

# High Expectations Exceptional Opportunities

Extensive educational resources enable Thornbury High School to provide a strong academic focus together with many Business, Science, Technology, Humanities and Arts programs.

We are very proud of the achievements and personal qualities of our students. In the last academic year they achieved the highest VCE study scores (Tertiary Entry Ranking) of all state and private schools in the district and were above State average.

Our music students performed superbly to win the Gold Shield for Best Band in the Melbourne Bands Festival and some fine individual and team performances by students in inter-school athletics resulted in Thornbury High winning the District Athletics Championship.

Thornbury teaching staff are committed to ongoing professional development and use the most modern and effective teaching techniques delivered in outstanding classroom facilities.

Our Junior and Middle years programs are both challenging and involving. Our Senior students enjoy strong leadership and extensive support, which inspires them to aim high - they achieve outstanding results.

At Thornbury High School our staff, students and alumni share a strong sense of identity and collegiate pride. This is celebrated at regular assemblies, performances and awards evenings.



MELBOURNE  
*Melbourne is located in the south east of Australia. It has a long history of dynamic multiculturalism and an international reputation for fine food, cultural and sporting events. It is the home of the Australian Grand Prix, the world famous Melbourne Cup, the Australian Tennis Open and the Melbourne Cricket ground. Voted as the "world's most liveable city" for personal safety, cost of living, quality of housing and temperate climate, Melbourne has become the location of choice for many international students from around the world.*



## Thornbury High School

Thornbury High School is a medium sized school which values the strengths of diversity, cultural differences and a co-educational community where girls and boys can succeed side by side. The school has spacious and attractive grounds, which provide a secure and pleasant environment for learning sport and recreation. Located only minutes from the City of Melbourne, the school enjoys excellent bus and rail connections to the CBD and surrounding arts, sports and bay side attractions.



**For further information please contact the Principal or International Student Coordinator at the school.**

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# International Students Program

Thornbury High School  
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Outstanding Educational Opportunities



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*At Thornbury High School our students graduate as internationally aware, optimistic young adults, well prepared to take charge of their future.*

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## An International Perspective



Student life at Thornbury High School is enriched by a strong international perspective, one which values the harmonious co-existence of diverse cultures within the School and the wider community.

The school has annual overseas study tours to our sister schools in China and Italy and we have regular visits from overseas teachers and academics.

English as a Second Language (ESL) continues throughout your daughter's or son's time at Thornbury High School with extensive support provided by our International support staff.

## ESL Program

### English as a Second Language

Extensive ESL support in small groups is provided on site at all year levels at Thornbury High School.

Our ESL students are systematically integrated into the mainstream subjects with a strong focus on improving their proficiency in English and equipping them for tertiary entrance.

Where appropriate, the School can arrange for students to be enrolled at the nearby language school for a concentrated introductory English language program. Students enrolled at the language school are visited regularly by the overseas student coordinator who provides ongoing support.

## An extensive curriculum

Thornbury High School offers a wide range of studies in Business, Science, Technology, Humanities and the Arts.

Students can complete the internationally recognised Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), a requirement for University Entrance, or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), a practical based program focusing on vocational work place readiness.

The School also offers an award winning Music program, a Media program which has direct connections with Radio and Television stations, Information Technology facilities which

*For gifted and talented Maths and English students, Thornbury High offers a High Achievers class which allow students the opportunity for early commencement of the VCE.*

provide a broad and rigorous training program and a strong sports program.

Our mainstream classes are small (no more than 20-25 students) with a high level of student-teacher interaction to ensure individual attention

so that student's academic abilities are strongly fostered. The School is linked to Melbourne University due to its close proximity and special entry programs.

**Thornbury students enjoy the benefits of extensive curricular and co-curricular programs. These include:**

- Extension electives including Computing, Sciences, The Arts and Mathematics.
- Early commencement of VCE or first year University subjects.
- Academic, Music and Sports competitions. Maths, Science, and LOTE (Languages Other than English).
- Regular excursions around greater Melbourne.
- Camping trips to scenic bush land and seaside sites.
- Visits to other parts of Victoria and Australia.

### Outstanding facilities

- Computerised library and audio visual centre
- Film, Television, Performing Arts and Graphic Arts studios
- Technology Centre offering Woodwork and Mechanics
- Multimedia, Computer and Science laboratories
- Maths Task Centre
- Student canteen
- Dedicated VCE student centre.
- Gymnasium and three sports fields

The welfare, happiness and safety of all our students are important priorities for teaching and support staff at Thornbury High School. Our International Student Program Coordinator will report to you either in person when visiting your country and by email or telephone.

## Care for your child



At Thornbury High School we pride ourselves on our personal care. This includes:

- Personal airport reception on arrival in Melbourne.
- Caring home stay placement close to the College.
- Learning in a nurturing environment.
- Orientation to Melbourne and the local area.
- Close monitoring of student welfare.
- Ongoing English Language assistance.
- Regular parent reports translated into your language.
- Strong bond developed between family and school.
- Visa and immigration assistance.
- Course, subject and career counselling.
- After hours tuition (Homework club).
- Recreational and social activities.
- Access to internet and facsimile facilities.
- 24 hours school support.
- Assistance in the purchase of books and uniform.
- An orientation booklet containing advice about money matters, bank usage, medical and dental concerns, public transport, tourist information on Melbourne and local attractions.
- An opportunity for your child to be in a leadership position as Captain or Vice Captain of the International Students Program.

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