organised by the Rotary Club, Pakenham, the annual Debutante Ball is an opportunity for Year 11 students to learn traditional and contemporary dancing, with qualified instructors.

Private Music Tuition

Private Music Tuition is offered to students who would like to participate in additional co-curricular music lessons and performing arts. Students can choose from a variety of instruments including but not limited to piano, guitar, drums, and voice. Lessons are scheduled with a private instructor on a weekly basis with the opportunity to perform at concerts throughout the year.

In addition, students are given the opportunity to perform musical arrangements for:

- Chapel Band – for intermediate to advanced students
- Choir Competition
- College Events
- Community Service
- Open Day
- Orientation Day
- School Assembly
- School Production

School Camp Experiences

From Year 4 to Year 12, students participate in a year level camp on an annual basis. Camps are arranged so that all students have the opportunity to:

- Build self-esteem and confidence
- Develop social skills
- Establish independence
- Increase fitness and physical exercise
- Participate in new experiences
- Join in team building exercises and challenges

School Production

Each alternative year the college Music department teams up with students to create and deliver the biennial school production. Students are involved in all levels of the production and work very closely with the Music and Art department staff. Opportunities exist for students to assist with the design and production of the sets, dance, song, drama and music. Parents are invited to help with costume development, makeup and hair, provide support backstage and assist with ushering.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are an essential part of the co-curricular programs offered at the College. Swimming lessons start from Prep and continue through to Middle School. Lessons are timetabled for the Middle School students during Term 1 and the Junior School students during Term 4.

Swimming Squad Team

The College offers a Swimming Squad Team for intermediate to advanced swimmers for Middle and Senior students only. Training sessions are held on a weekly basis at the Cardinia Life swimming pool before school hours. The Swimming Squad Team is supervised and coached by a Physical Education Teacher. Swimming Squad competitions are scheduled throughout the school calendar year.



...Rich Learning

...Individual Care

...Embracing Community Life



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