

**Learning at Endeavour**



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## VISION FOR LEARNING

### Exploring together...

Endeavour College offers students a diverse and balanced curriculum focused on developing the whole student. In both the Middle and Senior Years learning approaches are employed best suited to adolescent development. In purposeful and inclusive classrooms, students are encouraged to see learning as a shared responsibility, they are presented with situations where they can take risks with their learning and develop into positive global leaders and learners.

### *Exploring Together... be part of our adventure*

In the Middle Years students have the opportunity to study all key subjects in line with the Australian Curriculum. To assist in the transition into secondary school, Year 7 students are placed in core classes with a specialist Middle Years teacher for the majority of lessons. These core classes allow for the benefits of transdisciplinary and integrated approaches to be fully realised in student learning. Students will have the added benefit of specialist teachers for Languages, The Arts, and Technology subjects. The use of core classes continues to a lesser extent in Year 8, again giving students the chance to build significant relationships with a small number of teachers.

### *Exploring together... creating the future*

In the Senior Years students make informed choices about their learning pathways, choosing from a broad range of subjects. Students are given opportunities to explore their future options through work experience and our Pathways program. It is at this stage that all students are assigned a course counsellor who remains working with the family until the end of Stage 2.

In Year 12 students study five subjects and all students are encouraged to attain their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education). In addition to subjects studied on campus, the school program is complemented by a range of VET (Vocational Education and Training) subjects.

This booklet will give you an overview of the range of curricular and extra-curricular programs developed by our talented teachers. Should there be other questions you need answered feel free to contact me at College on 8368 3311.

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## THE ENDEAVOUR WAY

At Endeavour College relationships are valued and members feel connected, safe and respected. We believe this approach fosters an optimal learning environment to fulfil staff and students God given abilities for life and community.

Restorative Practices calls community members to make a personal transformation from a focus on the self towards a focus on others and the common good, and as such it reflects the model of Christ in terms of dealing with others. To this end, The Endeavour Way is a key pillar of our College.



### *The Endeavour Way is:*

**LOVE** – it's about reflecting the unconditional LOVE of God by showing respect, compassion and kindness in our relationships.

**COURAGE** – it's about accepting that it takes COURAGE to own our behaviour, take responsibility for our actions and share our experiences with others.

**FORGIVENESS** – it's about showing FORGIVENESS and acceptance towards ourselves and others with grace.

**HOPE** – it's about resolving issues in a way which brings HOPE to our relationships and instils faith in our capacity to fulfil our God-given abilities.

## FACILITIES

As the College approaches its twentieth birthday, we are proud of the quality of our facilities. All students join the College Laptop Program when they commence and have access to their own laptop following our "Any time Any where" over "Every time Everywhere" philosophy. Our flexible classroom design encourages 21st Century learning

methodologies. The Endeavour Centre offers facilities for Sports and Arts performances. It also provides a venue for major College events and productions. Our purpose built Design and Technology Centre includes Food Technology and Advanced Manufacturing classrooms.



## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)/PATHWAYS

At Endeavour College many opportunities exist for students to meet their future career goals through flexible pathways. Our College Pathways program enables students with a keen interest in a chosen industry area to commence training whilst still at school and have credits used towards their SACE. This leaves them well prepared to seek employment or continue their vocational training once they finish school. In the past students at Endeavour College have successfully participated in VET programs in the following industry areas: Fitness, Construction (including plumbing), Electro-technology, Health, Media, Art and Design, Fashion, Hair and Beauty, Automotive and Animal Studies.

At Endeavour College we value the diversity within the student body and work to support students in achieving their future aspirations, using programs best suited to their individual needs.



## SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning is an increasing focus as we move forward in the life of the College. Students have the opportunity to include themselves in authentic service programs with links to curriculum areas allowing for debriefing and self reflection. Service Learning at Endeavour College is more than a series of community service times; it is a time of planning and reflection leading to authentic student learning about themselves and others through service.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED

At Endeavour College students are recognised for their potential. Various assessment methods are used to identify individuals who would benefit from extension in a range of areas. This extension may come in a variety of forms from the Connected Schools enrichment program, to withdrawal programs run by our Gifted and Talented Leader, to special interest competitions and out of school experiences, to differentiation within classrooms and acceleration. The focus is on the individual student and his/her area of talent or giftedness. At Endeavour College we believe all students should be given the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

## ADAPTIVE EDUCATION

At Endeavour College our Adaptive Education program operates through The Hub. The doors of The Hub are always open, not only to students who are diagnosed with a learning need, but to all students who are in need of academic support in whatever form that may take. Many Year 7, 8 and 9 students make their way through the door for Literacy classes where the focus is to develop their literacy skills and equip them with strategies they can use in all areas of their learning. The Hub staff work with individuals, or in small groups as well as providing in class support. The specialist staff are responsible for the writing of student Individual Learning Plans where they are needed and for supporting staff in their implementation. The Hub also offers an after school Homework Club.



## BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

In line with the Australian Curriculum, Economics and Business is embedded into our Middle Years curriculum. These programs focus on making the concepts of entrepreneurship, economic choices and business planning relevant to the lives of the students. Students are encouraged to investigate issues impacting on our domestic and global marketplace and gain an understanding of the role that business plays in our economy and society.

In Year 11 students can choose Stage 1 Business and Enterprise as a subject. Through this course students will develop an understanding of how business is affected by external and internal factors, the issues impacting on business and the social, economic and environmental consequences of business decisions. Students will develop entrepreneurial, research, communication and analytical skills and will work both individually and collaboratively throughout the course on tasks including running their own small business.

Business and Enterprise continues into Year 12 as a Stage 2 subject. Students' knowledge of the business environment, the workplace and marketing is extended through a series of real life case studies.



## CHRISTIAN LIVING

Christian Living introduces students to the world of religion and spirituality, which are fundamental components of the fabric of all cultures. It aims to give students a clear understanding and appreciation of the Christian story through an exploration of the biblical text, Christian literature, the history of the church and the place of Christian ethics in contemporary society.

In the Middle Years, in addition to studying aspects of the Old and New Testaments, students learn about the worship and devotional life of our own school community, so that they are able to participate more fully themselves and understand the teaching upon which it is based.

In the Senior Years, students discuss other world religions, service, and other electives designed to prompt thought in relation to Christianity in our world today. The course culminates in Year 12 with smaller, discussion-style classes that allow students to consider how the faith they have learnt about in their Christian Living education might shape their lives, or the lives of other believers.





## DRAMA

Drama at Endeavour College is a dynamic and challenging subject that allows students to pursue their interests while catering for their individual needs either as a performer or as a theatre technician. In Year 7 students are exposed to Drama in a fun and explorative manner, focusing on participation and confidence building for one term. Students then have opportunity to refine and focus on their key interests either on or off the stage. Students who undertake Drama also have the opportunity to be involved in the Major College Production when it is offered. Students cover a wide variety of performance styles and techniques as well as view professional productions. Drama focuses on the development of curiosity and imagination, creativity, individuality, personal identity, self-esteem and confidence. Students can improve their skills in experimentation, communication, self-discipline, collaboration, teamwork, and leadership while being presented with diverse perspectives on the world.



## ENGLISH

English at Endeavour College is offered from Years 7 -12 and follows the Australian Curriculum. As students move through the College they are encouraged to think critically about their reading and viewing, study and produce examples of a range of different types of texts in a range of formats, and develop a habit of reading widely. In Years 7-10 classes are of mixed ability with extension and support activities being provided by teachers as needed. English in Years 7 and 8 are taught within a Core class allowing for a more cross disciplinary and integrated focus. From Year 11 students have the opportunity to choose courses that more specifically reflect their interest areas. Some students may choose to follow a more analytical course while others may choose a course that allows for more creative approaches.





## GEOGRAPHY

Geography is about the Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments. At Endeavour College it is offered from Years 7 – 12 and follows the Australian Curriculum.

Students develop geographical skills while investigating the human affect on places and environments, the inter connections and consequences of change, while considering sustainability of our world from a local, national and global perspective. While Geography is about the past, the present and the future; it helps us make choices and understand the impact of those choices.

Courses in the Middle Years are designed to explore cross curricula links and as students move into the senior years the opportunities for a more individualised program. Students develop a range of geographical skills through classwork and fieldwork opportunities.

At all levels students are challenged with environmental, social and political issues, encouraging them to “think globally and act locally” in making decisions about everyday life and the world in which they live.



## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Physical Education at Endeavour College is offered from Years 7 -12 and follows the Australian Curriculum.

In Years 7-10, students undertake learning based around the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. Students learn through a variety of practical situations, the immediate and long-term benefits to themselves and society of a healthy life style. Health in Year 9, is delivered through ‘The Voyage’, which is a special program designed to support students in their transition from adolescence into adulthood. In Years 11 and 12, the focus of Physical Education is more about examining the practical application of human physical skills and analysing the personal, community and global issues that surround the role of human physical activity in society.

Stage 1 Outdoor Education is offered as an elective in Year 10. This course provides opportunities for students to study the human connection to natural environments through outdoor activities. By participating in outdoor group based activities, students increase their effectiveness as members of a group and develop skills in leadership, exploring personal reflection, assessing and managing risks and environmental impacts for sustainable futures.





## HISTORY

History at Endeavour College is studied in Years 7-12 in line with the Australian Curriculum.

In Years 7 and 8, topics are integrated within Core classes, From Year 9 it is a stand-alone subject and becomes an elective at Stages 1 and 2.

History provides students with opportunities to develop a wide range skills in research, using empathy and imagination, analysing motives of and consequences of historical events and critically evaluating historical sources.

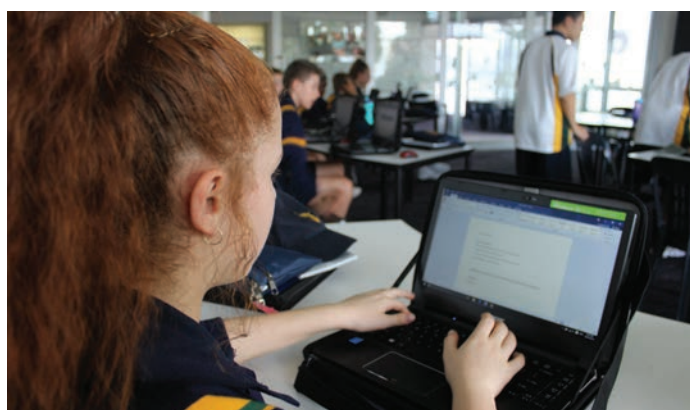
Students are offered class-based and extra-curricular experiences at local, state, international and national level currently including a Year 12 Canberra Study Tour.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MULTIMEDIA

Information Technology at Endeavour College can be studied from Years 7-12 and it follows the Australian Curriculum of Digital Technologies to Year 10 and then the SACE at Stages 1 and 2. All students at Year 7 study a term of Information Technology after which it can be chosen as an elective. Students are not only taught information technology skills in areas such as computer systems, networks, programming and data storage, but there is a focus on problem solving and communication in a digital environment. Students are challenged to manage large and small projects and to consider the real-world impacts and issues related to the technologies. At all times, students are encouraged to improve their efficiency in using digital technology while taking into account potential risks and threats to themselves and others.

Multimedia at Endeavour College can be studied as an elective from Years 10-12. Multimedia teaches students to use a range of different tools and media to communicate concepts and ideas to satisfy a client's requirements. It incorporates elements of animation, game making, interactivity as well as video and audio editing. Students learn skills in a variety of different software allowing them to make choices and integrate different tools as required.





## LANGUAGES

Endeavour College offers students a choice of two languages when starting in Year 7. Students choose either German or Japanese to study throughout the Middle Years. From Year 10 students can continue their language learning journey, with classes offered up to Year 12. Both programs follow the Australian Curriculum and focus on practical and purposeful use of language to communicate in our global society. In the Middle Years a strong focus is placed on oral and aural skills, as well as grasping the grammatical foundations of language through written texts. Prior knowledge of a language is not required; our classes are of mixed ability and learning tasks are differentiated to meet the needs of the individual student.

Courses at Stage 1 and 2 focus on improving fluency in language as well as developing a greater awareness of how language and culture are connected.

At Endeavour we also offer opportunities for our students to develop and use their language skills by engaging with native speakers of German and Japanese, through sister school relationships, bi-annual study tours, short-term exchanges, local community events and competitions.



## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics at Endeavour College is offered from Years 7 -12 and follows the Australian Curriculum. As students move through the College they are encouraged to learn and practice essential mathematical skills and knowledge to develop the numeracy capabilities that all students need in their personal, work and civic lives. Students are encouraged to become self-motivated, confident learners through inquiry and active participation in challenging and engaging experiences.

Mathematics in Year 7 and Term 1 of Year 8 is taught in mixed ability classes. At this time and after a range of testing and consultation phases, students are placed in classes that reflect their capabilities and provide appropriate support and stimulation for success. In the senior years students have the opportunity to choose courses that more specifically reflect their interests, academic pre-requisites and future aspirations in Mathematics.





## MUSIC

Music at Endeavour College is offered from Years 7 -12 and follows the Australian Curriculum. After a term of introductory Music in Year 7, students can choose to become part of the Band Program where they select an instrument to study or in Year 8 only undertake a semester course of General Music, which does not require students to learn an instrument.

The Band Program continues from Year 9 until Year 12 and builds upon the skills acquired from year to year. Students develop their instrumental and/or vocal skills, musicianship, understanding of musical styles and composing and arranging skills. Students learn to play as both an ensemble member and as a soloist. Each year level has their own class band in addition to the various extra-curricular ensemble opportunities offered to students, including the Show Band, Big Band, Vocal Ensemble and String Ensemble, where students play for a variety of external audiences.

Students build their confidence and demonstrate their skills via a range of performance opportunities, and also display their compositions through a range of media.



## PERSONAL LEARNING PLAN

At Endeavour College students complete the compulsory Stage 1 Personal Learning Plan subject at Year 10. The course provides an opportunity for students to explore the world of work in both a practical and theoretical manner. Throughout this course students explore their own strengths and interests and how this may relate to further study and careers. The Personal Learning Pathways course helps students to plan for their futures and assists them in choosing the subjects they will study in Stages 1 and 2. This subject is the start of the course counselling process students and families engage in until the end of Stage 2.



## RESEARCH PROJECT

Research Project is a Stage 2 compulsory subject that, at Endeavour College, is studied during Year 11. Students design their own research question in an area of interest and then work to research and find an answer or solution to their question using a variety of research processes. Students develop skills in project management, self-directed learning, resilience and persistence. Throughout the project students are encouraged to take risks to extend themselves and their learning.





## SCIENCE

Science at Endeavour is offered from Year 7 through to Year 12 in purpose-built science laboratories and in line with the Australian Curriculum. Year 7 students utilise the same laboratory spaces as senior students. In the Middle Years students form mixed-ability classes and are extended and supported as required. Students continue to build their knowledge in a structured manner in preparation for making informed decisions regarding subject specialisations at senior years. The general science curricula leads to more specialised offerings at Stage 1 & 2 to include Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology.

At the heart of our Science teaching lies the impartation of the scientific inquiry skills of questioning and predicting, critical data analysis, evaluation and drawing conclusions and the construction of evidence-based arguments.



## TECHNOLOGY - FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students have the option of studying Food Technology from Years 7 -12. In Year 7 all students complete a Food Technology unit and from Year 8 this subject may be chosen as an elective.

In the Middle Years, the focus is on food and its role in society, nutrition and the development of culinary skills and safe work practices within a kitchen. In the Senior Years these skills and areas of knowledge are further honed to allow for deeper learning in a variety of areas based on class interests and skills.





## TECHNOLOGY - DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

At Endeavour College students can study Design and Technology from Years 7-12 in line with the Australian Curriculum. In Year 7, students complete a term of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). During this time students focus on integrating skills from Science, Design and Technology plus Mathematics into a design based project that currently examines the principles of flight.

Design and Technology at Endeavour College is offered as an elective subject from Years 8 – 12. Students have the opportunity to undertake project based learning tasks within a range of contexts. The program has two main areas of focus; Materials Technology and Advanced Manufacturing.

Materials Technology and Advanced Manufacturing allows students to design and make a range of projects that utilise a variety of materials and processes. The emphasis is on students developing creative design solutions that are challenging and meet specific needs. Advanced Manufacturing specifically uses CAD, 3D printers, laser cutters and CNC machinery for students to design and develop their own solutions.

As they move into the Senior Years, and in line with the SACE, students are challenged with more open and complex design briefs. Students are also required to refine their skills in project management, problem solving and authentic design and manufacturing.



## VISUAL ARTS - ART AND DESIGN

Visual Arts at Endeavour College is offered from Years 7 -12 and follows the Australian Curriculum.

All students study Art in Year 7 and 8, after which it becomes an elective. Students explore the fields of Art and Design, creating visual representations that express their ideas. They also view the work of artists and designers from a range of different historical and geographical contexts.

In the Middle Years, the primary focus is on the development of fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination to help students to develop their creative and intellectual potential.

As students move into the Senior Years, they can also choose to study Design, which focuses on developing problem solving techniques and visual communication. Both Art and Design are offered to Year 12 and are designed to reflect the talents and interests of individual students.





## ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

A range of extra-curricular activities offer new experiences for students to build confidence and develop social skills with other students across year levels.

These experiences may take the form of clubs, music groups, sporting teams, College support teams, overseas and interstate programs and a variety of leadership opportunities.

One key group run outside of the classroom is the Rudolph Group. Currently we have two teams working in their areas of interest to, in one instance, develop a Transition App for new students and in another instance, to develop authentic links with an Indonesian community. These long term projects are managed and run by students with the aim of building lifelong skills in entrepreneurship, self efficacy, autonomy and project management. Each team must select a real life problem and design and deliver a solution. As the projects progress students enlist the support of other students and outside agencies to work to deliver their solutions.



## CLUBS

Endeavour College offers a wide range of clubs that run at lunchtimes. These clubs encourage students with similar areas of passion to come together across year levels to share and support each other.

Currently these clubs include Chess Club, Coding Club, Writer's Club, Debating Club, Revival Group, 3D Printing Club, Games Club, Film Club and Animondays.

Students can also join a variety of support teams that assist with the running of College events. These include AV Team, Drama Tech Team, Open Day Guides and Connected Schools Athletics Day Officials.



## LEADERSHIP

Leadership opportunities at Endeavour College exist at many levels. Students at any year level can nominate to join the Student Representative Council (SRC). Year 9 students can nominate to be Middle Years Village Leaders and Year 12 students can nominate to be a College Captain, Village Leader or a variety of extra-curricular leadership positions.

Informally all students are given opportunity to lead in different ways in their year level or within an extra-curricular group.





## SPORT

A variety of team and individual sporting competitions are offered through Interschool Vista and community participation.

Over 50% of students participate in Vista weekly competitions and SACSAs one day carnivals.

Sport events such as College and Interschool Athletics and Swimming Carnivals are also well supported.

Year 7 students have access to SAPSASA sport programs and a range of Community Sport programs.

Popular sports include Netball, Soccer, AFL Football, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Cricket and Touch Football.

Pedal Prix also provides a unique opportunity for both students and their families to become involved in the racing and organisation of the Australian Human Powered Vehicles Super Series each year.



## PERFORMING ARTS

Performance and providing authentic performance opportunities are crucial to the ongoing development of skills on the stage. In Drama, Art and Music students can practice the skills learned in a variety of real life circumstances.

Music groups include Showband, Vocal Ensemble, Big Band and String Ensemble. These groups work together to form The Cabaret as well as other music nights.

The bi-annual College production brings together all 3 areas and all year levels to make an amazing experience for students and audiences.



## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Overseas study opportunities exist in the form of Language tours as well as study tours encompassing a variety of subject areas. Past study tours have seen students visit Vietnam, Gallipoli, France and Belgium, Germany and in 2017, Japan. Our sister school connections in both Germany and Japan allow for three month exchanges for Language students.

Students are encouraged to be part of a large range of co-curricular competitions. These include various Science competitions, Mathematics competitions, History competitions, various Multimedia and Information Technology competitions and Writing competitions, among many others.



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