



AN APC OVERVIEW

BETWEEN THE LAKE AND THE SEA

Any school in Melbourne – public or private would love to have our location: between the city, the sea and the lake and next to Gasworks Park. We can turn these blessings into a huge advantage for our college and our community by developing partnerships that strengthen our programs and support our curriculum. These programs will go beyond school to develop your child's interests and ambitions while making school fascinating and enjoyable.

The lake

In terms One and Four, our Leadership Program moves to Albert Park Lake and sailing. This is a first for public schools – the chance to learn sailing and seamanship with the help and supervision of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. Passionate sailors will have entrée to a great sport, and all participants will develop respect and responsibility for our waterways and oceans.

The sea

APC is just a hundred meters from one of the safest beaches in Melbourne. The new college has formed an alliance with Life Saving Victoria to register every child as a member. APC has implemented a 10-week program that uses the ideal of lifesaving to create leadership, team-building and personal strength.

The city

We're fortunate to be close to the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM), which nurtures the nation's future classical music stars. ANAM will expose our students to the best classical music in the country and make its brilliant young players available to us as specialist music teachers. An extensive Instrumental Music program operates at the college in conjunction with this partnership.

The park

Gasworks Park's painters, sculptors, ceramicists, actors and dancers are welcomed into our school. Our students are exposed to artistic creativity in all its forms, and to make this possible we are working with the Park's residents on a number of great ideas; an artist-in residence; and major exhibitions.

OUR MOTTO

The values of APC can be summarised in just three words: lead, create, inspire – our school motto and the values that we operate by.

LEAD

Every staff member, student and parent is asked to take responsibility for lifting the college's academic, cultural, sporting and student wellbeing performance. Experience tells that when school members combine individual initiative with mutual responsibility, success follows.

CREATE

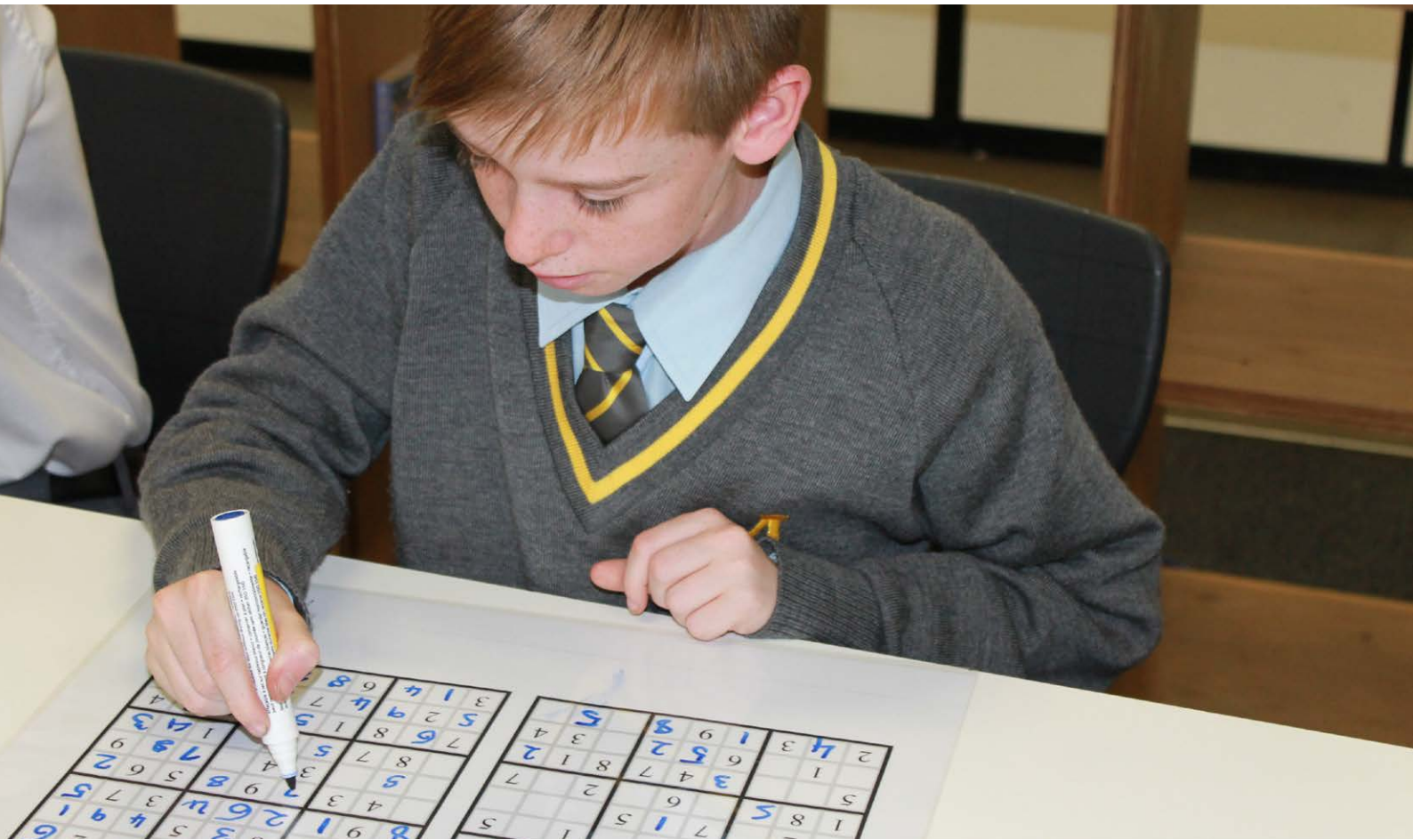
Our college is open to new ideas about what and how we learn. Tradition is obviously important. For instance, our college places strong emphasis on traditional academic disciplines, and we expect self-discipline, respect for teachers, and pride in our uniform. But we should never be slaves to tradition. Tradition should be seen as the foundation to achieve so much more. New technologies, academic subjects and teaching methods are used to make education effective and exciting. We also create, in the most obvious sense, by making painting, sculpture, music, dance, drama and contemporary art forms a major focus of the school's activities.

INSPIRE

Our students and teachers will take their talents to the utmost limit. APC expects students to combine a love of learning with a passion to succeed, led by inspiring teachers. We aim to discover your child's true interests and help him or her pursue them. Our school will always aim for high academic results, but for us that's just the start. The true goal of education is the development of the whole person. Our college seeks to inspire qualities in our students that you want to see in your own child: honesty, integrity and moral strength. An ideal way to begin is by getting students to take responsibility for the environment. This will lead to an understanding that they are part of a community, with profound duties to the wider world. Environmental sustainability is a major part of the school's ethos and curriculum.



Lead Create Inspire



CURRICULUM

From the Fundamentals to Higher Order

Learning

Our first responsibility is to give our students a firm grounding in literacy and numeracy. Strong emphasis is placed on maths, science, english and humanities. But the fundamentals are just the starting point for a far broader range of subjects and higher order learning.

Like the sciences

When it comes to science we have a great advantage – our specialist science facility. Our students will progress from basic science to the harder, university-entry-focused disciplines of physics and chemistry. We have developed a cutting edge science program that's fun and interesting. This is achieved through experimentation and problem solving in areas like robotics and climate change.

We won't forget the humanities

We focus not just on history and geography but literature, poetry, philosophy and drama - reflecting our belief in the importance of the arts to forming well-rounded citizens. Our students therefore will develop a deep understanding of historical and social issues.

Parlez-vous français?

Oui! French is the college's official second language. France has one of the world's most admired cultures, and our community has the highest concentration of French speakers in Melbourne. Links with Alliance Francaise de Melbourne creates a quality French language program..

APC students participate in state competitions in a range of academic and sporting activities. This exposes them to high standards so they can set high standards of their own.

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Our college isn't into ROTE learning

We challenge children to be creative and follow their intellectual passions. It's the secret to keeping students interested and to achieving excellent results at Year 12.

But it is into technology

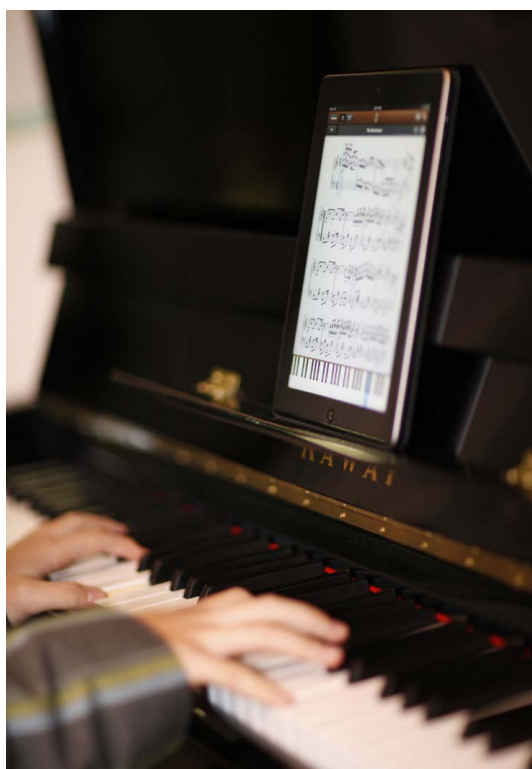
As an official Apple school, expect your children to carry textbooks around in their devices and even paint and compose music on it.

And modern vocational options

We provide vocational subjects that reflect the passions and aspirations of our thriving inner-city community. Our aim is to find the leading film makers, designers and five-star chefs of tomorrow. We believe the best craftspeople bring to their trade the combination of their heads, their hearts and their hands.

High Achievement is not confined to our selective stream

Our college has a Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program which allows high potential students to learn at a faster rate and in greater depth. But even if your child is not in SEAL, high standards are expected of every student, and they are expected to pursue their talents and achieve their highest potential.



AN APPLE SCHOOL

Albert Park College was chosen as one of just 10 'Apple Schools' in Victoria. This means Apple provides us with technical, training and other crucial support.

So what does being an 'Apple school' mean for students, teachers and parents?

Simplicity

It means substituting a range of purchases with one lightweight device. Their device will replace items like calculators, textbooks and dictionaries. The bulky school bag is replaced with a sleek APC school bag.

Excitement

It makes learning more stimulating. Take a French class. The iPad's French language dictionaries will be able to talk and assist with mastering pronunciation. Using Google Earth, students will be able to navigate their way around Paris boulevards, teleconference with French 'iPad pals', watch French TV, visit the Louvre, and do things previously only possible via Air France.

Using the iPad's drawing and painting software, they can replicate a Monet painting, and with guitar software learn how to play a Francois Hardy tune.

Tradition

Technology won't dictate curriculum. It's a complimentary tool only – so mathematics, science, history and english will remain central. Students will flip digital pages on a screen rather than paper pages in a book.

The future

This means students will be using the touch-screen technologies they will need in their professional and adult lives. Your child will be a scholar with the world of learning at his or her fingertips.

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