KERANG Christian College

Prospectus
Prep - Year 11

MOTTO
Integrity, Faith and Family

VISION STATEMENT
Aims to provide a solid foundation of academic excellence and spiritual growth towards authentic Christian living.
Goals

The College aims to see the following achieved:

- An integration of Christian faith and character in students.
- A Christian education community where every person is valued and nurtured in their faith and healthy relationships are promoted.
- Enhanced partnerships between parents, students and staff, strengthening the teaching and learning process.
- The provision of high quality facilities and resources.
- The effective stewardship of assets, both human and physical.
- Students equipped for service and citizenship as an expression of their Christian faith.
- Students achieving personal excellence in academic, social, physical, cultural and spiritual outcomes.
- A culture of continuous improvement, professional development and pastoral support among staff and the school community.
- Effective communication with parents and the wider community.
- Provision of a safe environment.

More information can be found on our College website:
From the Principal

Thank you for your interest in Kerang Christian College. We understand that deciding which school to enroll in is an important and often difficult decision. Kerang Christian College aims to provide an education with a focus on the core academic subjects within an environment where students are encouraged to aim for excellence. We are a small school which means we can focus on meeting the individual needs of each student.

The school is currently in a period of steady growth as the College expands further into Secondary School. In 2014, we will offer Prep – Year 10 studies. The school anticipates further expanding into Year 11 in 2015 and Year 12 in 2016.

We aim to provide students with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities at the College. These experiences enrich the learning experience for students and assist them to feel more connected with their school.

We have implemented a wide variety of student wellbeing programs that help students to feel safe and supported in our school. There is more information about student wellbeing included in this booklet.

You may be interested in visiting our website, which provides some additional information about our College community. A copy of the most recent school newsletters are found on the website. Our website address is www.kccs.vic.edu.au.

I am delighted that you are interested in Kerang Christian College and the wonderful opportunity the College provides for students. Please feel free to contact the College Office on (03) 5450 3894 if you wish to have a tour of the College or have any additional questions.

I look forward to meeting you.

Working together,

Michael Bond
Principal
Kerang Christian College is a non-denomination, coeducational, Christian College. Born out of the vision of a team of Christians during the early 1980s, Kerang Christian College commenced as Kerang Christian Community School in simple buildings at the Kerang Baptist Church grounds. Kerang Christian Community School was established in 1983 as part of the ministry of the Kerang Baptist Church.

At the beginning of 1983, a small group of thirty-six Primary School students and two teachers gathered in the playground, about the size of a residential back yard, to witness the fulfillment of a vision – the opening of a Christian School to serve the community of Kerang and the district.

The College operated primarily as a Primary School for the first 27 years before the School Board with the support of the school community decided to expand into Secondary education in 2011. Kerang Christian College offers Primary and Secondary education with tuition between Prep and Year 10 in 2014. The College plans to continue expanding towards Year 12.

The College aims to provide excellence in Christian education with a focus on the core subject areas of Maths, English, History, Geography, Science and Christian Living. A number of other subjects enrich the learning experience for students at the College. Students study a variety of subjects including Art, Drama, Music, Physical Education, ICT, LOTE (AusLan), Health, Wood Work, Food Technology and Textiles.

Students in the Secondary School have an opportunity to participate in a new elective program in 2014. The elective program allows students to have a greater choice and variety in subject selection. Electives also provide a chance for students to develop their passions and
expertise in particular subjects while at the same time allowing them to take calculated risks, explore and try subjects they may not have tried before.

The Australian Curriculum is guiding curriculum developed at Kerang Christian College. Teachers at the College are Christians and are dedicated to challenging our students to achieve their best in a safe and supportive setting.

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Many of these activities have a community focus, but are also in place to make learning authentic. Students have an opportunity to participate in camps, excursions, sporting events, musicals, competitions, incursions, chapels, assemblies and much more.

The motto at Kerang Christian College is Faith, Family and Integrity. The College believes it is important for students to develop sound values and aims to develop Christian faith and character in students. Furthermore, the College aims to equip students for service and citizenship as an expression of their Christian faith.

It is our prayer and desire that every student will have a positive experience at school. A positive experience involves students developing healthy relationships, achieving their personal best, maintaining physical and emotional well-being and developing a greater understanding of Christian faith and character.
Primary School (Prep - Year 6)

The Primary School at Kerang Christian College has a focus on meeting the needs of each individual student. We aim to develop an excellent working relationship with each student in order to best meet their needs.

As with Staff throughout the College, each Primary Staff member must have an active Christian background. This enables Staff to teach effectively from a Christian perspective and to commence each day with Devotions.

The Prep - Year 6 curriculum has a strong focus on literacy and numeracy skills. Each day there is a dedicated Literacy Block, where students are focused on their reading, writing and spelling skills. Similarly there is a Numeracy Block, where students focus on their mathematical skills, processes and thinking.

Classrooms are designed to facilitate learning by individuals, small groups, class groups and whole school groups. The five learning areas can be self contained, or can allow for flexible groups where peer tutoring and shared activities between classes can take place.

Each classroom is fully carpeted and has ample storage. Large window areas provide natural light, and there is access to the verandah as well as access to the library, art room and other classes. High quality ergonomic furniture makes learning comfortable and effective as does air-conditioning and heating throughout.
The Green Room provides a Primary School assembly area. The well stocked library is close by giving easy access to resources and space for individual or small group work.

Specialist Programs include Physical Education, ICT, L.O.T.E, Music and Art.

The Visual Arts wing incorporating a computer lab, textiles and a large art room provides our Primary School students with a modern learning environment to participate in the art curriculum.

The College offers a strong Creative Arts Program. Every year, all students in the Primary School are involved in a musical production.

Kerang Christian College has a commitment to learning infused with technology. Every Primary classroom has access to laptop computers and each student has network access. Interactive White Boards have been installed in each of the classrooms throughout the Primary School.
Middle School (Years 7 - 9)

In the Middle Years there is a focus on inspiring our students to be successful and to develop a growth mindset. The teachers in the Middle Years aim to encourage each student to reach their potential in a challenging and supportive environment.

We recognise that the Middle Years mark an important stage in the development of young people. We understand that positive relationships are very important. We want to develop healthy relationships between our staff and students, amongst the students and individual relationships with the Lord. We also acknowledge that students are developing a greater understanding of self-esteem during these years. Furthermore, we know that students need to be engaged in their learning so they can achieve their best.

In Years 7 – 9, a broad curriculum based of academic disciplines is designed to build deep knowledge and delay narrowing of options for as long as possible. A rich variety of core subjects caters for a range of student needs and talents.

The curriculum in Years 7 – 9 contains a foundational range of subjects that each student undertakes as they prepare for success in education, work and living a Christian life. Creativity is encouraged through specialist subjects such as Music, Drama, Art, Food Technology, L.O.T.E, Wood Technology and Visual Communication.

We have structured our Secondary School so that all students have a myriad of opportunities to experience success. In 2014, the College will implement an innovative curriculum and elective program.

In Year 7 our students will experience a broad range of subjects taught by specialised staff, which will provide them with a solid foundation for their first year of Secondary School.

Experiencing some elective choices extends our Year 8 students further, while the curriculum in the core academic subjects will continue to progress and require further higher-order thinking in order to prepare them for the future.
In Year 9, our students have the opportunity to choose their own electives. This takes place after they have experienced enough subjects to ensure that their selections are based on serious planning and goals for the future.

Beginning with Year 7, all students have a laptop computer, with ICT being fully integrated into the College curriculum. Interactive Whiteboards and wireless technology are installed throughout the College.

With a dedicated Christian staff, well equipped, modern facilities and a vision for growth into the future, Kerang Christian College is well placed to achieve its goal of creating a school community where every person is valued and nurtured; equipped for service and citizenship as an expression of their Christian faith.

A Year 9 Learning Centre has been constructed at the College behind the Secondary School. This classroom area has been designed to be a flexible learning environment where students can learn in a variety of ways. The classroom layout was carefully considered with plenty of space and colour, giving Year 9 students and their specialised staff their own separate area on the campus.

The new Australian Curriculum is guiding curriculum development in the Secondary School at the Kerang Christian College. Teachers are dedicated to challenging our students to achieve their best in a safe and supportive setting.

As part of the transition from Primary to Secondary schooling, students are encouraged to engage with all aspects of school life; from our Year 7 transition camp in Term 1, through to the range of sporting and cultural activities on offer throughout the year; developing friendships and exploring the environs outside the school setting as they seek to advance their educational journey.
Senior School (Years 10 - 12)

The Senior School experience at Kerang Christian College is challenging, varied and exciting, providing a variety of new possibilities for our students. Our Senior School endeavours to promote a more mature style of learning environment that is appropriate for 15 – 18 year olds. Students in Senior School will experience a diverse range of teaching styles. They will also be expected to participate in a wide variety of learning experiences.

Our Senior School program is focused on building academically proficient students that demonstrate Christian character and who are purpose orientated and technologically proficient. Our desire is that over the ensuing years our students will strive to achieve and be inspired to take their learning into a career path that will enable them to use their God given potential to make valuable contributions to our nation.

Year 10 is a very important transitional year for our students as they move from Middle into Senior School. The ‘move up’ to Senior School recognises the developing maturity of the students and with this comes more opportunities and responsibilities – and some important decisions about the future.

Year 10 at Kerang Christian College is the first of three years in our Senior School. Students build on the experiences and learning they have gained in the Middle School, and prepare themselves for their graduating qualification the Victorian Certificate of Education. In the same way as the focus in Middle School was to support students as they become increasingly independent learners, teachers assist students to be reflective both about what they learn, and how they go about learning.

Kerang Christian College is committed to expanding towards offering Prep – Year 12 studies. The College anticipates offering Year 11 studies in 2015 and Year 12 studies in 2016.
Kerang Christian College is delighted to announce that the College will receive a $400,000 grant as part of the 2014 schedule of the Australian Government Capital Grants Program. The College will be constructing a Secondary School Classroom Wing, which will encompass a modern classroom, Primary and Secondary School video conferencing facility, break out room, teachers’ office and student amenities.

As we continue to expand into Secondary School, we aim to provide modern facilities to best meet the needs of 21st century learners. This expansion allow us to continue to meet the needs of our students as we offer Primary and Secondary School education to students from across this region.

The Secondary School Classroom Wing will be constructed on the northern end of the school grounds and will form the first part of a Senior School courtyard area at Kerang Christian College.

A key feature of this building project will be the development of a state-of-the-art video conferencing facility. This facility will allow students and teachers to work collaboratively with other schools and resource providers. This technology also provides scope for unique “virtual excursions”, such as allowing students to interact with a diver on the Great Barrier Reef, or speak to an astronaut at Houston Space Center.

Our students are encouraged to strive for educational excellence, endeavoring to achieve to the best of their ability. We are aiming to best prepare our students for Secondary Graduation and a pathway to University, TAFE or the workforce. Senior School students at Kerang Christian College have the full support of a close knit and caring team of staff who are committed to helping them set and achieve their goals and bring this stage of their learning journey to a rewarding conclusion.
Kerang Christian College believes that school sport is an integral part of students’ overall development, having the potential to impact on the physical, social, emotional and mental health of students.

**Primary School Sport**

Students in the Primary School have an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of sporting programs throughout the academic school year.

Students in Prep – Year 6 participate in Learn to Swim lessons during Term 1 each year. This program provides a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety and survival skills in preparation for a lifetime of safe activity in, on or near the water.

Our College participates in the Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming competitions against other local rural schools. Students have an opportunity to qualify for Zone, Regional and State level championships in these sports.

The Year 4 – 6 students also participate in the Lightning Premiership competition in Kerang each year at Riverside Park. The sports offered are Football, Netball and T-Ball. Students compete in a round robin format against a number of local schools in the region.

Our school has a rich tradition in hockey with the school regularly fielding players in the Kerang Rural Hockey 7’s team. This team has qualified for the School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Hockey Finals most recently in 2012 and 2013.

Students participate in a wide range of clinics hosted by local sporting organisations. During the past year students have participated in organised clinics for hockey, athletics, basketball, badminton and football.
Secondary School Sport
Students from Year 7 to Year 10 are encouraged to participate in a wide range of sporting activities that compliment the school based Physical Education program. Students are provided with the opportunity to participate and develop an understanding of the skills, concepts and rules in a wide range of sports.

Kerang Christian College is aligned with two key sporting bodies; the Christian Schools Sports Network (CSSN) and the Western Christian Schools Sports Association (WCSSA). The aim of these sporting networks is to promote friendship, goodwill and a spirit of sportsmanship and comradeship, together with healthy competition. These inter-school competitions cover a wide range of seasonal sports including: Netball, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket and Softball. Annually, all students are challenged to compete in the CSSN Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals.

A future goal is to have students participate in House sporting competitions combined with many opportunities for our talented young sports men and women to compete at Regional, State and National level.
Student Support

Kerang Christian College implements a number of strategies to ensure students reach their individual learning goals. The staff at Kerang Christian College are committed to discovering and providing the best learning conditions for all students with extra needs, in an environment that promotes intellectual, social, emotional, physical and most importantly spiritual wellbeing.

Monitor Literacy and Numeracy Progress

Student progress and growth is monitored and documented throughout the school year. Pretesting and post-testing are used in classrooms throughout the school. The College has also implemented a standardised testing program throughout the Primary and Secondary School. Students complete a variety of standardised tests at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. This data allows the school to more accurately identify students who are at risk in different aspects of literacy and numeracy. This data is used in conjunction with classroom assessment data, NAPLAN data and other anecdotal evidence.

Learning Support

The College has hired a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) who works with students and staff across all levels, with an emphasis on remediation in literacy and numeracy. The LSA works closely with key staff and with classroom teachers in implementing relevant individual education programs. The LSA will work with students individually, in the classrooms, or in small groups. Expected learning outcomes include an improvement in student academic performance and self-confidence in literacy and numeracy. Outcomes will be measured using a variety of standardised assessments.

Entrance Testing

Entrance testing in literacy, numeracy and comprehension is completed for all new students in Years 1 – 10. These tests are repeated each semester to keep staff up-to-date on their students’ progress.
Individual Learning Plans

Some students at the College have been provided with Individual Learning Plans that have been developed in conjunction with parents. They are prepared for ascertained students, as well as those who are deemed at risk. These plans are reviewed each semester at a minimum. The College aims to develop a greater awareness of the individual learning needs of each student. Documentation of individual areas of strength and weakness in conjunction with evidence from standardised testing will assist teachers in the following years to best meet the needs of particular students. Successful strategies will also be documented in Individual Learning Plans.

Afterschool Maths Club

In 2012, the College established an afterschool Maths Club. This program provided students in Years 5 – 10 with an opportunity to seek support or extension in the area of Maths. The Club runs throughout the year for one afternoon per week.

Students with Disabilities

Where appropriate, the College does apply to receive Australian Government targeted funding for students with disabilities through the Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Program and Victorian Government targeted funding through the State Support Services Program.
Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing programs are an important aspect of the schooling experience at Kerang Christian College and are complementary to the Christian Studies program. The College values the unique needs of each student and aims to support students to develop spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally. We recognise the importance of students feeling safe and respected in our school community. Pastoral Care at Kerang Christian College aims to develop Christian values in our students and assist them in discovering their purpose in life. Some of the programs and initiatives currently being offered at the College are outlined below.

Homegroup Teachers
Every year level at the College has a Homegroup Teacher. All staff are committed to the personal and spiritual wellbeing of their students. The Homegroup teacher has a special concern for the student as an individual and encourages personal growth in all areas.

School Chapels
Weekly Chapel services offer encouraging presentations designed to be relevant to students. All our students attend and are given the opportunity to participate. Students are encouraged to offer musical presentations, sing along with songs lead by staff and students, interact with presenters and celebrate student achievements.

Buddy Time
Buddy time takes place each Friday afternoon for 50 minutes for students in the Primary School at Kerang Christian College. Students in the upper grades are paired with a student who is typically two or more years younger. During this time the students complete a variety of hands on activities together. This special time allows students to learn a variety of skills including leadership, responsibility, taking turns, listening, sharing and even teaching.
Student Clubs
The student clubs at Kerang Christian College provide an opportunity for students to feel more connected with their peers and school community. A range of clubs are offered to Primary and Secondary students throughout the week. Clubs include the Maths Club, Board Game Club, Library Club, Computer Club and Chess Club.

You Can Do It
The You Can Do It program is a collaborative approach for developing the social and emotional capabilities of students of all ages. The five core social and emotional skills taught in You Can Do It are: confidence, persistence, organisation, getting along and resilience.

Character First
Students in the Primary School also participate in the Character First program. This curriculum takes 36 character qualities and teaches them specifically to children. The children learn what the word means, why it is important to have it in our lives, what it looks like and how to begin to apply it. Some of the character qualities studied include: Attentiveness, Obedience, Truthfulness, Gratefulness, Forgiveness, Sincerity, Virtue, Responsibility, Patience, Initiative, Self Control and more.

Connect
Connect is Christian Education Publications’ Christian Religious Education resource for Primary School students. This resource is based on a three year cycle. Connect teaches students the key components and themes of the Bible and Christian beliefs, while encouraging them to apply the learning to their own lives.

Restorative Practices
The College implements a Behaviour Management Policy which has a focus on Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices assists teachers, students and parents to build, maintain and restore relationships. Restorative measures help students learn from their mistakes, grow in self discipline, take responsibility for their actions, recognise the impact of their actions on others, and reconcile and resolve conflict with others.
Faith Development

It is our hope and prayer that students at Kerang Christian College will have a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and that they will live their lives and make choices on the basis of Christian principles and values such as compassion and mercy, love, critical discernment, a concern for integrity and justice, the courage to pursue what is good, appreciation and care for God’s world and practical service for the welfare of the community and world.

We recognise that faith development is a journey where students enjoy the experienced faith of their family and parents, look for belonging in a community of faith and with their peers, move through periods of questioning and testing and come to a committed, owned faith where they seek to serve God in all they do.

The College supports and nurtures this journey, in partnership with families, parents and the church, by attempting to provide students with the intellectual, moral, spiritual and practical insights and tools to live life well before God. Students are encouraged to bring critical discernment to all areas of knowledge and experience and develop Christian understandings about all aspects of life.

Our hope is that students might “become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:13

School Community

The strength of Kerang Christian College is the genuine community that has been developed over the past thirty years. Kerang Christian College is founded on Christian principles and a desire to minister to both students, parents and the wider community.

The open plan design of the College assists with the sense of community and the development of networks between students and families enhances the strength of community.

An important factor in the community at Kerang Christian College is the close interaction and support the school enjoys from Kerang Baptist Church. The College is also endeavouring to achieve this with other churches in the local community.

Kerang Christian College is seen as a place where people are encouraged to contribute and to exercise their God given abilities.
Student Leadership

At Kerang Christian College we have identified leadership as an important skill to develop in all of our students. Our students can serve as leaders in a variety of ways in our school community. Students can lead in sport, academics, chapel and community service. All students can be role models for others in our school community. We are encouraged in the Bible, “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up,” Galatians 6:9.

Middle Years Captains
In 2013 the College introduced a new role for our Year 9 students. Two students were elected by staff and students as “Middle Years Captains”. They will represent students studying in Years 7 – 9 at Kerang Christian College. Our Middle Years Captains will also represent the College on the Gannawarra Shire Youth Council.

Home Group Captains
Students and staff at the College elect Home Group Captains for Years 7 - 10. The Home Group Captains and Middle Years Captains will represent the students at Kerang Christian College on a Student Representative Council. These students will serve our school community in a wide variety of ways.

National Young Leaders Day
Each year our Year 6 students attend The National Young Leaders’ Day in Melbourne. This event inspires and encourages our students to think about leadership in their own lives. They are motivated by the lives of the speakers, who often come from a variety of different backgrounds. Many overcome obstacles during their childhood before developing into leaders. We anticipate this type of program will inspire the Year 6 students at Kerang Christian College and create a greater awareness of the characteristics of leadership and the ways they can lead in the future.

Leadership Development Class
Students in the Secondary School can complete a Leadership Development class for a semester. This is a one hour per week subject that provides students with additional background knowledge about the building blocks of leadership, characteristics of leadership, being a role model and defining leadership opportunities at Kerang Christian College.

Primary School Captains
At the end of 2012, the College acknowledged two Primary School students as Primary School Captains in a new award at Presentation Evening. This award will be presented annually to a male and female Primary School student who has embraced the opportunity to lead while studying in Year 6 at Kerang Christian College. This special award recognises outstanding Christian Character and service.

At Kerang Christian College we wish to provide many opportunities for students to serve in leadership positions. Leadership is primarily about service and sacrifice. Our students learn that Jesus showed us the greatest example of sacrificial service. Our leaders are also encouraged to aim for excellence. Our school vision challenges students to aim for academic excellence and spiritual growth towards authentic Christian living. Our students are urged to be motivated by this vision statement.
Kerang Christian College welcomes all enrolment enquiries. The College is a co-educational, non-denominational, independent Christian school offering classes between Prep and Year 10 in 2014.

**Step 1 - Enquire**
We welcome and consider all enrolment applications. If you would like to make an appointment for a tour of the College, please telephone the College Office on 5450 3894.

**Step 2 - Apply**
Submit the application form, which must be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s). An application is a prerequisite to admission, but not a guarantee of admission. An enrolment pack can be obtained by contacting our Business Administrator, Mrs Dee Slatter, on 5450 3894. An application form can also be downloaded from the College website.

Kerang Christian College accepts transfer students on a case-by-case basis. Applications are accepted throughout the year, subject to availability.

**Step 3 - Offer an Interview**
If the College is likely to be able to offer the required place, the PA to the Principal will telephone to arrange an interview with the Principal, parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student(s). This includes a guided tour of the College.

**Step 4 - Offer of a Place**
Following the interview, the College will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) by a Letter of Offer, or otherwise, of the student’s admission into the College. The College does not have an Application Fee for Primary or Secondary places; however, an Enrolment Fee of $50 is charged per family in order to secure the first Enrolment offer.

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