



# HUNTINGTOWER

Co-Educational Day and Boarding School



What happens in our

# Middle & Senior School

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Huntingtower is one of the top academic co-educational schools in Victoria with an innovative approach to learning.

We place a strong emphasis on Christian values and developing the skills our students need to excel in the dynamic and changing world of the 21st century.

“The time for thinkers has come.” *Mary Baker Eddy*

## Creativity and Innovation

At Huntingtower, understanding is all important, as it goes beyond knowing. **Harvard University's 'Teaching for Understanding Framework' (TfU)** enhances the Middle and Senior School curriculum and helps equip our students with skills for the future such as: collaborative learning, reflection, the use of technologies and the application of thought-provoking tasks.



## Teaching for Understanding

### Middle School

Years 7 - 9 are a time of transition, growth and development. As a consequence, the Middle School curriculum emboldens our students to embrace new learning styles and take intellectual risks. Project Based Learning is important as it encourages our students to learn independently and solve real-life issues in imaginative and creative ways.

### Senior School

While students in Years 10 - 12 discover that the challenge of the VCE gives a new momentum to their studies, we encourage everyone to participate in the wide range of school activities offered.

Huntingtower graduates speak warmly of the sense of unity and support offered by the entire school community and of the excellent and dedicated teachers. Our environment is both nurturing and stimulating. Everyone is inspired to give of their very best and we are proud of our VCE results, which are consistently amongst the highest in the state.

## Fostering Leadership

Our Middle and Senior School students are encouraged to demonstrate that they are 'a force for good' in our world. Within the school, many leadership opportunities have been developed, and on a local level, students fund-raise and volunteer for a wide range of community organisations, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

We believe our students have no limits, and a wonderful example of this is Huntingtower's Simunye Project in South Africa, which is open to students in Year 11. While participation in the project requires hard work and dedication, the rewards are many and include the joy that comes from helping others and an increased awareness of the power of the individual to help change our world for the better.

## Caring for the individual

Huntingtower's pastoral care program ensures that all our students feel loved, respected and valued. Daily interaction with mentors provides students with on-going support, and Year Level Co-ordinators and Heads of House assist each student to develop into a confident and successful young adult. EAL and Learning Enrichment are available, and a careers program for Year 8 - 12 students guides them in their decisions about tertiary placements.

## Teamwork and Competition

Huntingtower competes keenly in interschool sport and is proud of its success against many much larger schools. The Huntingtower Heat Basketball and the Huntingtower Swimming clubs are popular with many students, while others enjoy the debating and public speaking competitions run in conjunction with the Debating Association of Victoria.

Each year level has a specially tailored outdoor education camp: the Mornington Peninsula (Year 7), Toolangi State Forest (Year 8), the Alpine National Park (Year 9) and the Murray River (Year 10). The Year 11 camp in the dry woodlands environment of Buchen in Gippsland is a pinnacle of students' outdoor education experiences at Huntingtower.

## The Arts

The Arts are an important part of Huntingtower life. A musical or play, the Student Art Exhibition, the House Music Competition and the Middle School's 'Dansation' are all highlights of the school year. An extensive Music program includes orchestras, choirs and chamber choirs, string orchestras, concert and stage bands and brass, woodwind and string ensembles. International tours run regularly, with a language, cultural or musical focus.

# Middle School Curriculum

## YEAR 7

### Core Subjects

- Bible Studies
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- English
- Food Technology
- Geography
- History
- LOTE: Indonesian  
French
- Mathematics
- Media
- Music
- Physical Education & Health
- Product Design & Technology
- Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Science
- Sport
- Visual Art
- Visual Communication

## YEAR 8

### Core Subjects

- Bible Studies
- Civics
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physical Education & Health
- Science
- Sport

### Electives

- French / Project Based Learning
- Indonesian / Project Based Learning
- French / Indonesian

*Students choose two semester electives from the following Technology / Arts subjects:*

- Digital Technologies
- Food Technology
- Media
- Systems Engineering
- Visual Communication Design

*Students choose two semester electives from the following Arts / Technology subjects:*

- Drama
- Music
- Product Design Technology
- Visual Art

## YEAR 9

### Core Subjects

- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Physical Education & Health
- Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Science
- Sport

### Electives

*Students choose one of the following year-long subjects:*

- French
- Indonesian
- Geography
- Literacy Enrichment

*Students choose two semester electives from the following Technology / Arts subjects:*

- Digital Technologies
- Food Technology
- Media
- Systems Engineering
- Visual Communication Design

*Students choose two semester electives from the following Arts / Technology subjects:*

- Drama
- Music
- Product Design Technology
- Visual Art

# Senior School Curriculum

## YEAR 10

### Core Subjects

- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science
- Sport

### Unit 1 & 2 Electives

*Students choose one of the following:*

- Business Management
- Computing
- Geography
- General Mathematics
- Indonesian
- Music
- Psychology

### Electives

*Students are invited to choose 4 of the following semester electives. These change according to student preference but currently include:*

- Biochemistry
- Café Culture
- Dollars & Sense
- English Enrichment
- English Literature
- Food Technology – World Cuisine
- French
- Gourmet Globetrotting
- Health Sciences
- History – Behind the Iron Curtain
- Indonesian
- Media
- Outdoor Ed
- Space Science
- Theatre Studies
- VET: Information Technology
- VET: Sports & Recreation
- Visual Art: Drawing & Painting
- Visual Art: Photography
- Visual Communication Design

## YEAR 11 (VCE Units 1&2) YEAR 12 (VCE Units 3&4)

### Core Subjects

- English

### Electives

*Five VCE studies with a maximum of one Unit 3 & 4 study*

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Food Studies
- General Mathematics
- Geography
- Health & Human Development
- History – 20th Century
- Legal Studies
- Literature
- LOTE: Indonesian / French
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods
- Media Studies
- Music – Performance
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Specialist Mathematics
- Studio Art
- Theatre Studies
- Visual Art
- Visual Communication Design

### Unit 3 & 4 Electives

*Students who fulfil set criteria may be eligible to study the following:*

- Business Management
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- Indonesian
- Informatics
- Information Technology (Cert III)
- Music
- Product Design Technology
- Psychology
- Sports & Recreation (Cert III)

### Electives

*Five VCE studies. You must include EAL / English and / or Literature in the five selected*

- Art
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English
- Food Studies
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- Health & Human Development
- History – Revolutions
- Legal Studies
- Literature
- LOTE: Indonesian / French
- Media Studies
- Mathematical Methods
- Music – Solo Performance
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Software Development
- Specialist Mathematics
- Studio Arts
- Theatre Studies
- Visual Communication Design