

Welcome to

Catholic Regional College Melton



Thank you for considering Catholic Regional College Melton as your school of choice for your child. CRC Melton has been providing quality secondary, Catholic education for families in the western suburbs of Melbourne since 1980.

As a faith-based community, CRC Melton prides itself on providing a welcoming and supportive community offering inclusive educational pathways which are flexible and designed to meet the needs of all students. Our Wellbeing programs are designed to develop a student's resilience and a positive growth mindset.

CRC Melton graduates are confident young people who are equipped to face the challenges of a future yet to be discovered. Our graduates have a strong sense of community and act on their faith through our social justice programs. They are well prepared to become active contributors in our global world.

Our well-respected staff develop diverse learning programs based on the Victorian Curriculum, designed to equip students with the 21st-century skills of creativity, communication, critical thinking and collaboration.

At CRC Melton, we add a fifth C – that of Catholicity. This emphasis on both academic endeavour and a rich spiritual life ensures the development of the whole person and produces students who are called to act on their faith.

Our facilities continue to expand to meet the growth in student population.

Construction of our new Cobblebank Campus has begun and our first Year 7 students will commence in 2023.

In 2021 the College developed detailed design for the expansion of the Year 9 Gadal building. This redevelopment will commence in 2022. The College also completed its design for a collaborative staff workspace and common room.

We installed 10 temporary portable buildings to cater for the anticipated redevelopment of the original Year 8 B Block. A purpose-built Year 7 and 8 Learning Centre will be constructed to cater for the changing needs of education in the 21st century. High demand for places at the College has once again seen an expansion of our Year 7 cohort to nine streams.

CRC Melton enjoys the support of our primary feeder schools from the Parishes of Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Melton South and we look forward to continuing students' educational journey in our secondary context.

As Principal I look forward to building on the strong foundations that have been established in the past 42 years and to partnering with you as first educators, as we continue to nurture the thriving learning community at Catholic Regional College Melton.

Marlene Jorgensen
Principal

Mission Statement



Catholic Regional College Melton is a Catholic Co-educational Secondary College, situated in Melton West. It provides education for the Parishes of Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Melton South.

The College was established in 1980 with Sister Helen Reed as Principal. Sister Reed was from the order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. This order of sisters was founded by Mary MacKillop who was a passionate believer in education for all. Reflecting the Order's habit, our College uniform was initially chocolate brown. In 1990 a new uniform of maroon, gold and navy was phased in.

At the end of 1984, Sister Helen Reed completed her term as Principal. The following year, Mr Frank Fitzgerald began his term as Principal during which time the school experienced enormous growth and change. In 1996, Mr Paul Daffey started his 13 years as Principal, further expanding student numbers and overseeing major developments, including preparations for the College to cater for Years 7 to 12.

Realising this plan and leading another period of growth in the College was Principal Mark Sheehan who began in 2009 and retired in 2019. Leading the College into the new decade and beyond is Principal Marlene Jorgensen who began in 2020.

The mission of the College is to nurture the personal, spiritual and academic growth of each individual in this community in an atmosphere of faith, care support and encouragement.

We aim to foster the growth of personal worth and to develop the gifts of each individual through the pursuit of prayer, knowledge, communication and service to each other.

While respecting individual differences, we challenge each other to use our talents in the best way possible. We encourage personal excellence, self-discipline, and a sense of responsibility, which is displayed in our respect and concern for the wellbeing of all.

Through this community of purpose, Catholic Regional College - the students, parents and staff - will be a sign of God's presence in the local community.

Faith



At Catholic Regional College Melton, faith and its development is at the core of our community. We aim to offer witness to the Lord's message in the interactions between all members of our College community.

Our programs encourage our students' faith to grow and provide them with a Christ-inspired strength and purpose as they ready themselves to move into the world outside of school. The Parish Priests of Melton, Melton South and Bacchus Marsh serve as chaplains at our College.

Our junior years' Religious Education program has an emphasis on scripture and the Catholic tradition and its practices. In Years 10-12, all Religious Education studies are under the VCE banner where students investigate other religions, focus on contemporary and ethical issues of our modern society and explore Mark's Gospel closely.

There are many times we gather as a community to celebrate our relationship with God, including the Opening College Mass, Celebration Day, Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Year 12 Graduation Mass. Students may gather in class groups or individually to pray in the school chapel.

Students also take time to explore their faith at their respective year level's Reflection Day. Faith in action is witnessed through our Community Service Program and many activities of outreach undertaken by our Social Justice group, including Winter Sleepout, Social Justice Day, fundraising for a variety of causes including Caritas and McAuley Women's Services.

*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all
the law and the prophets."*

Cobblebank Campus



Catholic Regional College Melton's Cobblebank Campus will open in January 2023.

It will welcome approximately 150 Year 7 students in its first year and grow to accommodate 1500 Year 7 to 12 students by 2028.

Drawing on the rich history and strong foundations established in the past 42 years at our Melton West campus, the College will offer new facilities and educational opportunities for the growing population in Melbourne's north-west corridor.

Our College is recognised for its focus on faith, wellbeing and inclusive learning pathways – all of which will be offered to a new generation of CRC students at Cobblebank Campus.

This exciting development will see our established wellbeing and learning structures offered in a new contemporary educational space.

Situated in Bridge Rd, our new campus has been designed to complement the Melton South landscape while incorporating our Catholic identity and modern, state-of-the-art facilities.

Stage 1 will feature a two-level, general-purpose building with generous classrooms and breakout zones with

varied seating for collaborative learning. Administration offices, staff room, and teacher work areas will also be accommodated.

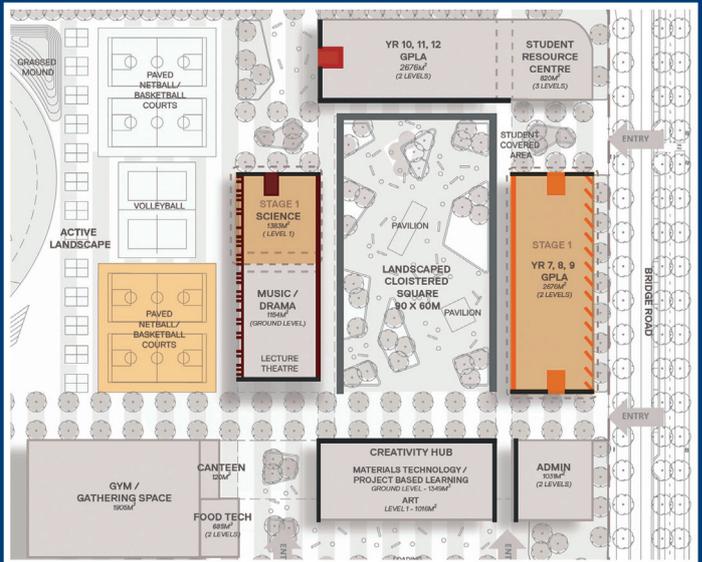
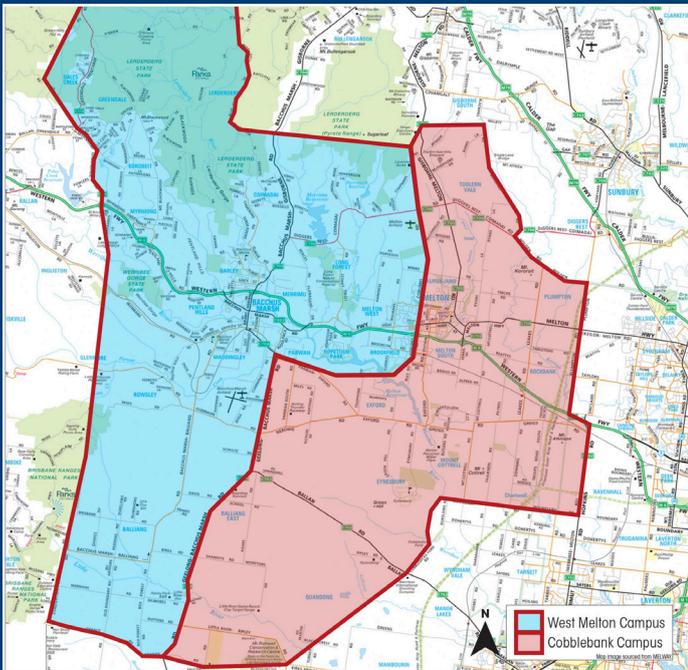
Each level includes 1500 square metres of floor space with flexible, light-filled, co-joined rooms that can be opened to create larger areas.

Our specialist facilities will be housed in a second two-level building with music and drama rooms on the ground floor and science and art facilities on the first floor.

A key design feature of the new College is a landscaped cloister that forms the heart of the school. Surrounded by buildings and pathways, the area provides shelter from the elements and a place for students and staff to meet, talk, learn and gather.

A landscaped walking path around the College grounds will also provide students and staff with easy access to all areas of the site.

Stage 2 will see the construction of our senior learning area, student resource centre, creative hub, administration building and further specialist facilities.



New families

Families who reside in the red zone must enrol their child at the new Cobblebank Campus.
 Families who reside in the blue zone must enrol their child at the West Melton Campus.

Current families

If you live in the red zone but have a child who currently attends the West Melton Campus, their sibling can be enrolled at West Melton.

Student Wellbeing



At Catholic Regional College Melton, we work together to provide a friendly, safe, and welcoming environment. We focus on the development of the whole person - spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, physical, and social.

We recognise that 'each human life is of unique value, loved by God, with his or her own gifts' [10], eXcel .

Our College welcomes all those who seek Catholic education regardless of their social and economic status or ability. Developing and fostering positive personal relationships is paramount.

Our students are characterised by the respect they have for themselves and the respect they show for others. They learn to act with courtesy, integrity, concern for their own and others' safety and respect for all.

They have many opportunities to develop friendships, support others and grow into positive members of our own and the broader community through participation in Mass, extra-curricular activities, year level camps, and house competitions.

The wellbeing approaches, emphasised through our Core Wellbeing Values of Empathy, Community and Endeavour, coupled with our Student Engagement Framework, highlight primary prevention and guidelines for students to live the fundamental values of our College.

We build structures that facilitate belonging, promote wellbeing and early intervention programming, and plan interventions that target students identified as at risk.

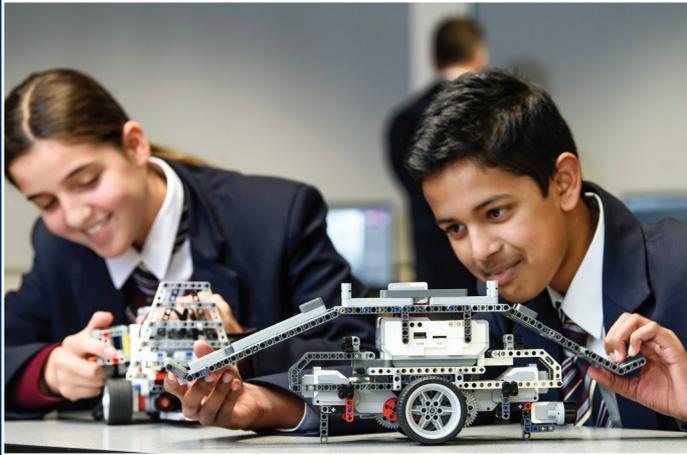
Catholic Regional College Melton offers a comprehensive suite of student services to cater for the wellbeing needs of our students and families.

Our Student Support Services, College psychologists and wellbeing counsellors employ a holistic approach to assist with the emotional and social issues of our students.

We emphasise a deep, authentic partnership with all members of the College community, students, parents, and teachers to ensure the best academic outcomes.

Wellbeing and the full flourishing of the person cannot be separated from learning: they are inextricably linked and must be positioned at the heart of school life, (eXcel, 2018).

Learning and Teaching



Students at Catholic Regional College Melton have access to a wide range of engaging experiences and pathways throughout their learning journey at the College.

Contemporary learning is at the forefront of the opportunities we provide, including the development of skills in innovation, creativity, critical and ethical thinking and teamwork and collaboration.

Digital technologies foster a connection to the broader community and our global society. Underpinning our work are the core values of instilling a love of life-long learning, creating a sense of hope and nurturing strong aspirations in every student.

With an expectation of excellence, students are challenged and encouraged in their learning opportunities at each year level and pathway. In partnership with families, students develop responsibility for their learning to achieve personal and academic success.

The Victorian Curriculum, introduced across all learning areas in Year 7 to 10, acknowledges that student needs and interest will vary and allows for planning a curriculum that responds to this.

The capabilities have been embedded into the curriculum of the relevant learning areas and provide the knowledge and skills that, when combined with the curriculum content of each learning area, will give students the tools they need to live successfully in their world.

Some students will benefit from more help in their learning journey and the College has developed a whole-school approach to support these students. Opportunities for extra support in learning include our Student Support Group Classes, English as an Additional Language

(EAL) Pathway Program, the Reading for Enjoyment, Encouragement and Development Program (REED), the Reading for Comprehension Program and Homework Club.

Our Mathematics Program at Year 7 and 8 caters to individual needs. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves in every classroom through the scaffolding of activities that foster higher-order thinking and creativity.

In the contemporary learning environment at CRC Melton, students have access to a digital device as well as specialist computer laboratories. Wireless access to the internet and technical support is provided to all students to support learning and eLearning using their device.

A successful transition to secondary school is an integral part of a young student's future.

The curriculum at Year 7 is diverse and caters to student needs and interests, including those who need extra support and those who require extension.

Each homeroom is carefully constructed to promote friendships between new friends and old, while ensuring that achieving excellence is always a priority.

We aim to engage all students in an innovative curriculum that nurtures their love of learning, develops their sense of self-worth and encourages aspiration and ambition.

Our students describe their learning experiences at the College as diverse, vibrant and inclusive. They are encouraged to be curious, open-minded and develop their strengths.

Extra Curricular



Catholic Regional College Melton has a comprehensive co-curricular program that encourages involvement, leadership, community spirit, physical engagement, artistic endeavour, teamwork and Social Justice. Our programs affirm students, acknowledge their gifts and talents and cater for the diverse ways in which they learn.

The Performing Arts department seeks to provide a range of co-curricular performance works in which students can participate. The performing arts program aims to enrich students' lives through an understanding and appreciation of the creation and performance of music, dance and dramatic performances. There are events, performances and large-scale productions offered each academic year and all students with a passion for the arts are encouraged to be involved.

CRC Melton is committed to providing opportunities for students of all ages and abilities to seek further physical activity. The College is an affiliated member of the Sports Association of Catholic Coeducational Secondary Schools (SACCSS) and as such, is committed to an exciting range of sports competitions. These include Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Tennis, Golf, Premier League: Years 7 - 12 (AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Soccer, Volleyball and Senior Hockey).

Outside of SACCSS competitions, the College also hosts inter-house competitions for swimming and athletics as well as an evolving lunchtime activities program.

As a vital and vibrant part of the community, CRC seeks to live out its ethos, to provide an environment that nurtures and encourages Catholic Values. The College endeavours to lead students to see that they have a responsibility to the broader community and so encourage them to become members of society who are active, worthwhile and effective. With this in mind, community service is expected of our senior students. They are encouraged to seek opportunities to engage in selfless Christian acts of service in the local and broader community.

Students can also develop their leadership potential in two ways: as College leaders or members of the Student Representative Council (SRC). College leaders apply and are selected by staff and students to represent the school in an official capacity, as ambassadors, hosts and spokespeople. The members of the SRC represent the student body.