



GEELONG
LUTHERAN
COLLEGE



Curriculum and Year Level Activities Overview 2024

GLC Armstrong Creek Campus

OUR *Learning* APPROACH

PRIMARY PREP - YEAR 6

Learning environments in the Primary School are nurturing and supportive of individuals and their developmental needs. Our approach is informed and driven by our Christian faith and our candidacy as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) school. These foundations embrace a transdisciplinary inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning, in the context of a collaborative and relational learning environment. In addition, a strong focus on core literacy and numeracy plays a key role in our students' growth and development.

Students become internationally-minded citizens as they develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile and engage in deep learning focused on issues and concepts of global significance. We have an emphasis on empathy, action and sustainability. These learning emphases come to life within the formal curriculum, wider school activities and events as well as in many everyday interactions and informal learning moments.

Prep

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Year 1 & Year 2

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Year 3 & Year 4

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Year 5 & Year 6

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SECONDARY YEAR 7 - 12

Secondary students develop their ability to be analytical and critical thinkers, applying abstract thought, skills and knowledge to the world in which they live. Connectedness is promoted between and across year levels through focus activities including Australian Lutheran World Service Week, R U OK? Day and the Peer Support program. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively with their peers, increasing their capacity for interpersonal development in the areas of empathy and compassion.

Curriculum in the Year 7 - 10 is authentic, interesting and relevant, designed to engage active learning. We encourage challenging and relevant education, knowing that learning happens when children experience both success and challenge. In facilitating their transition to senior schooling, Year 9 and 10 students choose from a wide variety of elective subjects including German, Arts, Technologies, Health, Sciences, and Commerce.

In Year 10, the focus is on empowering life-long learning to support student growth in independence. Opportunity is provided to sample a VCE or VET subject and the procedural and administrative requirements. Additional learning opportunities are offered beyond the classroom, focused on character development and encouraging students to be thoughtful, productive and engaged members of their community.

In Year 11 and 12, we offer both VCE and VCE VM pathways with a range of subjects across all faculty areas. Engaging in the career development process is an integral part of the senior school program. Students explore pathway options related to their areas of interest so that they can make informed decisions about their future and understand the steps required to achieve their goals.

‘Nurture’ Year 7 & 8 Learning Community

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‘Evolve’ Year 9 & 10 Learning Community

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‘Nexus’ Year 11 & 12 Learning Community

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PRIMARY Curriculum

OVERVIEW

As a Lutheran College and an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) Candidate School, our curriculum is delivered through:

1. The intentional development of international-mindedness through the modelling, teaching and practicing of our three College values of Wisdom, Honour and Purpose, and the IB Learner Profile attributes of Inquirers, Thinkers, Caring, Knowledgeable, Principled, Open minded, Risk Takers, Communicators, Balanced and Reflective
2. A program of transdisciplinary inquiry, in which students investigate in depth significant concepts under the themes of:
 - Who we are
 - Where we are in place and time
 - How we express ourselves
 - How the world works
 - How we organise ourselves
 - Sharing the planet

Transdisciplinary units of inquiry draw on relevant content, understandings and skills from the Australian Curriculum areas of:

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- The Arts
- Technologies (Digital and Design)
- Health and PE
- Christian Studies (Lutheran Education Australia curriculum)

Specialist teachers have valuable input into the learning in these units of inquiry, adding authentic depth to the experiences.

3. Structured Literacy, Numeracy and Christian Studies support the broader learning for students.
4. Specialist teacher programs in the areas of Physical Education, German, Music, Visual Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



Years P – 6 for 2024

PASTORAL PROGRAM

25 mins per day

Assembly and Chapel – weekly

Shared Devotion – weekly (Prep-Year 2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6)

Classroom pastoral session – twice weekly, including a devotion and Circle Time and social and emotional learning

TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

6 x 45 minute lessons per day

25 lessons with classroom teacher/s and 5 lessons with specialists

Year Level Highlights

Programs and Activities Specific to Year Levels

PREP

Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
Buddy program with Year 5 classes
Transition program from Kindergarten
100 Days of School celebration
Year level excursions and incursions
Tabloid Sports Day, Cross Country
P-2 Choir
Safety Program including Responsible Pet Ownership, Bravehearts

YEAR 2

Year level excursions and incursions
Swimming lessons (1 week)
Tabloid Sports Day, Cross Country
P-2 Choir
Safety Program including Responsible Pet Ownership, Bravehearts

YEAR 1

Year level excursions and incursions
Swimming lessons (1 week)
Tabloid Sports Day, Cross Country
P-2 Choir
Safety Program including Responsible Pet Ownership, Bravehearts

YEAR 3

German immersion program
Strings (violin) program (one semester)
Cybersafety program
Camp – Araluen, Anglesea (1 night)
Year level excursions and incursions
Swimming lessons (1 week)
Athletics Day, Cross Country
Year 3-6 Choir (elective)



YEAR 4

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Cybersafety program

Camp – Wyuna, Queenscliff (2 nights)

Year level excursions and incursions

Swimming lessons (1 week)

Athletics Day, Cross Country

Year 3-6 Choir (elective)

YEAR 5

Cybersafety program

Leadership program

Buddy program with Prep classes

Debating

Relationship and Sexuality Education program

Camp – Campaspe Downs, Kyneton (2 nights)

Year level excursions and incursions

Lightning Premiership Sports Carnival

Swimming lessons (1 week)

Athletics Day, Cross Country

Year 3-6 Choir (elective)

YEAR 6

Cybersafety program

Leadership program

Peer mediation program

Buddy program with Prep classes

Debating

ALWS What's My Business? program and Market Day

Relationship and Sexuality Education program

1:1 Laptop program

Transition to Secondary School program

Camp – Canberra (4 nights)

Year level excursions and incursions

Swimming lessons (1 week)

Athletics Day, Cross Country

Year 3-6 Choir (elective)

SECONDARY Curriculum OVERVIEW

Years 7 – 12 for 2024

PASTORAL PROGRAM

25 mins per day

Mentor Group – three times per week

Chapel – once a week

Assemblies – once a week

TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

6 x 45 lessons per day
single and double lessons

YEAR 7

CORE SUBJECTS

Christian Studies – 2 lessons
English – 4 lessons
Maths – 4 lessons
Science – 4 lessons
Humanities – 4 lessons
Physical Education - 2 lessons
German OR French – 2 lessons
Health – 1 lesson
Seven4You program – 1 lesson
Sport – 2 lessons

ROTATIONAL/ ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

2 lessons each week for one semester of each of the following:

- Food Technology
- Robotics / Digital Technology

2 lessons each week for one semester for each of the following:

- Drama
- Visual Communication

CAMPS AND OTHER YEAR LEVEL ACTIVITIES

Seven4You: Transition to Secondary weekly program focusing on 7 C's Connection, Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Community, Creativity & Care. Health and Respectful Relationships curriculum components are also included in this program.

- Year 7 Camp – Araluen, Anglesea
- Peer Support Program with Year 10 students
- Geelong Tech School STEM partnership days
- Elevate Study Skills presentation – Study Skills Kick Start
- Introductory Careers and Pathways session
- PLUS subject specific excursions

	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
CORE SUBJECTS	<p>Christian Studies – 2 lessons</p> <p>English – 4 lessons</p> <p>Maths – 4 lessons</p> <p>Science – 4 lessons</p> <p>Humanities – 4 lessons</p> <p>Physical Education – 2 lessons</p> <p>German OR French – 2 lessons</p> <p>Health – 1 lesson</p> <p>Anchored8 Program – 1 lesson</p> <p>Sport – 2 lessons</p>	<p>Launch Program: Key questions each term shape cycles of learning that draw links between multiple subject areas.</p> <p>Christian Studies – 2 lessons</p> <p>English – 4 lessons</p> <p>Maths – 4 lessons</p> <p>Science – 4 lessons</p> <p>Humanities – 4 lessons</p> <p>Physical Education - 2 lessons</p> <p>Integrated program – 1 lesson</p> <p>Rite Journey (includes Health) – 2 lessons</p>
ROTATIONAL/ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	<p>2 lessons each week for one semester of each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials Technology • Textiles <p>2 lessons each week for one semester for each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Music 	<p>2 electives each semester – 3 lessons per week each. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Studies • Drama • Exercise and Sport Science • Food Technology • Forensic Science • Game Design - Animation • Languages – French or German • Legal Studies • Materials Technology • Media • Music • Outdoor Environments • Systems Technology • Visual Art • Visual Communication • Writers Workshop
CAMPS AND OTHER YEAR LEVEL ACTIVITIES	<p>Year 8 Anchored Weekly Program: Designed to support emotional and mental health and wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Camp – Mill Valley Ranch • Geelong Tech School STEM partnership days • Elevate Study Skills presentations - Junior Time Management • Follow-up Careers and Pathways session • PLUS subject specific excursions 	<p>Rite Journey includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geelong Tech School STEM partnership days • Year 9 Citiescape Experience • Year 9 Camp <p>Hands On Learning Program: 2 x half days. Builds personal and social skills, confidence and capacity. Application process, students must apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLUS subject specific excursions <p>Coastal Guardians: Coastal regeneration program as part of Science curriculum</p>

	YEAR 10	
CORE SUBJECTS	Christian Studies – 2 lessons English – 5 lessons Maths – 4 lessons Science – 4 lessons Humanities – 4 lessons Physical Education - 2 lessons Year 10 Health and Community Connections – 1 lesson	CAMPS AND OTHER YEAR LEVEL ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience – one week • Year 10 Formal • Peer Support Program • Geelong Tech School STEM partnership days • PLUS subject specific excursions
ROTATIONAL/ ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	<p>2 electives each semester – 3 lessons per week. Options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting/Economics • Drama • Exercise and Sport Science • Food Technology • Game Design - Animation • Languages – French or German • Literature • Legal Studies • Materials Technology • Media • Music • Outdoor Environments • Psychology • Systems Technology • Textiles • Visual Art • Visual Communication <p>Students may select 1 VCE subject for 5 lessons a week in lieu of 1 elective line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Business Management • VCE General Mathematics • VCE Health and Human Development • VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies • VCE Psychology • VCE Media <p>If students select 2 x Year 10 electives (rather than a VCE option), they also have 2 lessons of Peer Coaching, Engineering Careers and Entrepreneurship elective.</p>	CAREERS PROGRAM <p>Intensives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience preparation. • Work Experience review • Visit to Gordon East and Deakin City • Elevate Study Skills presentations – Study Sensei & Time Management

For Year 11 & 12, we offer both VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) & VCE VM (Vocational Major) Pathways

	VCE PATHWAY	VCE VM PATHWAY
SUBJECTS	<p>Accounting</p> <p>Australian & Global Politics</p> <p>Drama</p> <p>English</p> <p>Biology</p> <p>Business Management</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>Computing</p> <p>Food Studies</p> <p>General Maths</p> <p>German</p> <p>Global Politics</p> <p>Health and Human Development</p> <p>History</p> <p>Legal Studies</p> <p>Literature</p> <p>Mathematical Methods</p> <p>Media</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Outdoor and Environmental Studies</p> <p>Physical Education</p> <p>Physics</p> <p>Product Design and Technology</p> <p>Psychology</p> <p>Art Creative Practice</p> <p>Systems Engineering</p>	<p>Literacy or VCE English</p> <p>Numeracy or VCE Mathematics (General or Methods)</p> <p>Personal Development Skills</p> <p>Certificate II in Workplace Skills and/or Certificate II in Sports Coaching (2 year certificate)</p> <p>1 day per week of Structured Workplace Learning starting Week 1, Term 2 for Year 11.</p> <p>1 day per week of School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeships (SBATs) for Year 12 starting Term 1, Week 1.</p> <p>Community Service and/or Project-based Learning</p> <p>Pathways sessions</p> <p>Excursions to support the learning program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by student projects • Formula One • Pizza Business excursions <p>Certificates of accreditation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barista • RSA • Safe Food Handling • First Aid • White Card • Responsible Service of Alcohol <p>VM Camp – Organised by students</p>
VET	<p>VET (Vocational Education and Training) is offered as part of both VCE and VCE VM PATHWAY programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon TAFE is our major provider plus a small selection from other providers eg Oxygen College and other Secondary schools: • 1st year – Wednesday afternoon • 2nd Year – Monday afternoon or Wednesday afternoon 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE students can select VET in place of one VCE subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VM students MUST undertake a VET program as part of their certificate

	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
CAMPS AND OTHER YEAR LEVEL ACTIVITIES	<p>Year 11 Connection Day</p> <p>Year 11 Winter Ball</p> <p>Year 11 Christian Studies Seminars</p> <p>Elevate Study Skills sessions</p> <p>"You Just Never Know" - Road Trauma Awareness Program</p> <p>RYDA Driver Education program</p> <p>PLUS subject specific excursions</p>	<p>Year 12 Camp – Melbourne - 3 days</p> <p>Year 12 Community Service program</p> <p>Spring into Revision program, Mindfulness coaching</p> <p>Elevate Study Skills sessions</p> <p>Practice Examinations</p> <p>Year 12 Thank God Thursday Mentor Group</p> <p>Red Frogs- Schoolies Education</p> <p>Year 12 Retreat</p> <p>Year 12 Celebration Day</p> <p>Valedictory Service</p> <p>Valedictory Dinner</p> <p>PLUS subject specific excursions</p>
CAREERS PROGRAM	<p>Careers Intensive – Interview skills</p> <p>Practice Interviews</p> <p>Visit to Federation University and ACU – Ballarat</p>	<p>Visit to 5 x Melbourne universities during camp</p> <p>VTAC Information Sessions</p> <p>One-on-one VTAC counselling</p>



CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR *Activities*

Activities are offered on a year by year basis and reflect reflect teacher and student expertise and interest. These listed activities are subject to change.

PRIMARY		
House events	Inter-House Competitions: Cross Country	Athletics Debating
Leadership	Leadership Conference – Captains Leadership mentoring – Captains Peer Mediator Training – Peer Mediators Year 5 Leadership Training Prep/Year 5 buddies	Leadership Day - Year 5 and 6 Year 6 Leadership positions: School Captain House Captain Faith Captain Peer Mediators
Music	P-2 choir 3-6 choir Chapel Band – Year 5 and 6	Strings Group– selected students Strings program – Year 3 Private music tuition (at cost to families)
Sport	Interschool sport – Year 5 and 6 Summer and Winter Lightning Premierships	Sport incursions – selected year levels Swimming lessons – Year 1 - 6
Awareness events	Harmony Day – cultural immersion ALWS incursions (selected year levels)	Termly fundraising and awareness days for selected charities
Curriculum experiences	Excursions related to curriculum areas such as Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, heritage sites, landmarks, indigenous education such as Narana, sustainability, the Arts. SEMATICS 101 - FIRST Lego League Competition Team – Year 6 selected students	Primary School Concert (bi-annual) AMT's Australian Mathematics Competition – selected students Bravehearts Themed weeks such as: Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week.
Lunch Clubs	Library open Jumbo games (Summer) Gardening Club (Summer) Yoga Club (Winter) Drawing Club (Winter) selected year levels.	Chess Club – selected year levels STEM Club – selected year levels Coding Club- selected students Student lead clubs such as: dance club, sport training for House events, inter-house lunch competitions.

SECONDARY

House events	Inter-House Competitions: Cross Country Swimming	Athletics Debating
Leadership	College Captains – Year 12 House Captains – Year 11 & 12 Faith Captains – Year 11 & 12	SRC Representatives for each Mentor Group Year 7 - 12
Music	Chamber Orchestra Concert Band Choir	Jazz Band 7 - 9 Rock Band 10 - 12 Rock Band Private music tuition (at families expense)
Sport	Interhouse Carnivals for Year 7 - 12: Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country GISSA (Geelong Independent Schools Sports Association) Carnivals: AFL, Cricket, Tennis, Soccer, Golf, Basketball, Surfing, Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country	SSV (School Sport Victoria) opportunities – selected students Year 7 - 8 Weekly Sports Program (inclusive of our weekly GISSA competition against local schools)
Awareness events	Harmony Day – cultural immersion ALWS incursions (selected year levels)	Termly fundraising and awareness days for selected charities
Experiences	Arts Performance Evenings Debating Competition (Debating Association of Victoria) – Years 7 - 12 Public Speaking Competition (Debating Association of Victoria) – Years 7 - 12 Model United Nations – Year 10 Musical Production – every two years – next is scheduled for 2025 . Year 10 - 12 Opt in Overseas experience – Cambodia for 2024 German Exchange program every 2 years	German Year 10 – German Heritage tour to Hahndorf Mathematics Competitions: AMT Australian Mathematics Competition & Deakin University Maths Competition Family Maths Night German Competitions: Poetry and 'Ad of the Year' Competition Teacher/student sporting events Support for local communities, Geelong Mums, Diversitat, ALWS
Lunch Clubs	Library open Chess Gym Dance Board Games Gaming Running	Timber Tech French Study Hub with curriculum support Forever Young - Bible Club German Art