



Korumburra Secondary College

| Prospectus

“Developing lifelong learners who are respectful, resilient,
strive for excellence and are productive members of their community.”

Welcome from the Principal

Korumburra Secondary College has a long and proud history dating back to 1954. We are proud of our present and past students. Our past students have gone on to lead diverse lives in a wide range of careers both within the Korumburra Community and without. Our students consistently strive to achieve their best, with everyone taking great pride in their GPA (Grade Point Average) each term.

The school provides Like Ability classes in English and Mathematics for Years 7-10 to ensure that all students are offered a curriculum that allows them to expand their skills and abilities. Our Like Minds class in Year 7/8 provides students with enrichment opportunities, offering them a curriculum designed for students who thrive on learning and perfecting their skills.

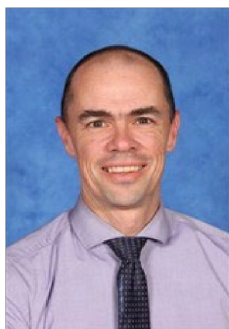
In the Senior School, our students also achieve outstanding results in both the VCE and VCAL. Our DUX of Year 12 regularly has an ATAR above 90.00. Our VCAL program develops capable and adaptive apprentices and employees. Career pathways is a focus for all students from Year 7 – 12 through our ACE classes.

We offer a range of Wellbeing supports to our students. All students have a Mentor teacher who meet regularly with the student and their parents. The school has a Wellbeing Coordinator who supports families and students with disabilities and additional needs.

Our school also provides access for families and students to a Mental Health Counsellor, School Nurse, School Support Services through the Department, and this year, a Family Counsellor and Psychologist through Headspace.

In addition to our strong academic results, the school prides itself on offering an extensive range of extracurricular activities in Music, Sport and Community Service. As part of the South Gippsland Schools Music Program (SGSMP), students can affordably elect to learn a musical instrument. Our school Production and Performing Arts program is a highlight of each year.

Korumburra Secondary College provides a challenging, supportive, and enjoyable learning experience for all students. We look forward to working with your child and supporting them throughout their secondary years.



John Wilson
Acting School Principal



Rebecca Anthony
Acting Assistant Principal



Naomi Coleman
Acting Assistant Principal

Like Minds

The Like Minds program is a select entry program for students who are passionate about their learning and have demonstrated highly effective learning and behaviours. It is an opportunity for students to be extended within each of their classes, as well as enjoy a range of additional experiences.

Year 7 and Year 8 Like Minds students are together in class for English, Maths, LOTE, Humanities, Science, Health & PE and Art each week, while completing their elective subjects with the rest of their year levels.

Like Minds classes are designed to deliver the Victorian Curriculum using our unique Like Minds Teaching and Learning Approach which focusses on looking deeper into ideas, choice, hands-on learning and working with a range of other people. This approach also allows students to challenge themselves with work beyond their year level as they are ready.

The Like Minds program also provides students with the opportunity to develop a range of Enterprise Capabilities – a set of 8 capabilities identified as being important in all areas of life. Like Minds students have the opportunity to develop and demonstrate these skills through a range of experiences such as producing the Burra Flyer each quarter, incursions and excursions, presentations and public speaking at a range of school events and presenting a Personal Project to local business leaders for accreditation in the capabilities.

Mentor Program

At KSC we believe students learning and continued growth is achieved through our mentor programs. The mentor teacher is someone who supports students to achieve personal success and learning growth, supporting the student to build positive relationships with all members of the community. Students work together with their mentor through the ACE program and student 360 meetings throughout the term to continue to build on personal strengths and areas of growth.

Secondary School Nurse Program

The Secondary School Nurse (SSN) works with the student wellbeing team to improve the health and wellbeing of students and the school community. Students are better prepared for learning when they are healthy, safe and happy. The school nurse facilitates health promotion and health education activities in the school, along with short term individual sessions.

Currently the SSN at KSC works Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and referrals can be made through Middle and Senior School Offices, Year Level Coordinators and Teachers. There are opportunities for students to see the SSN independently.

The school nurse is required to keep information private and confidential unless the student agrees otherwise. However, there are some instances (if, for example, the school nurse thinks the student is at risk of being harmed or harming someone else) where the school nurse may have to let other people, who can help and need to, know about the situation including for any legal reasons. School nurses follow the School's privacy policy, which is based on privacy law, when handling student health and wellbeing information.

Activate Program

KSC is committed to meeting the needs of all our learners. We have been running an ACTIVATE program in Year 9 since 2022, and have seen greatly increased attendance, GPAs and attitudes to learning from the students in the program. Year 8 Activate commenced in 2023. The Activate Program offers an alternative path to traditional timetabled classes. It has been driven by students identifying what makes school hard for them to engage in and is a solution focused approach to engaging students in their learning and building self-management skills. It can reduce anxiety about school and gives students a greater sense of ownership over their learning.

The program runs in one classroom and a small, select group of students and teachers are timetabled into the space. Students spend most of their time at school in their space, while mixing with other students from their year level for elective subjects. While in class together, the students negotiate an Individual Learning Program that includes compulsory and optional tasks for core subjects such as English, Maths, Humanities and Science. With mentor support, students work through their weekly “learning contract” selecting from compulsory and optional tasks. Students have choices about what work they complete and when and how they complete it.

This also helps students who have high absences, or are on a modified timetable, as they don't need to catch up on missed classes. They have a learning program that they have developed which they continue to work on whilst at school.

School Captains



Hal Joyce, Amber Sullivan, Naomi Coleman, John Wilson, Rebecca Anthony, Rhys Pether, April Reeves

Wellbeing

Students requiring additional learning, social or emotional supports link into our school wellbeing services. This area provides a wide range of professionals to support a student and/or their family during times of need. These services include:

- Referrals to external/internal supports such as the school nurse, counsellors, etc
- S.T.A.R (Sit, Think and Relax) Room Quiet Spaces
- WaLKS (Wellbeing and Learning Knowledge space) online learning.
- Education Support Integration Staff in classes
- Student Support Services officers

Middle School

The Middle Years, Years 7-9, are regarded as a separate and exciting stage of learning requiring appropriate and engaging ways of teaching and learning.

Our curriculum aims to refocus student learning on the learning process itself- learning how to learn, while enabling students to develop knowledge and skills as an independent person and as a team member.

At Year 7, Korumburra Secondary College experience a comprehensive education through a varied and challenging curriculum designed to cater for different student's needs.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp has been held at the UC Camping Grantville Lodge and is usually held in the third week of Semester one.

The camp provides an opportunity for students to get to know themselves, other students, and their teachers and the chance of being lifelong learners. Taking time away from the school grounds is important as the camp environment and surrounds provide a place where students can be challenged to work effectively in many different groupings, can learn new skills and make new friends. Students develop skills and attitudes which will help them discover what it takes to cooperate with others and to feel part of the KSC school community.



Year 7 Like Ability Groups – Numeracy and Literacy

At Korumburra Secondary College all English and Math classes from 7 to 10 are based on the principle of 'likeability.' This involves students being allocated to a specific Math or English class which best suits their level of ability. These classes are fluid in nature to allow them to move between classes to ensure that the most suitable level of challenge is provided to support individual student growth.

ACE

The ACE program at Korumburra Secondary College is one of our signature programs, and includes a range of elements designed to provide holistic support for all students. The aim of ACE is to promote students' connection:

- To the school
- To their learning
- To each other

The ACE program includes:

- **ACE class and curriculum** – an opportunity for students to develop skills and knowledge relating to Respectful Relationships, Careers Curriculum, Metacognition and behaviours associated with our vision and values.
- **Mentoring** – providing each student with an advocate at school who takes a holistic view of their progress and offers the support necessary for all students to experience success
- **Student 360s** – occurring early in Terms 1, 2 and 3, this is an opportunity for students, their mentor and their parents to reflect on students' progress, and plan for success in the upcoming term.

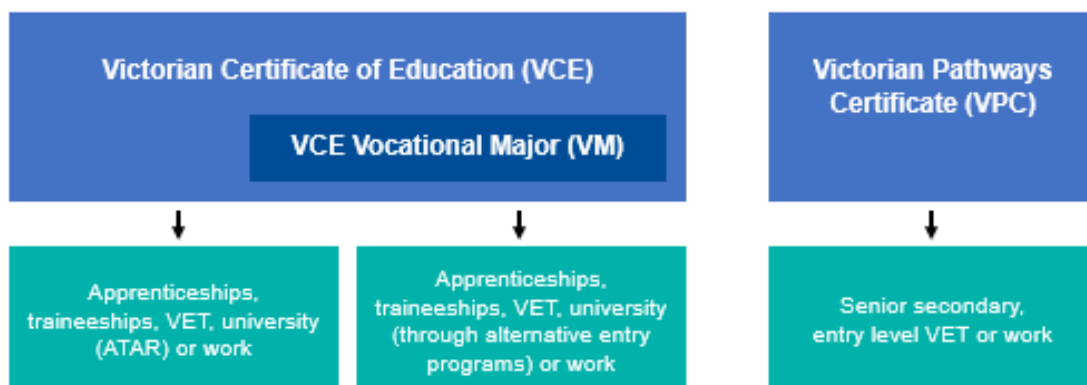
Senior School

Senior School (Years 10-12) is designed to prepare our students for future study or employment. To this end we offer VCE, VM, VET and School-based training toward apprenticeships. The opportunity to accelerate for our stronger academic students is encouraged and supported through career counselling and information evenings for students and their families.

Our focus is on high expectations for all students to achieve their best academic results and desired career pathways. We achieve this through a mentor program, ACE curriculum and a focus on individual needs and supports. We foster positive relationships and build independence. Teachers communicate regularly on student's progress and positive achievements via email and phone contact.

Each year level is supported by a year level coordinator and sub school leader to work together to support wellbeing, social, emotional, and academic needs. We pride ourselves on catering for the individual needs of each student and we look forward to working with all new students and families.

Certificate options



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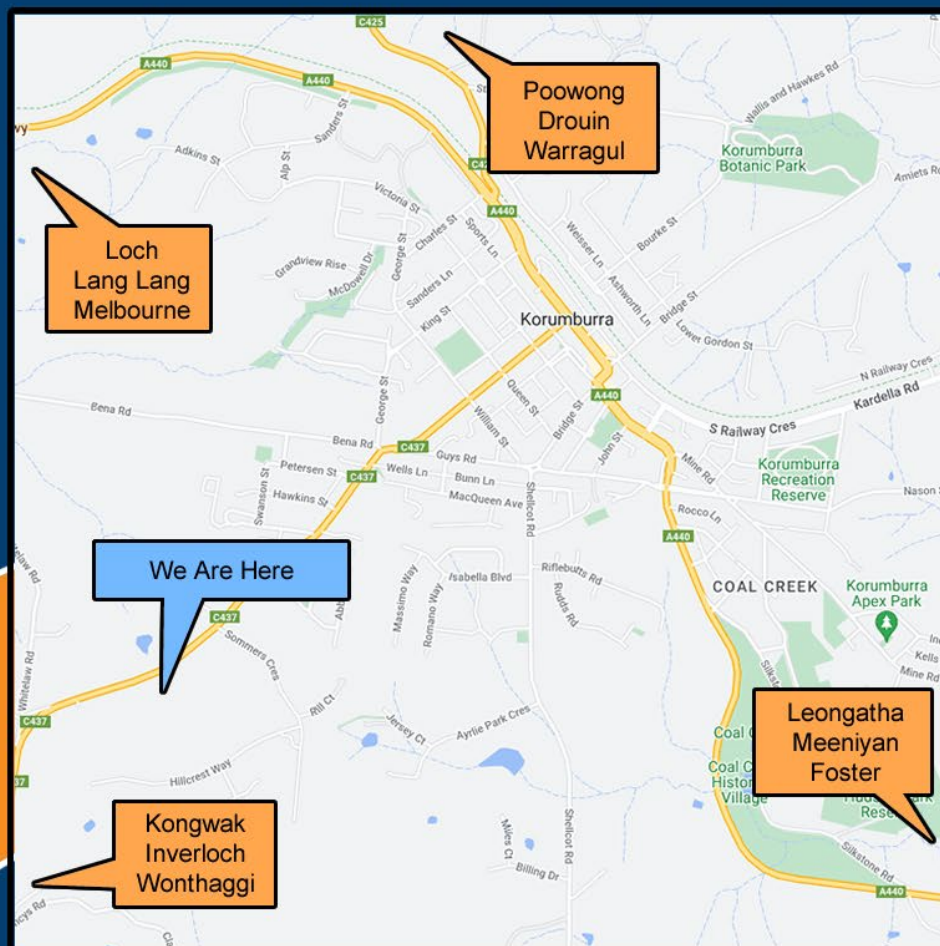
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We welcome parents and prospective students to join us on a College tour to view our learning environment at any time.