Situated on a superb 27 hectare campus on the banks of Melbourne’s Yarra River, the Scotch College Senior School offers challenging and co-ordinated programmes for boys from Years 7-12.

Scotch College is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Every effort is made to develop Christian ideals of citizenship and personal character within a Christian environment for learning.

Our Aim

Building on our Articles of Association Our Aim is

… to deliver an education which, secure in the traditions of our past and our Christian belief, opens boys’ minds to the rich diversity of the world in which they live and challenges them to question and explore everything they find, with integrity, humour and compassion. And to do this in an exciting, intimate environment which nurtures self-expression and self-worth while promoting the uniqueness of each boy’s journey.’

Enrolment

1450 students, including 155 boarders. The main entry point is Year 7; boarders enter at Years 7-11.

The teaching programme

The teaching staff are highly qualified specialists; many are in the forefront of curriculum development and teaching innovation in Victoria and Australia.

The curriculum, though challenging, is broad and comprehensive until the middle years when an elective programme is introduced. Some subject choice is made at Years 8 and 9 but specific choices are postponed for as long as practicable.

Languages form an important part of the curriculum, with one language, either French or German, studied from Year 7 and an additional language, Mandarin Chinese or Indonesian, studied from Year 8. Italian and Latin classes commence in Year 9.

Centre for Learning (Academic Support)
To assist boys in their personal and academic development, highly qualified specialists provide academic support, extension opportunities, guidance and counselling. The School’s Centre for Learning houses a range of teaching and learning facilities, including classrooms, quiet reading areas, places for group work and discussion, and a high quality, contemporary Library service. Boys can access academic support staff, Library staff and the Extension Studies Coordinator in the Centre for Learning, which remains open throughout the school day, including before and after school. The Centre for Learning is a resource for all boys, whatever their level of academic need, be it immediate and temporary or requiring considered individual planning. In addition, boys requiring counselling and psychological support have access to highly qualified school psychologists.

Each year Scotch boys compete in numerous academic competitions and extension activities organised by the Extension Studies Coordinator (e.g. Chess, Philosophy, Debating, Informatics, Student Constitutional Conventions, university workshops, writing programmes, and Global Citizenship initiatives).

Boys also participate in the Olympiad programmes in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology, Informatics, and Computational Linguistics and regularly gain selection to represent Australia.

VCE Results (2017)
- 248 students were granted VCE
- 125 students had an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of more than 90; 31 students received an ATAR of 99 or more and 82 students received an ATAR of 95 or more
- 8 students achieved a perfect score of 99.95
- Median ATAR was an impressive 90.38 (National median is 50)

Music
There are numerous ensembles, including a full symphony orchestra, symphonic wind ensemble, three string orchestras, chamber orchestra, two show bands and three choirs. Chamber music plays an important part in the life of the Music School. There is a large annual season of concerts, including the Foundation Day Concert, Tours within Australia and overseas are a feature of the music programme.

Instruments can be hired for a nominal fee for the first two years.

Lessons are organised so that relatively little time is lost from other subjects.
Music School facilities

- a specialist staff of more than 70 music educators
- a dedicated music centre, known as The James Forbes Academy, School of Music
- 2 computer equipped music teaching classrooms
- extensive number of musical instruments for student hire
- over 30 Pianos in the Music School and a Pipe Organ in the Memorial Hall
- a 500 seat auditorium, which is also part of the The James Forbes Academy.

Drama

Several drama productions are staged each year, usually in conjunction with local girls’ schools. The plays vary in style and students participate as performers, technicians and craftpersons. The James Forbes Academy provides a 400 seat theatre purpose built for drama and the spoken word, together with drama and communication classrooms and rehearsal areas.

Art

In the school’s four art studios students have the opportunity to develop their interests in various art media, including photography, ceramics, painting, animation, printmaking and sculpture.

Sir Zelman Cowen Centre for Science

The Sir Zelman Cowen Centre for Science equips boys with the essential skills and knowledge to be ready for a lifetime of curiosity and enterprise. Leading edge laboratories and conversational learning spaces enable a fusion of scientific disciplines, encouraging every boy to step beyond his level of comfort. This state-of-the-art centre shines a spotlight on the value of scientific thinking.
Pastoral care
Division of the school into small groups involving Heads of Middle and Upper Schools, Heads of Year, Heads of Houses and Tutors allows the school to know and deal with students as individuals and to create a feeling of belonging.
Form teachers and tutors monitor each boy’s attendance, academic progress and his involvement in sport and services. The Heads of Years, for Years 7 and 8, and the Heads of Houses, for Years 9 to 12, organise classes, monitor academic progress, and take responsibility for the conduct of each boy. Peer Support Programs and co-curricular activities encourage cross-age mentoring.
The school’s Chaplains play a key role in the area of student welfare.

Career guidance
Specialist career counselling is provided, including advice on the selection of VCE subjects and tertiary courses.

Computer Centre
There is campus-wide wifi connectivity and a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program operates from Year 7 onwards.

Design & Technology
The purpose-built Design and Technology Cube is a centre of innovation, where boys will discover new possibilities in the rapidly progressing fields of Design and Technology, and Engineering.
Language and Culture Centre
This modern building provides for the teaching of Languages Other Than English and English. The Centre contains flexible classrooms and study areas, seminar rooms and a demonstration kitchen. It is equipped with the latest technology, including a multimedia laboratory.

Services and activities program
A wide range of activities is conducted mainly on Thursday afternoons. Most involve an end of term camp or activity. This program fosters such personal qualities as self-reliance, initiative, leadership, self-discipline and community awareness.

- **Years 7-8:** School Sport, Scout Troop or Military Band.
- **Year 9:** Students undertake one of Cadets, Military Band, Outdoor Expedition, Pipes & Drums, Scouts, Adventurers or Sports First Aid. All the above choices involve a commitment to a camp.
- **Year 10:** Cadet leadership course; Venturers (continuation of Scouts); Pipe Band; Military Band; Outdoor Program (Bush Walking, Cross Country Skiing, Cycling, Kayaking, Mountain Bike Riding, Rock Climbing, Fly Fishing, Scuba Diving, Sailing, Sea Kayaking); Sports First Aid and Indigenous Partnership Programme.
- **Years 11-12:** Some students continue their Year 10 activity or accept a position of school leadership. Others are involved in a variety of community based services programs locally, nationally and internationally.
Off campus facilities

In addition to the Hawthorn property, the School has about 80 hectares of forest in the hills at Healesville east of Melbourne and a residential seaside camp at Cowes on Phillip Island. The camp at Cowes is the site of a one week orientation camp for all Year 7 students and Healesville is the location of Year 9 retreats.

Sport facilities

- Glenn Centre – Heated pool, badminton courts, diving pool, three Squash courts, gymnasium area, large sports hall for Basketball, Table Tennis, Volleyball and weights gymnasium.
- R L Montgomery Sportsfield – Synthetic grass hockey field, 12 tennis courts (in Summer).
- Ovals/Sportsfields – Seven, catering for Cricket, Football, Hockey, Rugby and Soccer.
- The Cardinal Pavilion – Storage for canoes, sculls, fours and eights, weights and training centre, changing rooms, meeting room and large function room.

Sport

- Summer: Badminton, Cricket, Cycling, Diving, Futsal, Golf, Gymnastics, Lawn Bowls, Orienteering, Rowing, Sailing, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Touch Rugby, Tennis and Volleyball.
- Spring: Athletics and Water Polo.

There is also provision for Cross Country and Downhill Skiing.
Scholarships

Scholarships are available for entry at Years 7, 9 and 10, and provide exemption from tuition fees and, in some instances, boarding fees. Some scholarships are means tested and are for students whose parents would not otherwise be able to send their sons to the school.

Admission

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