



HORSHAM COLLEGE PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

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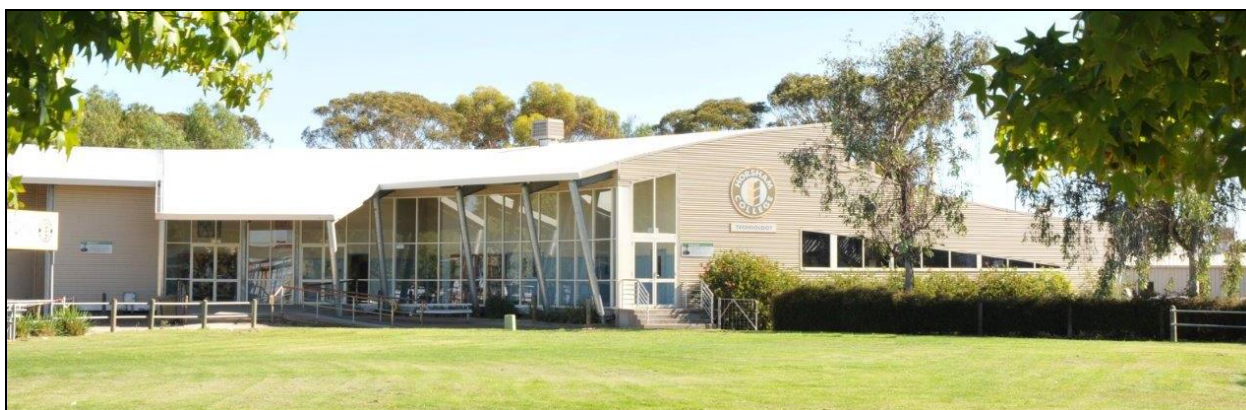
WELCOME TO HORSHAM COLLEGE

'Seizing Opportunities for a Better Future'

Website: www.horsham-college.vic.edu.au



Horsham College is a secondary school of approximately 900 students from Years 7 – 12. As part of our more personal approach to managing students, Horsham College has two Assistant Principals; one overseeing Years 7 – 9 as the Junior School and the other overseeing Years 10 – 12 as the Senior School. Our college is committed to the Mission Statement: Our school community values unique individuals and empowers them to achieve their potential. Horsham College values are Commitment, Care, Character and Collaboration.



CURRICULUM

Horsham College is committed to providing education pathways to all students. We offer a high quality and engaging curriculum, catering to academic, vocational, technical and artistic pathways. The college is working to expand choices available to students, and this will continue to evolve over the next few years, based on parent, student and teacher feedback.

The college has programs to support and extend students of all academic levels. In addition to the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Programs (SEALP), the school offers additional electives designed to extend students who are excelling, or support students who need additional assistance. The college offers after-school assistance to give students a space to seek further support in the key areas of English and Mathematics.

QuickSmart is a Numeracy/ Literacy intervention program which aims to support individual students to develop their academic skills by improving automaticity and utilising strategies to show they can succeed and enhance their confidence and self-esteem to become more active and successful within the classroom setting.

As the largest school in the region, Horsham College has a broad range of pathways open to senior students, including Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Vocational Education Training (VET), Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT). This means that students are able to pursue academic, vocational and other pathways. Students have access to a wide range of courses and are able to choose subjects to cater to both their academic and extra-curricular interests.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP)

The SEAL program is designed to challenge and extend high functioning students. The two incoming SEAL groups will be selected on the basis of an academic entry test and in some cases from Year 6 teacher recommendations. SEALP students will complete a set curriculum program and will be offered a variety of extension activities and after school programs. Students will be accelerated in Mathematics and in all other subject areas they will be taught key learning concepts to a higher level of understanding. At the completion of the three years, students have greater flexibility in choice of subjects for their remaining secondary school years eg. SEALP students in Year 9 have the opportunity to complete VCE Maths units. Students will also be involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities and events aimed at developing capabilities in a range of areas. In 2018, Horsham College will continue to offer an additional SEALP stream with a focus on Performing and Creative Arts. Students in this class will have a passion for the Arts and this group will participate in extra-curricular activities designed to extend their performing and creative capabilities. Specialist after school programs in performing and creative arts are offered to all SEALP students.

The Arts: Music, Dance, Drama and Art

Horsham College offers many options for students interested in The Arts. In addition to Music, Dance, Drama and Art subjects offered as part of the curriculum from Years 7 – 12, there are also many extracurricular opportunities available for students to take part in.

Students throughout the school may participate in the college's annual Musical Production with a variety of roles – from performing to assisting back stage – available to students.

Every student in the school has access to the instrumental music program. The full range of woodwind and brass instruments are taught – including flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and tuba. Voice, bass guitar and percussion are also offered. The school has a well-established school band which tours Victoria biennially. Students interested in music composition and song writing can join the Song In A Lunchtime Group.

There is afterschool provision in The Arts: Music, Drama, Dance and Art are offered throughout the school year in an afterschool program for any interested students where they can build on their interests and talents. There is a new purpose built Drama studio, and purpose built Dance studio at Horsham College in which students learn, train and perform.



Sport

Horsham College's sport program allows students to strive to compete in the highest level of competition at interschool events in addition to providing competitive intra-school sporting events. Each student is placed in one of the four houses: **Briggs** (red), **Hall** (green), **Darlot** (blue) and **McLachlan** (yellow). Whether students are elite athletes or just want some exercise, everyone is encouraged to participate to some extent in the sport program. Horsham College students have the opportunity to participate in two sports per term in the Black Ranges division. Horsham College teams enjoy great success at state and national levels in a variety of sports. The sport program also offers leadership opportunities with Junior and Senior House Captains and Vice Captains elected each year. These captains assist with organising for sporting events and encouraging participation within their respective houses.



English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Horsham College has an increasing number of enrolments of international students and consequently provides specialised EAL support to students who have English as an Additional Language (EAL) to their native language/s.

Small classes are held so that English language difficulties can be readily identified and addressed in a supportive and collaborative environment. There is a focus on speaking, listening, reading and writing. Individual support can be provided where necessary, including 'in-class' support for some students where appropriate, particularly at senior levels.



STUDENT SERVICES

Levies, Textbooks and Stationery

Details regarding levies and fees for classroom materials are provided at the end of each year. For future Year 7 students this will be provided in the enrolment package you will receive on confirmation of enrolment.

Textbooks - Horsham College currently provides students with all text book requirements, a system which is funded through your fee payments. The text books remain the property of the college and are on loan to the students. Providing books in this way substantially reduces costs to parents and enables a wide range to be made available. This program is being reviewed in 2017 and information regarding any changes will be provided as necessary.

Stationery - Parents will be required to buy stationery items (including workbooks) through normal commercial outlets and according to a list supplied by the college.

Payment Plans and Financial Assistance

In 2015 the Camps, Sports & Excursions (CSEF) payment was introduced. A payment of \$225 per student is available to parents who hold a valid means-tested concession card. These funds are paid to the school on behalf of the student and can be used to assist in covering the cost of any camps, excursions or sports but cannot be used on other costs.

With the removal of the Education Maintenance Allowance for families, we would like to highlight the option of a payment plan. A payment plan can make the costs associated with fees and materials and excursions more manageable. The college has a number of payment options available to parents including Centrepay, BPay and EFTPOS. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact our Finance Manager.

The college will be glad to help any family with information about the Conveyance Allowance. The college also has some discretionary funds that can support families in need. Please feel free to contact the school, confidentially, if assistance is required.

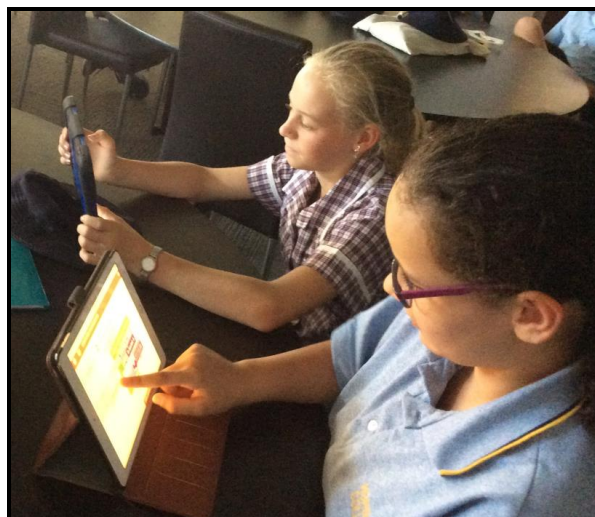
iPads for Learning Program

Digital technologies are a valuable tool in 21st Century Learning in the classroom. Our students live in an age that is reliant on many digital technologies such as smart phones, various tablet computers, mp3 players and netbooks just to name a few.

Students in Year 7 will be part of the Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad Program (with version iPad 2 or higher). The students will use iPad apps and web tools to enhance their learning. The college will hold iPad information sessions during Term 4 for parents and Year 7 students of 2018.

Further information regarding the iPads for Learning Program, along with a list of recommended apps, can be found on the college website under the Specialised Programs tab. College staff consistently undergo training sessions to enable the integration of Information Technology (IT) into Teaching & Learning in the classroom.

Families who are unable to meet the BYOD requirement should contact the Year 7 Level Coordinators.



First Aid

A First Aid centre is located in the Administration building in the Wimmera Trade Training Centre and in the Senior Years Campus. There are a number of staff who are qualified with current First Aid certificates. Minor ailments are treated at the college. If further treatment is necessary, then the parents/guardians will be notified, where possible. We do not hesitate to call the ambulance where necessary. Parents are advised to have an up-to-date ambulance subscription.

Canteen

The College has Canteens on both the Senior and Middle school sites. Food and drink are available to students at both Recess and Lunchtimes every day. Students do not have to order unless they have special dietary requirements, then food will be made to order.

We are always looking for parent volunteers to assist in the canteen.

Library

The Claude Brand Library is located next to the Year 9 and Science/Home Economics Buildings and is open before school, in the second half of lunch and after school for students to use.

There is a comprehensive collection of books and non-print resources as well as modern audio-visual equipment, which all students are encouraged to use. Photocopiers/printers and computers are available for students' use. The Library's catalogue, World Book Online and other online databases are all accessible via the college webpage quick links (School Library) at school and at home. Two Library Technicians service the Library.

Lockers

All students are allocated a locker to use each year. Year 7 lockers are currently in a classroom; in our new buildings they will be in an undercover area. Students will need to provide a good quality combination lock on their first day of school.

Bicycles

Horsham College has a bicycle shed which houses up to 120 bikes. The shed is kept locked throughout the day. Students are expected to bring a lock for their bike and to be responsible for observing traffic laws, in particular using our school crossings and school rules relating to use of bicycles and scooters.



Buses

Free travel is provided for those who reside 4.8 km or more from the college (outside of the town boundary) and travelling to the closest school. Contact must be made with Bus Coordinator at Horsham College and an application completed before your child is allowed to travel.

Careers

The College runs a comprehensive careers program to assist students with their career pathways. All students commence a career exploration and planning program from Year 7. Students are prepared for a variety of pathways, including further training through tertiary education, employment, apprenticeships and traineeships. An important feature of the program is the involvement of students in work experience, primarily in Year 10. School based apprenticeships for Year 10 - 12 students are also an effective entry into a vocation.

HORSHAM COLLEGE UNIFORM

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with Horsham College. School Council believes this enables students to participate actively and safely in school life. The wearing of uniform will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in specified school activities out of school hours.

A committee with representatives from the students, parents and staff have reviewed our uniform. Changes to uniform will be implemented with the understanding that older style uniform can still be worn during the transition time. All uniform is to be purchased from the college uniform shop; no substitutes will be accepted.

Hats will be issued to all new students to Horsham College, and must be worn during Terms 1 and 4. Replacement hats will need to be paid for by the students.

The Physical Education uniform is only to be worn for physical education or sport. The track pants are NOT to be worn as part of the regular uniform. The Physical Education uniform can be worn to school when students have a physical education class in Lesson 1 and can be worn home if students have a physical education class in Lesson 6. Students can remain in the physical education uniform during Recess and Lunch if they have a physical education class on both sides of the breaks.

Uniform Guidelines

The following is a description of the expectations Horsham College School Council has with regard to student appearance. The written requirements of the Uniform Policy take precedence over a student's individual preference in matters of dress.

Financial assistance (either in full or part) may be available where there is genuine economic hardship being experienced by parents/guardians of students.

Exemptions from the Horsham Uniform Policy can be granted by the Principal (or his/her delegate) where he or she is satisfied that one or more of the following conditions exist:

- an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents/guardians
- an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background uniform (e.g. Muslim hijab for girls at Horsham College)
- an aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students
- the student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the dress code to be departed from
- other circumstances approved by the Principal

Adult students returning to part-time or full-time study will not be required to wear uniform.

For reasons of neatness, equity and pride in belonging to the college, students are required to wear the complete and correct uniform at school, on excursions, and on their way to and from school.

The Horsham College uniform details are as follows and are published for student/parent/guardian convenience in the college diary and are on the Horsham College website.

- Horsham College dress with navy upper case HORSHAM COLLEGE embroidered on the right-hand side
- Skirt
- Tracksuit with College logo on left hand side, upper case gold HORSHAM COLLEGE on the back of the jacket, HC in gold on the bottom of the right hand pocket of the pants. Jacket not to be worn in class, but students to wear this outside for non-formal occasions or sport. Track pants only to be worn for sport or Physical Education
- Unisex sports shorts with gold HC on the bottom right-hand side
- Unisex sports shirt with College logo
- Navy unisex trousers with gold HC on the bottom of the right-hand pocket
- Unisex shorts long and shorter style in navy with gold HC on the bottom of the right-hand pocket
- Shorter style shorts in navy with gold HC on the bottom of cuff
- Unisex light blue short sleeved cotton shirt, open collar (no tie) with navy blue HORSHAM COLLEGE written on the pocket in upper case
- Unisex light blue short sleeved cotton shirt, with a collar specific to wear with a tie, with navy blue HORSHAM COLLEGE written on the pocket in upper case
- Dark navy woollen V-neck pullover with College logo
- Horsham College socks in crew and short. White with navy Horsham College and Navy with white Horsham College. Navy tights
- Navy Blazer with Horsham College logo on the pocket
- Horsham College hat to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 when outdoors in the sun
- Navy scarf with burgundy HC embroidered on the bottom right hand side
- Navy tie with burgundy HC embroidered on the bottom right hand side. Cannot be worn with an open collared shirt
- Principal approved Rugby top at Year 12 only

Shoes Years 7 – 12

Plain black footwear – no slip ons

School shoes need to be sturdy for safety reasons. Students cannot enter Science or Technology rooms without appropriate footwear.



COLLEGE COMMUNITY

College Newsletter

The College Newsletter is produced each fortnight and contains valuable information about what is happening at the college. All students and parents/guardians are emailed the link to the latest newsletter and they are available on our webpage, Skoolbag App and Facebook page.

Student Leadership and Student Representative Council (SRC)

Student Leadership at Horsham College is fostered primarily through the Student Representative Council (SRC). In 2017 a new process of election to the SRC will ensure representation at all levels of the school. Chaired by the College Captains with the assistance of teacher facilitators, the SRC provides a forum for students to raise concerns and ideas related to the ongoing improvement of our school.

The SRC also encourages social responsibility through discussions of local, national and international issues and fundraising support for a variety of organisations. Coordinating and running events at the College's major sporting competitions throughout the year allows student leaders in the SRC to develop valuable organisational and team work skills. A variety of public speaking events and leadership development conferences are also available to SRC members throughout the year.

The SRC represents the College at a range of local events, from the Relay for Life to ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies. With the opportunity for developing leadership and public speaking skills, whilst representing peers at a forum including students from across the school, the SRC is an immensely valuable organisation within the College community. In 2017 SRC elections will occur in Term One for the coming school year and in Terms Three and Four for the 2018 school year.

Parent Involvement

The college encourages and receives support from families with assistance in the canteens, Uniform Shop, Chaplaincy Committee, Music Support Group and Working Bees. Parental support is appreciated in assisting with school events, the Deb Ball Committee, trips and school projects.

School Council

The School Council is representative of parents, students, teachers and community interests. The School Council governs the financial operation of the school and makes decisions regarding important policy matters. The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

Communication

All parents are asked to provide the college with a current email address. This allows us to effectively communicate with all parents as a college community or directly from groups such as Year Level Teams or Subject Teachers. If any contact details change please make sure you contact Horsham College to update them.

Wider Communication:

Horsham College informs the wider community through the following means:

- . Fortnightly newsletter to all families
- . Horsham College web page
- . Monthly College Council meetings
- . Parent/guardian representation on college committees
- . Parent/guardian Information Meetings
- . Local media releases
- . Annual Report to the Department of Education and Training
- . Horsham College Facebook page
- . Horsham College Skoolbag App
- . Horsham College Twitter Account
- . Emails
- . Texts

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

At Horsham College we are committed to giving you frequent, accurate and helpful information about your child's academic and social progress. In addition to reports every term and parent teacher interviews twice a year, from 2017 parents will have access to SEQTA, our new learning management system. This will give parents access to homework, assignments, marks and feedback. As parents of Horsham College students, you will have learning and pastoral information at your fingertips, as well as contact details for each teacher.