

St Monica's College

EPPING



A CO-EDUCATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE, FIRST ESTABLISHED
IN 1964 BY THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN



St Monica's College, Epping is committed to the provision of a high quality and contemporary Catholic education.

Our History

St Monica's College, Epping was established by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan as a regional school for girls in 1964. It became co-educational in 1978.

Originally a one campus school, growth soon occurred and in 1978 the College purchased a second campus in Dalton Road, Epping and introduced co-education.

Over the years the College has expanded, and Ostia at Strath Creek was acquired in 1999 to provide a location for personal development and retreat activities for students and staff. Located in a tranquil rural setting, Ostia is named after the Roman town where Monica departed this earthly life in 387 to receive her eternal reward.



Welcome to St Monica's College - Epping



As we draw students from the northern region of Melbourne, we continue to enhance our pastoral care approaches, our exciting and relevant curriculum and our physical facilities and resources.

Care and support of the individual child is at the heart of our College's approach to education. Being a proud and confident Monican is what we seek to develop within each young person.

Our College motto, 'Pray and Persevere' leads us to be a community of faith, loyal to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and ready to serve the Catholic Church. Prayer is an important element of Monican life and daily we persevere as we face challenges and accept opportunities as people of hope.

From Year 7 to Year 12 our College is structured to provide students with skills so that they make a positive contribution to Australian society. At St Monica's College we are always searching for ways to develop our students' leadership qualities and this is often achieved through our cultural programs, community service, social justice and values initiatives.

Our staff are talented professionals, eager to put our Mission Statement into practice and ever ready to work enthusiastically with each Monican.

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Principal





Dalton Road Campus houses our students in Years 7 - 9.

Dalton Road Campus

The spacious and attractive grounds provide plenty of open areas for our younger students to play sport, converse with friends and enjoy their recreation breaks.

The campus is highly maintained with bright, welcoming classrooms which are appealing to young people. The Pamela Coyne Library meets the educational needs of our students and is the location for our acclaimed After School Homework Program.

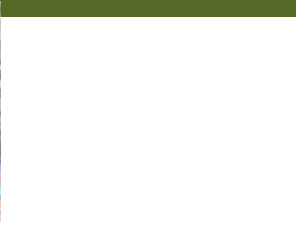
The impressive Sports & Assembly Hall, Wetlands, the state-of-the-art soccer and multi-sports pitches and athletics track are all located on this campus and provide opportunities for our vast sports and performing arts programs.

In 2010 the College constructed the LOTE Learning and Performance Centre which comprises a 400 seat theatre and LOTE classrooms.

Our Lady's Chapel is a special feature of the junior campus and it is here that liturgies and prayer services are conducted. In the vicinity of the Chapel are our visual arts and technology work areas where students are taught specific and artistic skills. Also on this campus is Augustine House which houses our respected counselling program.

Situated close to Epping railway station, with traffic lights at the front entrance, Dalton Road Campus is a place where our younger students and their teachers happily come to learn each day.





Ostia, Italy

Only one kilometre away is Davisson Street Campus, home to Years 10, 11 and 12.

Ostia is situated amidst the serenity and tranquility of Strath Creek in central Victoria.

Davisson Street Campus

Ostia Country Campus

The original site of St Monica's College, this campus has been extensively refurbished and developed and now provides high quality learning areas for food classes, the arts, technology, and a range of sports.

Major features include the Sister Julian Quaine Library, Our Lady of the Cherry Blossom Peace Garden, Samaritan Square and The Beehive. It is in these locations that students explore the world of information technology and personal development.

Davisson Street Campus is distinguished for its effective use of light and student comfort is assured as attention is given to environmental aspects of the campus.

The Good Samaritan Chapel is frequently used both by groups and individuals.

This beautiful property provides a haven for students as they participate in personal development and leadership programs, as well as retreats. Ostia is also a centre for environmental sustainability.

With livestock grazing on the property and with a stunning bluestone and mud brick residence, Ostia is a place where students reflect and meet their peers and teachers on a different level, amidst the naturally invigorating country air.

Open fire, comfortable surroundings, well-stocked pantry and modern technology make Ostia a most desirable location for students. Mist in the mountains and wide, open spaces often lead students to a reflective moment and greater self-understanding.

St Monica's College conducts specific personal development programs at Ostia and the property is also a favorite place for retreat experiences.





Pastoral Care

Our College is renowned for our attention to the personal needs of all students.

St Monica's College is a Catholic school that exists to bring students in closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This is achieved through a vibrant Religious Education Program. The Liturgy Coordinator and Faith and Mission Coordinator work with students to develop meaningful faith and prayer experiences.

Our College is renowned for our attention to the personal needs of all students. Well-qualified and committed counselling staff provide support and security for students. We are a school based on restorative principles and our approach is always to nurture students whilst setting clear and high expectations in terms of behaviour.

Across the year levels the College conducts personal development programs for our students. These activities range from the 'Rock & Water Program' and the 'Stepping Stones Program' in Year 8 to 'Uniquely Year 9

Experiences' at Year 9 and the Year 10 program entitled 'On the Edge' which occurs at Ostia, our country campus. Other programs cater for the needs and interests of senior students.

The College values student formation and leadership and specific training programs are conducted that cater for all forms of student leadership. Our vast community service, values education, and social justice projects lead our students to a greater understanding of the world.

Annually we welcome students and staff from our Japanese sister school to the College. In return, we visit Takada High School, Tsu City, each year where our students are hosted by Japanese families.

In order to educate the whole person, students are encouraged to participate in a variety of co-curricular activities including sport, chess, music, public speaking, performing arts, values education, student formation and community outreach.





Curriculum

St Monica's College is proud to offer its students one of the most comprehensive range of subject and program options in Victoria.

From the moment our students enter into Year 7, work commences on developing and enhancing literacy, numeracy and information technology skills. The College is proud to have been the recipient of national awards in these areas of learning.

At St Monica's College students are presented with a wide selection of subjects – some are obligatory (e.g. Religious Education, English and Mathematics et al); others are optional (many specialist areas); and students can choose from a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) program or a Vocational Educational Training (VET) course or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), once they enter the senior years of schooling.

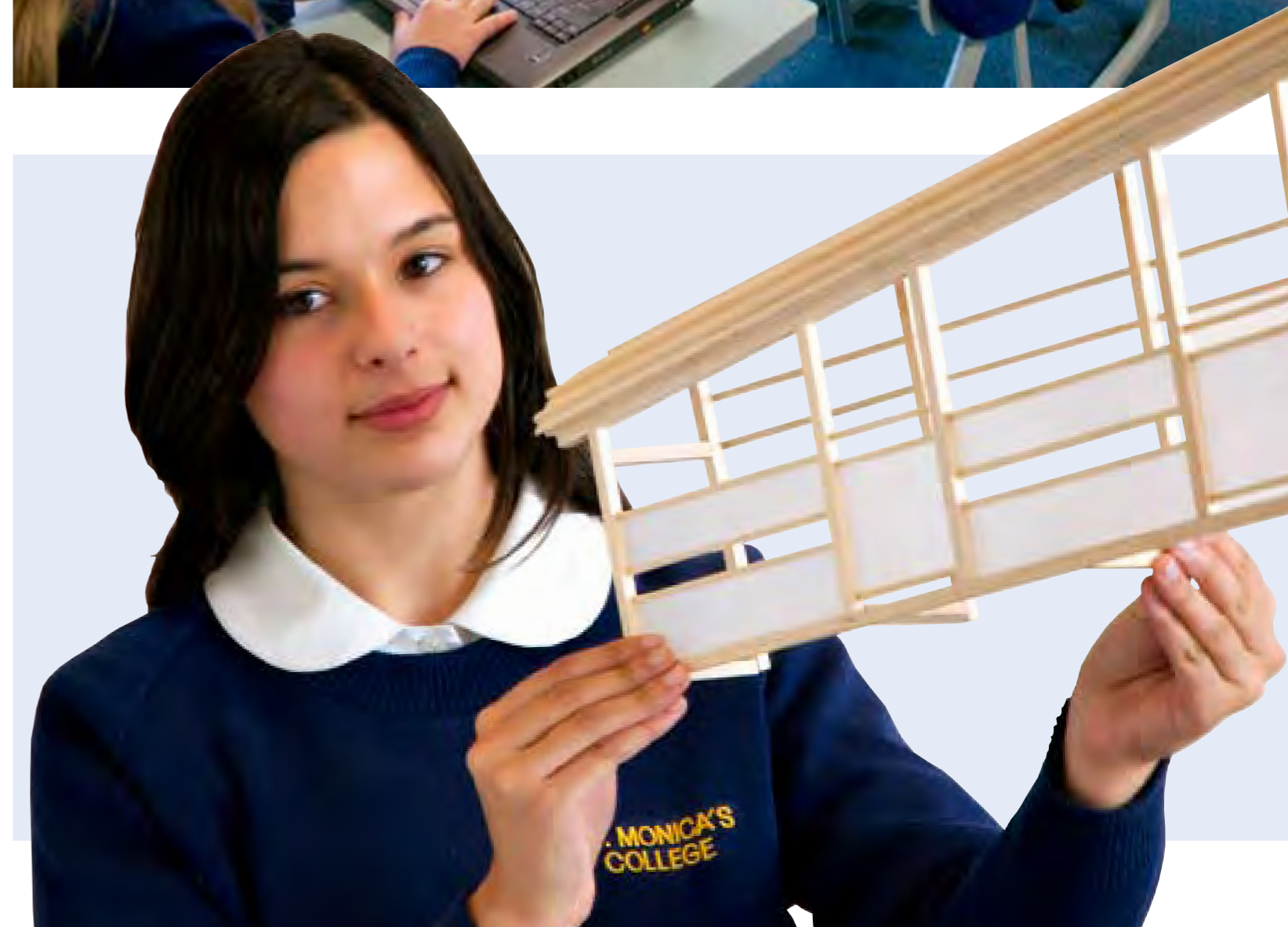
Teaching and learning strategies are the focus of our teachers' work as they seek to develop independent and critical thinkers.

At St Monica's we know that students learn in different ways, through different methods and at a different rates. We cater for the learning needs of all students through effective and engaging teaching strategies. We support students with learning needs, and extend those who are particularly gifted. HORIZONS is our accelerated learning program.

Students are provided with individual access to a netbook computer at no cost. These netbooks, along with hundreds of notebooks, make St Monica's College a true leader in information technology throughout Australia.

Students are offered a full selection of visual and performing arts experiences alongside physical education, technology and commerce subjects. Our Careers Counsellors are on hand to advise students and parents before subject choices are made.

St Monica's College has developed an Assessment and Reporting Policy which provides students and their families with vital information on progress and ways and means by which improvements can be realised.





Technology

Technologies of many kinds provide an exciting learning strand which the College has developed considerably.

Excellent and modern facilities exist at the school on both campuses and this maximizes students' access to a vast range of technology and artistic subjects.

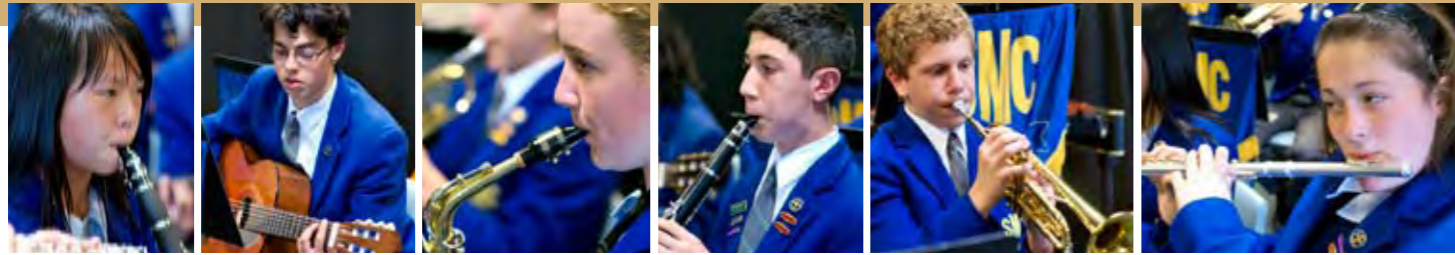
The College maintains a high standard of information technology with computer laboratories, wireless networks, and the integration of information and communication technology across all key learning areas.

Courses are offered to students whose preferences involve manual skills. These include woodwork, metal, jewellery and leadlighting, electronics and robotics, textiles, and automotive studies. Highly trained staff develop students' knowledge and skills in these areas.

Dalton Road Campus houses a Food Technology Centre where Hospitality is taught in a kitchen specially designed to industry standards.

Classrooms on both campuses are airy, safe and attractive and provide excellent facilities for the teaching of food technology, nutrition, health and human development. In association with local tertiary institutions, the College prepares students to make the move from classroom to workplace.





Visual & Performing Arts

Involvement in the arts is a strong feature of Monican life.

The College offers both performing arts and visual arts programs in outstanding facilities, each supported by vibrant co-curricular programs and activities. Music, dance, drama and media are studied by many students. Our excellent College productions and highly regarded Instrumental Music Program, supported by our film-making projects, showcase the extraordinary talents of our students.

Our students are given endless opportunities to take centre stage and the College ensures that tutoring in the performing arts is provided by skilled performers and teachers.

Our Public Speaking Society and our debating teams are other avenues for students to enhance their confidence and self-esteem in these areas.

Students who might prefer the visual arts may select to study architecture, visual and industrial design, sculpture, studio art and art history. Our students work in well resourced rooms which are constructed with a 'studio feel' and cater for the varied needs of visual arts subjects. Numerous visual arts clubs are enjoyed by students.

Student achievements in the arts are highlighted by the Principal's Cup for Song, the Principal's Award for Public Speaking and the Principal's Art Prize.





Sport & Physical Education

Our College is renowned statewide for the excellent playing surfaces available to our Physical Education and Sports Programs.

Dalton Road Campus has a unique and highly sophisticated soccer pitch which is used by the College and external soccer organizations. Situated next to these fields is a multi-sports ground on which tennis, hockey, handball and a range of other sports are played. Our superb athletics centre prepares students for track and field events.

Also located on Dalton Road Campus is our magnificent Sports & Assembly Hall which is comprised of two basketball courts, a dance mezzanine, weights room and other facilities. It is the also the location for the College's House Program.

Sports excellence programs flourish at St Monica's College, particularly in the sports of soccer, basketball, hockey and AFL football. The school is recognized as one of Australia's leading soccer schools with competitions occurring both nationally and internationally.

The College participates in a sports association and is frequently victorious in premier league (mixed sports), cross country, swimming, athletics and golf carnivals. Weekly sporting games against other colleges are a feature of the association.

Emphasis is placed upon skills development and involvement in Physical Education classes, and trained staff provide students with opportunities to adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles.





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Camps and Outdoor Education

Imagine setting up your own tent and sleeping overnight on the grounds of our country campus, Ostia. This is only one exciting experience that Monicans enjoy outdoors and when on camp. Our Year 7 students get to know each other so much better at their camp and the Transition Coordinator has the role of encouraging students to bond together as happy Monicans.

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The Good Samaritan:
The Springs of Compassion

Jacinta Shailer SGS

camphor laurel
2007

(A sculpture on the
Dalton Road Campus)



A MONICAN EDUCATION PREPARES YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN SOCIETY AND TO ACCEPT THE GOSPEL'S CALL TO BE PEOPLE OF FAITH, COMPASSION AND JUSTICE.

DRIVEN BY FOCUSED STRATEGIC PLANNING AND A GREAT BELIEF IN THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN SUBURBS OF URBAN MELBOURNE, ST MONICA'S COLLEGE IS COMMITTED TO REMAINING A DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE.

THE COLLEGE SETS HIGH STANDARDS FOR ITS STUDENTS AND OFFERS THEM ACCESS TO A SUCCESSFUL AND RELEVANT EDUCATION.

INSPIRED BY ST MONICA AND FULL OF HOPE, WE 'PRAY AND PERSEVERE' WITH CONFIDENCE – DAY BY DAY, YEAR AFTER YEAR.



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