



## LIKE MINDS PROGRAM 2022

*If you have shown that you are a highly effective learner, and are looking for extra opportunities in Year 7 next year, the Like Minds program might be for you*

The Korumburra Secondary College Like Minds program includes a select entry form group for students in Year 7 and 8. Year 7 and 8 Like Minds students are in class together for English, Maths, Humanities, Science, Health, PE, LOTE (Japanese) and Art, while mixing with other students from their year level for Technology and elective/rotation subjects. While in class together, the Like Minds students cover the normal topics for Year 7 and 8, with extension readily available.

The Like Minds class also includes a particular focus on three key areas –

- the ***Like Minds Teaching and Learning Approach***

*While the Like Minds classes cover the same topics as mainstream classes, the learning activities for these classes is designed around six key principles. In 2020 we developed our Like Minds Teaching and Learning Approach which states: The Like Minds program focusses on providing students with **different and challenging work** while pushing them to **look deeper in to ideas**. The Like Minds program emphasises **choice** in learning and **working with a range of other people**. Learning is done through **hands-on/immersive activities** as well as **varied and unique extra-curricular activities**.*

- the development of **'real world' skills**

*Through Challenge Days, Immersion programs, Personal Challenges and day-to-day classes, Like Minds students actively develop their **Enterprise Capabilities** and **ACE Capabilities**. Enterprise Capabilities are the 8 sets of skills and knowledge that research shows most support success in the 'real world'. ACE Capabilities refer to a set of behavioural expectations developed by KSC to support all students to be effective learners.*

***Student Voice and Agency** refers to opportunities provided for students to have a say in their learning. Fortnightly surveys give Like Minds students the opportunity for input into what learning opportunities are provided, and how they are delivered. Flexibility is strategically built in to the Like Minds timetable to allow students to spend more time on subjects they are passionate about, catch up on work they need to complete, or extend in to personal projects.*

*Weekly routines also allow students to practise **positive mental health strategies***

- building a strong sense of **community**

*Through classroom activities, extra-curricular activities and celebration evenings, we focus on building strong connections within the student group, as well as between students, teachers and parents.*

Students who have nominated to attend Korumburra Secondary College in 2022 may apply to be part of the Like Minds program. Students will be selected on the basis of their positive attitude towards learning, and willingness and ability to engage in the three key areas mentioned above.

For more information please contact John Wilson via email on [john.wilson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:john.wilson@education.vic.gov.au) or 5655 1566, and please see over for further information on our *Like Minds Application Process*.



## LIKE MINDS APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in applying for the Like Minds program, we invite you to submit an Expression of Interest (below) by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This form may be submitted to Korumburra Secondary College with your other enrolment forms.

To help us identify the students who are most suited for our Like Minds class in 2022, we will then organize a time to meet/speak with students and parents on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November. You will be contacted to make a 30 minute time by a member of our administrative staff. The format of this meeting (virtual, phone, in person etc) will be determined closer to the date.

For this meeting, we invite students to bring/have available to discuss:

- a recent exemplar piece of work that you are proud of. You will be invited to discuss how you approached the task, the learning which occurred as a result of undertaking the task, and how it demonstrates your approach to learning.
- A copy of your most recent report

The meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss students' interests, preferred learning styles and goals for 2022 and beyond.

As part of our transition process for all students, we speak with the Grade 6 teachers from our local schools in November each year. As part of these conversations, we will also get feedback from the Grade 6 teachers about suitability of all students who applied for our Like Minds program.

Students (and parents) will be advised of the outcome by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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I am interested in joining the Like Minds class for 2022 and would like you to contact me for an interview.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_