

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – STUDENTS**

**Commencing 2018**

**Emmaus College Overview**

Emmaus College is a co-educational Catholic Secondary College situated on two campuses. The College was established in 1980 through the amalgamation of St. Thomas More College, a Christian Brothers College for boys (1969 -1979) and Chavoin College, a Marist Sisters College for girls (1966-1979). With the school now in its fourth decade, it has forged its own heritage, while also benefiting from the rich traditions of the previous two Colleges. Many Emmaus students are the sons and daughters of past students. Emmaus is now certainly very well recognised for its excellence in education in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

A core aim of Emmaus is to give witness to Catholic belief, liturgy and community while providing an effective and dynamic learning environment. As a Christ centered community, Emmaus strives to provide a caring and supportive environment that enables students to develop their full potential in all areas of life through rich and varied experiences of authentic learning. The values and teachings of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels and proclaimed by the Catholic Church are central to the school's vision for the fullness of life. We strive to be a community where all are welcome, where relationships are founded on Christian love and respect and all are called to care for those in need and to work for a better world. Emmaus is committed to providing an education where our young people learn to integrate their faith with their life and the world in which they live.

Emmaus is proudly co-educational and we believe that this environment provides a more realistic way of preparing young people to take their places naturally in the wider community. We have a 50:50 ratio of girls to boys, with the trend of more and more parents choosing a Catholic co-educational secondary education for their children. We encourage all our students to strive to be their very best in all aspects of life, and believe our students are great ambassadors for their school.



Until 2012 the Years 7-10 campus was located in Vermont South and the Years 11/12 campus located at Burwood. In 2012 a complete change in school structure occurred with Vermont South home to all year levels apart from Year 9. Year 9 now has a dedicated program and campus at Burwood, known as Y9@E.

The Vermont South campus has seen many recent developments which have made the change in school structure possible. From an infrastructure perspective, the completion of the Senior Learning Centre and Tony Frizza Stadium, new Chapel, the relocation of the library, expansion of canteen facilities and renovations to Art, VCD and Textiles areas made this move possible. During 2012 a new all-weather synthetic sports surface and the conversion of the Bill Holligan Hall into a Performing Arts Centre were completed. These major projects complement other significant building works in the thirteen years: Fabris Centre (2004) and Father Arnold Building (2007). In mid-2017 a striking contemporary new Learning Centre to house Languages, a 236 seat lecture theatre, VCAL, Education Support, psychologists and careers will be completed.



**Impression of new building opening July 2017**

Emmaus College has an open entry enrolment policy with preference to Catholic students from priority parishes. Enrolments at the College were around 1,270 students in 2017 (basically at full capacity). In 2017 the percentage of Catholic students at the school was around 88% and with Orthodox students included this figure is around 94%. Emmaus College offers a broad curriculum designed to cater for the needs and abilities of all students. The College has a technology rich environment, with all Year 7-9 students using iPads while a BYODD exists for students in Years 10-12. The school also has a number of computer labs.

In Years 7 and 8 all students experience a broad curriculum, and then move to Year 9 at the Burwood Campus (Y9@E). Y9@E addresses fundamental realities about late Middle Year learners. Teaching and learning embraces this, connecting meaningfully with students in the classroom and beyond. The ultimate aim is to maintain academic rigour while engaging and energising students. Year 10 begins the senior secondary years for students as they start finalising pathways for school and beyond. At Year 11/12 students can undertake the VCE, VCAL and VET opportunities. Emmaus offers over 35 VCE, VCAL and VET subjects and works with other schools, local business, TAFEs and the Mullum Cluster of schools for a range of vocational programs and career pathways.



Students at all year levels have the opportunity to be involved in a number of excursions and overnight camps. Year 7 students have an Orientation Camp to Rawson in Gippsland, Year 8 students a Canberra Experience and Year 9 students have a Discovery Week program in late October involving a number of outdoor learning experiences such as sea kayaking, sailing, mountain biking, surfing and bushwalking. Year 10 students have optional Outdoor Education and Tasmania trips, with Year 11/12 having a Retreat and Central Australia trip. Senior students also have the opportunity to venture to Europe every two years and also to our Sister School in Seattle. There is also the opportunity for a Performing Arts tour to New York. The Languages studied at Emmaus are Indonesian, Italian and German. The College has Sister School relationships with schools in each country and exchange programs with overseas language study tours taking place on a regular basis.

Emmaus College is proud of its pastoral care of students, with an emphasis on respect and positive relationships throughout the school. A vertical pastoral system exists to best meet the needs of students. The College has a number of policies and procedures to deal with issues such as bullying and harassment. We also provide many opportunities for students to develop their leadership potential from an early age, and be involved in social justice initiatives.

Emmaus is a member of the Eastern Independent Schools of Melbourne (EISM) sporting association and students compete in a number of interschool sports both at Carnival level and also on a weekly fixture basis. An extensive Performing and Visual Arts program is offered from Year 7 to VCE. A number of choirs, ensembles and bands practise and perform regularly. A private instrumental music program is very well received by students. Regular music concerts are also held.



The annual College Production is a major highlight on the school calendar, with students receiving awards in recent years for shows such as "Hairspray" and "Beauty and the Beast". Both College campuses are well-served by public transport and school charter buses. Each campus has a well-stocked canteen that operates daily.

The most recent full school review, undertaken in late 2016 by external consultants, stated *"Emmaus is a faith-filled, welcoming school community, the strongest evidence of which are the excellent daily relationships between students, staff and students, staff and parents, and the school and the wider community. Students appreciate the opportunities afforded them and the level of support they receive in wellbeing and the positive working relationships. There is a sound wellbeing program contributing to minimal bullying issues, respectful classroom behaviours and excellent student attendance"*.

We look forward to appointing an exceptional educator with a genuine passion for student wellbeing to continue to build on the excellent interpersonal relationships that exist within the Emmaus College community, while further developing this crucially important area of the school.