Where potential soars
Founded in 1890, Kingswood College is an independent school with a long and proud history of delivering an innovative, holistic education for girls and boys from Kindergarten to Year 12.

We believe that student wellbeing is the platform for success at school and in life. Teaching for wellbeing at Kingswood College involves the principles of Positive Education, where our focus is on developing the skills for academic achievement alongside building skills to support lifelong wellbeing. Our students succeed because they are both nurtured and challenged to explore their true potential.

Our ethos at Kingswood College is to encourage and support each student to achieve their personal best, to be self-aware, enquiring and resourceful, a well-rounded individual with an independent mind who respects and empathises with others. We do this in partnership with parents, recognising the fundamental role that families play in shaping the life of their child.

Kingswood College students learn the value of respectful relationships between teachers, friends and peers, family and community members. Students at Kingswood College benefit from a holistic education, one that develops the whole person – their mind, body, heart and spirit, so that students can live a purposeful and fulfilling life.

Supported by a strong wellbeing program, passionate teachers and a culture of creativity and inclusion, students are given unlimited opportunities to grow and develop as individuals, as well as members of our local, national and global community.

Kingswood College students are happy, confident individuals, with a strong sense of identity. A Kingswood College education is not an end in itself – it is the foundation for lifelong learning – a time when students can discover their true gifts and passions, so their potential can soar.

Elisabeth Lenders
Principal
Kingswood College has a bold vision

‘To be a world-class school known for our innovation, engagement and collaboration; where our students’ potential soars because we nurture and challenge them to know themselves and achieve their personal best.’

At Kingswood College, our passionate, committed and caring teachers enthuse, enlighten and encourage their students to become the best young people they possibly can be. Kingswood College students flourish through our commitment to the development of the whole student – their mind, body, heart and spirit in a community setting. Wellbeing is as important as, and underpins, achievement in every area of human endeavour.

MIND: The skills to think, reason, evaluate, judge, discern, explore, express and communicate about the world within and at large.

BODY: Physical wellbeing through sport, physical education, PMP, health education, outdoor education and our Inspire! program.

HEART: Contributing to a culture of care and compassion for others. Expression through visual arts, drama, music and performance, the study of languages and culture.

SPIRIT: Seeing oneself within the broader context of the universe, nurturing mental and emotional wellbeing of self and others.
Kingswood College is co-educational and teaches children from Kindergarten to Year 12. Located in the heart of the eastern suburbs and set amongst beautiful oak trees, heritage listed buildings line up next to contemporary state-of-the-art learning facilities. The campus is equipped with three sports ovals, a gymnasium, performance hall, drama studio, an award-winning science centre and technology area, as well as a fully fitted commercial kitchen and hospitality facility.

Students are equipped with the latest technological learning tools, including iPads, laptops and multi-media equipment, which utilises wireless internet access.

Small in class sizes but big in choice and opportunity, Kingswood College offers a wide breadth of subjects at all year levels, with pathways including VCE and VET, and curricular and co-curricular activities to suit every student’s interest.

Small classes, huge opportunities

Kingswood College has a strong reputation for providing high quality care for individual students and members of the College community. Based on the principles of Positive Education, our program enables students to achieve their personal best in academic, cultural, personal, spiritual and sporting areas when they are individually cared for, encouraged and valued.

Central to Kingswood College’s ethos is the expectation that all Kingswood College students will utilise their character strengths and contribute their rich and varied talents in the classroom, on the sporting field, on the stage or in the wider community. Students are continually challenged to give their best.

Kingswood College’s wellbeing and Positive Education program underpins all of our academic programs and is critical in helping to shape well-rounded, self-assured individuals.

A culture of caring

Kingswood College encourages each student to stretch the boundaries of their individual capabilities. As well as collaboration, creativity, discussion and research, a strong emphasis is placed on the use of resources and technology to help stimulate independent thinking.

Embracing new technology

Technology is creating and shaping our present and our future. For students to become independent, collaborative and self motivated learners, they need to be skilled in its use and applications in their daily social and working lives.

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iThink therefore iPad

Kingswood College’s iPad program provides students with easy access to digital information and resources. The program is designed to utilise the iPad in a way that leads our students and teachers to deeper levels of engagement, collaboration and creativity. Students are encouraged to discover, download and even create their own apps to help them create, manage, capture and organise their work.

While within the online environment, students learn about their responsibilities as cyber-citizens as they acquire, manipulate and share information.

Kingsnet

Kingsnet is our College’s very own user-friendly intranet. Students can access their timetable, manage work, personalise settings, store and access school tasks and resources, and collaborate.

Master classes for master chefs

Kingswood College has full accreditation with William Angliss. Students can complete all aspects of their hospitality training under the direction of qualified William Angliss instructors onsite at Kingswood.

Our Trade Training Centre is utilised for large-scale hospitality events throughout the year. Students gain practical real-world experience in front-of-house operations such as event management, bar and waiter skills, as well as back-of-house operations including menu planning, food preparation, cooking and serving.

Year 12 VCE/VET Hospitality students also have the exclusive opportunity to work in Australia’s only fashion-branded five-star hotel, The Palazzo Versace in Queensland; providing them with an outstanding career opportunity.

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Students from Years 6 to 12 can learn to be master chefs in Kingswood College’s state-of-the-art Hospitality Trade Training Centre.

Our showcase facility includes a full commercial kitchen with 18 work stations, two commercial-grade coffee machines, a cafe-style outdoor space and modern dining facilities for up to 100 guests.

Kingswood College students learn the art and science of cooking as well as the art of entertaining in a purpose-built facility. Here they can practice and perfect their social, culinary, team and creative skills.

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We encourage their curiosity

“We seek to nurture and inspire each student, guiding them along a pathway of self-discovery so that they can realise their full potential.”
Kingswood College is well known for its extensive arts program. Encompassing music, singing, dance, drama, multimedia, photography, visual communication and design, our wide-ranging curriculum fosters students’ imagination, curiosity and creativity.

Arts students learn the skills and techniques to capture and convey their thoughts, ideas and feelings through creative artistic expression, whether visually, musically or via dance and movement.

Classroom, instrumental and choral music programs provide students with scope for both group participation and individual development. Students can take additional private tuition classes on campus during school hours for their preferred musical pursuits, whether it be singing, dance, drama, multimedia or music. The College Art Show displays art works from students in the Junior, Middle and Senior schools across the spectrum of arts subjects from their individual and collective talents.

Kingswood students have the opportunity to perform and showcase their ideas and feelings through creative artistic expression, whether visually, musically or via dance and movement.

Kingswood College boasts a strong school hours for their preferred musical pursuits, there is something to suit every interest and skill level.

Co-curricular activities allow students to explore their individual passions, while developing their minds, bodies and emotional wellbeing.

Kingswood College secondary students are involved with the racing and running of our Human Powered Vehicle (HPV). Competing in the HPV schools’ competition - held annually in Maryborough Victoria - Kingswood College has finished in the top five for the past three years; an impressive feat for a school our size.

Interested students have the opportunity to participate in the design, construction, racing and maintenance of the vehicle.

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Through experiential and play-based activities, Early Learning Centre (ELC) and Junior School students learn about the environment and the issues facing the world in which we live, including climate change and our earth’s limited resources.

Throughout Middle and Senior School, students gain a deeper appreciation of the world and the challenges faced by the global community - and how their personal decisions and positive actions, no matter how large or small, do make an important difference.

Lots of work, lots of play

Kingswood College offers an extensive leadership program commencing in the Junior School and running throughout the College to the Senior School.

A range of leadership positions are available including Junior School Captains, College Captains, House Captains, Music Captains, and Captains for specific interests.

Student Ambassadors

Kingswood College offers an Ambassador program for students interested in assisting the College at Open Day school tours, College and community events. Student Ambassadors work under the guidance of teachers and allied staff to promote the benefits of a Kingswood College education via their invaluable first-hand experience.

And trips of a lifetime

To enhance their language skills and expand their cultural knowledge, language students are given the chance to experience an unforgettable trip overseas.

Noumea trip – for students studying French in Years 8 to 11.

China trip – for students in Years 8 to 11 studying Chinese (Mandarin).

Sports

Kingswood College secondary students compete in Eastern Melbourne’s premier mid-week sporting competition: the Eastern Independent Schools of Melbourne (EISM) Sports Association. Students have the opportunity to compete at a high level across many team sports including basketball, netball, hockey, tennis, soccer, table tennis, volleyball and football.

Individual events that students can enjoy include cross-country running, athletics, swimming, golf and a surfing carnival.

Students in the Junior School compete in Blackburn District Primary School Sports Association mid-week sporting competitions in a range of team and individual pursuits.

As the sporting program runs on weekdays, there is no compulsory Saturday sport, giving students the opportunity to participate in community sports clubs, or follow personal or family pursuits.

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Sustainability

Green, clean examples

Junior School students have steadily improved a section of the Gardiners Creek Reserve through mulching, weeding and planting indigenous plants while Middle School students monitor their classroom usage of electricity and implement strategies to become more efficient.

New initiatives are constantly being developed and implemented to ensure Kingswood College continues to lead in the education and practice of sustainable living.

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“We recognise that each student is unique. Our wise and inspiring teachers take time to get to know each student individually so that we can learn where their true interests and talents lie.”
Playing around makes learning fun

Kingswood College ELC provides a caring and supportive environment where children aged three to five can grow and develop with confidence.

Influenced by the highly regarded Reggio Emilia (“woven mat”) educational philosophies of early childhood education, our program enables younger children to discover, explore, imagine and understand.

Active play is essential in these early years to help children develop the social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills they need to reach their full potential. They learn better through enquiry and play-based activities and are encouraged to develop independence, a love of learning and confidence in their unique talents and strengths.

Kingswood College’s program is developed through careful observation and an understanding of each child’s interests, their learning needs and stage of development. Our small group sizes enable staff and children to form strong relationships, connections and bonds. In preparation for their transition to school, ELC students are taught by specialist teachers and utilise the facilities of the Junior School including the art room, music class and library. They also participate in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP).

Great education starts early

Kingswood College Junior School gives students an exceptional education in their formative years.

Nestled among lovely oak trees in its own dedicated space on the campus, the Junior School is a safe haven for children to learn, play and grow. The playground has been completely revamped with new equipment, playing areas and teaching spaces for students to explore and enjoy.

Individual attention, combined with a happy, positive and secure environment, allows each child to grow and develop to become self-confident and responsible, with a clear sense of who they are and their place within the community. Students are also encouraged to show compassion and empathy for others.

Class sizes are limited and students learn in a nurturing environment that gives free reign to their imagination while expanding their capacity to absorb knowledge.

Join the clubs

Junior School students have many opportunities to participate in lunchtime and after-school clubs such as the Chess Club, Dance Club, Science Club, Performing Arts, Music and Visual Arts clubs, Environment Club, sporting adventures and extension and enrichment challenges.

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Middle School: Years 7 - 10

A new and exciting phase begins

Kingswood College Middle School comprises students from Years 7 – 10.

At a time of transition from Junior School and physical change from childhood to adolescence, students in Middle School embark on an exhilarating new phase on their learning journey.

Middle School is an exciting time as students discover and refine their interests and talents – whether in the arts, English, ICT, languages, mathematics, music, drama, sport, technology or science.

It is a formative time for students to create and shape their future, make discoveries, achieve personal goals, nurture and develop their leadership qualities and participate and engage in a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular activities.

Transition to Middle School

Many students join Kingswood College in Year 7. This becomes a vital time of transition for them as they further develop the techniques, study and social skills they need to achieve academically, forge new friendships and move into their secondary education.

Kingswood College has a comprehensive transition program into Year 7 including orientation days the year prior to entry and a camp for all students in the first few days of Term One.

On camp, students meet one another, as well as their wellbeing and subject teachers, and experience the College values and ethos in an informal setting. The camp program gives students the opportunity to quickly form relationships with their teachers and peers in a supportive and relaxed environment.

This enables them to return to the classroom with greater ease and confidence, having already established new friendships and contacts.

Wellbeing

A fundamental adjunct to the academic program in the Middle School years is our ongoing wellbeing program - with different themes interweaving across the four year levels:

- **YEAR 7**: self-esteem and self-awareness, discovering and understanding of each student’s individual learning style
- **YEAR 8**: team-work, peer respect and responsibility, community
- **YEAR 9**: relationships, communication, environment, the global community
- **YEAR 10**: ethics, leadership, community, self-respect, purposeful living

Wellbeing is fundamental to the wellbeing of each student. For each year level, a theme is chosen to work with the students, teachers and parents.

Confidence, happiness, resilience, compassion and integrity are all happy hallmarks of many of our students’ middle years experience.

Inspire!

Inspire! is a core subject at Year 8 and covers a variety of topics that encourage students to grow as a sense of what teamwork means through shared challenges, as well as promoting individual achievement and personal discovery.

Comprised of two separate programs - MAT and Circus - Inspire! is the cornerstone of the Year 8 experience, providing a launching pad for further exploration and personal reflection of what it means to become a worthwhile member of a school and local community.

Mastering the MAT

The MAT program follows the principles of traditional martial arts and encourages students to develop their mind, insight, awareness and ability. The program uses a selection of techniques and instruction styles from different schools of martial arts and also encourages diet, nutrition, philosophy, meditation, codes of behaviour, physical and mental health, and social skills.

Joining the Circus

Circus is designed to build each student’s confidence and trust in their own body - as well as social and communication skills - by participating in a variety of fun but challenging circus routines. Activities include trapeze, bungee, balancing pyramids, acrobatics, performance, juggling and stilts-walking.

With a strong focus on the performing arts, the program is conducted at a professional circus school and encourages students to develop their physical and creative skills in collaboration with their peers.

Moving to the Cite

An experiential learning program, City Cite is a highlight of Middle School.

A unique, extended program for students in Year 9, City Cite enables students to discover all that the city of Melbourne has to offer.

Held in a purpose-built facility in central Melbourne, students participate in a wide range of activities without the constraints of the traditional classroom setting. Here they develop problem-solving, communication, organisational and team-working skills which they can then draw and build upon once back in the classroom.

Enterprise

Kingswood College is in the privileged position of being a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Enterprise is an innovative program that runs through Years 7 – 10. The Enterprise curriculum is based around workplace training and employment skills and provides Middle School students with the opportunity to become familiar with workplace practices and relations.

The Enterprise program gives Kingswood students an unparalleled employment advantage by providing them with industry-recognised qualifications and certificates – as well as an ATAR advantage in their VCE.

‘...enables students to learn about themselves and how to live purposefully in the community.’

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Young Adults, Big Futures
Kingswood College Senior School is a dynamic learning environment for young adults in Years 11 and 12.

In preparation for their future beyond the gates of the College, senior students are given freedom as young adults to make decisions about their career paths and are supported in their choices by careers counsellors, wellbeing and classroom teachers, peers and family.

The senior teaching and learning space on campus comes fully equipped with its own kitchen facilities for student use, a lecture theatre and tutorial rooms and private study spaces, as well as a multi-purpose area for collaborating and socialising.

Senior students work closely with class and wellbeing teachers and associated staff mentors to ensure their course is enriching, focused and academically challenging.

Providing options to suit every student, Kingswood offers a breadth and depth of curriculum across the Senior School with more than 30 subjects on offer from VCE and VET programs.

Our capable, mature and empathic senior students are often looked up to and consulted by our younger students as helpful and worthwhile role models. By the time they’ve completed their Kingswood College education, they are generally well on the way to making sound decisions for themselves as well as a thoughtful, positive contribution to society.

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