



WESTALL
Secondary College

Prospectus

► Message from the Principal

Welcome to Westall.

At Westall Secondary College, dedicated teaching, and education support staff, work collaboratively in teams to plan and facilitate a teaching a learning program that meets the needs of all students.

Our focus on a personalised learning approach helps ensure every student is nurtured, challenged, and connected in their growth as a person and as a learner.

The Westall Way captures our teaching, learning and wellbeing model across the school. Westall Way charts are on the walls of every classroom in every year level. The Westall Way includes our high impact wellbeing strategies, our literacy focus through student voice and agency, a school wide positive behaviour system and a Westall wall of achievement.

Most importantly, the Westall Way details our teaching instructional model (EDI-Explicit Direct Instruction). This is an evidence-based teaching model based on Cognitive Science and endorsed across the Victorian Education system and Australian education Research Organisation..... It really works. It helps explain our above average NAPLAN results every year and our overall outstanding school performance against multiple metrics.

Our school CARE values demonstrate what we see every day. Real care and dedication from our staff to support your children, our students.

We endeavour to find a perfect balance between explicit teaching of key skills and giving students the opportunity to follow their passions. The unique iCreate program offered to every student from Year 7 through to Year 12, every Wednesday, is our flagship program that sets us apart.

Smaller class sizes, a calm and orderly learning environment, beautiful buildings and grounds and genuine care and connection between students, staff and parents are waiting for you at Westall. Come and see for yourself.

Tristan Lanarus
College Principal



College Motto:

Integrity and Service

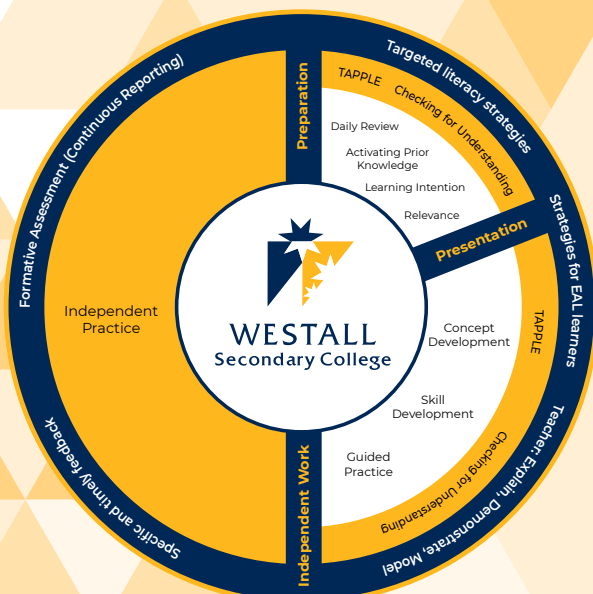
College Values:

Care for yourself:
personal worth

Care for others:
respectful relationships

Care for your learning:
strive for excellence

Care for your school:
respect our environment



► The Westall Way

The Westall Way describes how we learn at Westall, how teachers teach and how students learn.

Our teaching and learning model at Westall Secondary College integrates the key components of the latest research around Explicit Teaching and Cognitive Load Theory.

We balance this with a culture of building strong relationships, prioritising wellbeing and setting consistent classroom expectations through effective management techniques.

Westall is committed to a 'School-wide Positive Behaviour Approach' to create a positive school environment that leads to improved behavioural and academic outcomes.

Why Westall Secondary College?

► Personalised Learning

At Westall Secondary College our philosophy is based on meeting the needs and wants of our students and we endeavour to find the perfect balance between the explicit teaching of key skills and giving the students the opportunity to follow their passions.

Literacy is our number one focus of our college, setting students up for success for their desired pathway post-Secondary School.

We offer an Aim High extension program for students working above their expected level. Students are challenged through an advanced Curriculum, ensuring they are learning at their optimum level.

iCreate is an elective program unique to Westall Secondary College where students can explore their passions and build capabilities in their chosen subject area. iCreate forms part of each students' program for all students in Years 7-12. It runs every Wednesday afternoon for half the day and is a great opportunity for students to integrate into the Westall community, whilst building capabilities and developing skills in their area of interest.

We offer over 15 iCreate subjects, which include: STEM, Aviation, Duke of Edinburgh Certificate (Adventurous Journey), Taekwondo, Westall Café, Volleyball Academy and Visual Arts.



iCreate

► Wellbeing focus

At Westall Secondary College we recognise the importance of student wellbeing and the need for students to develop capabilities necessary to thrive, contribute and respond positively to challenges and opportunities in life.

We have a proactive and strategic approach to Wellbeing at Westall, that includes:

- ✓ Explicit teaching of wellbeing skills and capabilities in all year levels, through evidence-based programs.
- ✓ Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Curriculum integrated into our Health and Wellbeing Program.
- ✓ All classroom teachers implementing evidenced based 'High Impact Wellbeing Strategies'.
- ✓ Incursion, Excursion and Workshops
- ✓ Positive School-wide Behaviour System

We have a team of dedicated, skilled staff who lead the wellbeing programs and student support within the school.



► Achievement

We are proud to celebrate our achievements from both a learning and wellbeing perspective, demonstrated by our NAPLAN data and also our student and parent opinion data.

Our data shows we are above state average in our NAPLAN growth from Year 7 to Year 9, in both the Literacy and Numeracy Domains. We are also delighted with our student attitude data, perception from our student community demonstrates we are above state average in range of metrics.

Our parent community continue to endorse our school through our parent opinion survey, with all factors above state average. We also consistently have students achieving outstanding ATARs (in the high 90s).



► **Westall English Language Centre (WELC)**

The Westall English Language Centre is a government-funded intensive English Language Program designed for new arrivals, located on the same site as the College. The Language Centre caters for Refugees, Migrants and International Students.

New students to Australia have access to the intensive English Language Program, developing their English Language and becoming familiar with the demands of the Australian Educating system, prior to transitioning to a mainstream educational setting.

We have a team of expert and dedicated EAL teachers and Multicultural Education Aides, who speak varying languages, guiding the language development of all students. Regular incursions and excursions are also undertaken, exposing newly arrived students to the Australian life and culture.



► **International Program**

Westall Secondary College has a well-established International Student Program with students coming from around the world, predominately China and Vietnam.

Our school provided students with a high-quality, flexible education program, specialised smaller English Language classes (taught by EAL experts), a focus on wellbeing and support services, supportive and secure home stays and pathways to Tertiary Education.

All applications must be made through the International Education Division:

<https://www.study.vic.gov.au/en/brochures-and-forms/Pages/BrochureForms.aspx>

► **Location and transport**

Westall Secondary College is located a 5-minute walk from Westall Railway Station, which runs on the same train line as Springvale and Clayton Railway Stations.

There are also regular bus services that stop out the front of the school that service the community.



► **Enrolment applications**

We encourage prospective parents and students to attend Open Evening, College Tours and explore our website if interested in enrolling at the College.

Applications for Year 7 enrolments are to be completed through their Primary School.

International enrolments applications are to be completed through the International Education Division.



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