Ringwood Secondary College

...a college which performs
Why have families selected Ringwood Secondary College as the best school for their children to receive their education and secondary school qualifications?

Our College

Ringwood Secondary College, located in the gateway to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne, is a school of over 1400 students from Year 7 to 12, drawn from nearly 50 primary schools. Enrolments have steadily increased and there is strong demand for entry at all year levels.

A member of the Maroondah Education Coalition (MEC), Ringwood continues to work collaboratively on a major regeneration initiative, lead in Innovation and Next Practice and the Department’s roll-out of the Ultranet.

The teaching staff (over 100) is supported by 30 non-teaching staff who work in administration, library, integration, science, home economics and the canteen. The ICT team provides specialist, technical and computer support.

Three sub schools coordinate the learning, safety and well being of students. The College also attracts a strong level of parent participation.

A core program is undertaken at Years 7 and 8 and students in Year 9 participate in the year long CHALLENGE program which incorporates a core curriculum and a weekly interGREAT day. Students may study a VCE Unit 1 and 2 in Year 10 and Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

Our history is proudly recorded and displayed on four large quilts, fostering recognition of achievement in four halls, and traditions of student leadership are demonstrated in prefect portfolios and by ambassadors and college leaders.

Our three murals depict our Vision and Values – learning to be yourself, to do, to think and to live together.

As a dynamic and progressive college, Ringwood Secondary College invites you to visit – be it on a tour, to a concert or performance and to share in your student’s education.

Our college welcomes all students and visitors. High expectations and a commitment to prepare every student for the demands of an ever-changing world are the norm. Undoubtedly, the cornerstone of this preparation is a rigorous and demanding educational program for all students.

Other building blocks include commitment to personal responsibility, respect for all members of the Ringwood Secondary College community, and the pursuit of personal excellence in all areas of endeavour.

We are fortunate to undertake this task with a committed and talented staff, who value working with parents to create possibilities for the future. Commonly viewed as “innovative,” hard working, “and “caring” our staff strive to make a difference for the young people in their care.

We invite you to join us on our journey further into the 21st century.

Michael Phillips, Principal
Welfare, Wellbeing and Engagement

- Staff involved – youth worker, social worker, guidance officer, nurse, coordinators, attendance officer and chaplain
- Proactive programs – Wellbeing days, Mental Health Awareness week, Anti-bullying, Supportive friends, Case management, Grief and Loss, Friendship group, STAMP and more
- Student leadership – Ambassadors, Year Level Leaders, Form Captains, Prefects and SRC
- Orientation – a range of events for incoming Year 7 students and detailed programs for VCE
- Transition – Year 7 includes Small Schools’ Afternoon, All Play evening, New Parents’ Night, Full Orientation Day excursion, Adventure Park outing
- An extensive careers and counselling program for Years 9 to 12.

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Performing Arts and Music

Includes studies in Music Performance and Styles, Studio Art, Media and Visual Communication as well as Dance and Drama. The college has 16 groups across Stage Bands, Ensembles, Choirs, Orchestra, Strings and Bands.

Training Band is part of Band tour and Jazz combos exist along with Symphonic Orchestra and Touring band. Every 3 years a group travels the globe to Canada, the US, England, France, The Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Thailand. In many years a Junior performance is presented in December.

The major annual performance plays to eight audiences and involves staff and students in all theatrical areas.

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Sports opportunities exist in:-

Aerobics, Equestrian, Athletics, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Touch Footy, Cricket, Swimming, Golf, Football, Lacrosse, Cross-Country and other individual and team sports.

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Annual Events include:

- Valedictory Evening
- Annual Presentation Night
- Awards afternoons
- College Productions
- Band Tour
- Concerts and Soirees
- Trips to Central Australia, Queensland and Bike Tour
- Debutante Ball
- PE Camps
- Field Trips
- MEC Year 12 Exam Revision
- MEC Year 12 Orientation Day

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College Facilities

A large hall with multi-tiered seating, a gymnasium, computer rooms, fully resourced library, nurses station, VCE study area, mod grass tennis courts, outdoor arena, wellbeing centre, display corridor, canteen, careers resource centre, shade areas and specialist music rooms – all help support the rich curriculum and extra curricula offerings at the college.

International Extension

Ringwood Secondary College welcomes visitors from overseas and fee-paying students as well as students on exchange. International Prefects act as mentors and an International Coordinator liaises with families and colleges overseas.

CHALLENG9E

This innovative program has been designed specifically to engage, address and nurture the unique needs of Year 9 students at this critical age of their social, academic and emotional development. The CHALLENG9E Program seeks to create real learning experiences for Year 9 students both within the classroom and within the extended community. It also aims to promote a heightened understanding of themselves and their place in the world.

Parent Involvement

Parents are invited to join in the life and achievements of the college through working bees, joining groups such as the PCTA, Chaplaincy Committee, Ladies Auxiliary, Music Association or Extra P’Arts who give time to promoting college events. The Heritage group welcomes ex-student support in promoting the history and life of the college and oversees induction to one of the following halls: Arts Hall of Achievement, Science Hall of Excellence, Sporting Hall of Fame and The Heritage Hall of Fame.