Red Cliffs Secondary College - a 7 to 12 Community

Preparing students for their future, whatever they wish that to be.

In a rapidly changing world, making the most of the secondary school years is more important than ever. Students need to be multi-skilled and successful in many areas, as well as having the capacity to work with others, able to overcome challenges when they come along and to be positive contributors to society. At Red Cliffs Secondary College, we are dedicated to providing every student with the opportunities to succeed and achieve their goals. Providing a balance between quality education, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and student wellbeing, Red Cliffs Secondary College is preparing all students for the future.

With an excellent transition program assisting students in moving from Primary to Secondary school, Red Cliffs Secondary College makes this important step for students as smooth as possible. Red Cliffs also offers and extensive range of VCE/VET/VCAL opportunities, as well as giving year 10 students the chance to fast-track their senior studies. Six years of continuous secondary education—the right choice.

Resilient Compassionate Successful Citizens
Caring for the whole child - academically, socially, emotionally

Junior School

Years 7-9 are a time of exploring new subject areas and cementing prior learning in mainstream subjects. Our year seven program incorporates a focus on transition activities and excursions aimed at settling students into secondary schooling as well as providing them with numerous new experiences and subject choices. Year seven is a time of building on the foundations developed at primary school, embracing new relationships and a whole new world of elective subjects. Year Eight builds further on the skills in core subjects like English, Maths and Science as well as completing the taster of electives on offer over the two years of seven and eight.

Year Nine allows students to further broaden their horizons whilst also learning more about the subjects they like and do best. They becoming more specialized in their key learning areas. Students choose their own six electives from the arts, technology, language, and numerous core subject electives. Students have the opportunity to be involved in numerous extra-curricular activities, academic competitions, sporting events, musical performances and other specialist events.

The Junior school lays the foundations for students to be successful as they move into their senior secondary years in their education. The junior years are a time for “finding out” who they are, where they fit, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and how best to utilize and develop these. Red Cliffs Secondary produces well rounded students who have a sense of belonging to our school community. They develop their physical, mental and emotional capabilities with us in order to be the best they can be as “Resilient, Compassionate, Successful, Citizens.”

Our School at a glance:

- The only 7-12 government school in the district
- High expectations for all on student achievement, behavior & uniform
- A broad range of subjects offered, including all university pre-requisite subjects
- Quality instrumental music program, including bands and choirs
- Involvement in district sports events
- High importance placed on student wellbeing, with a wellbeing centre available for all students
- Sister school relationship with Dali in southwest China
- Quality camps program
- Netbooks for all students at all year levels
- Modern science facilities
SCHOOL DAY

The school operates on a five day week, 6 lessons per day timetable. Lessons are 48 minutes in length. On four days a week there is DEAR - drop everything and read, whilst on Tuesdays the school comes together for assemblies to celebrate student successes.

UNIFORM

The wearing of school uniform is a requirement for all students at Red Cliffs. There are a number of options available for males and females, to ensure comfort all year round, but at the same time a sense of belonging to the school.

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

All Key Learning Areas of the Victorian Essential Learning are taught at years 7 to 10. There are opportunities for extension, with many year 10 students undertaking a year 11 VCE or VCAL study. A broad range of VCE and VCAL subjects are offered, catering for the interests and career paths of students.

Senior School

Red Cliffs Secondary offers students an opportunity to maintain a continuity in their senior school studies unlike any other government school in the district. The focus of the senior school at Red Cliffs Secondary College is pathways and transitions; our priority is to assist students to prepare for life after secondary school. Students are able to work closely with careers and pathways experts to carefully map out plans for their future. This process begins in year 10 and is reviewed and supported thought the final years of schooling.

Students have the opportunity to tailor their learning to suit their goals from early year 10, allowing for a seamless transition into year 11 and onto year 12. They have the advantage of working with teachers who have known them since their early schooling and are able to give advice that is specific to their individual needs and goals.

Student Services

Wellbeing’s work at Red Cliffs Secondary College is to have young people exploring their educational, emotional, mental, physical, social and spiritual (what they value and what motivates them) needs, in order to help them to become resilient, compassionate, successful citizens.

The Hugh Williamson Wellbeing Centre is a warm and welcoming place for students and families in need of support during difficult times. The wellbeing team:

- Develops students to participate in Peer Leadership and Supportive Friends programs
- Facilitate health promotion activities such as Mental Health and Drug Action day activities
- Support students to address their issues by building their resilience and making positive choices in their lives.
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Sporting Teams
- Instrumental Music Lessons
- Junior and Senior Band
- English Competition
- Subject Excursions
- Chess Club
- Public Speaking
- Theatre Sports
- Student Representative Council
- Choir
- History Challenge
- Maths Challenges
- Alpine School (at year 9)
- China Sister School Exchange (at year 10)
- Year Level Camps
- Geography Competition
- Landcare
- English Speakoff
- Deb Ball (at year 11)
- Science Competitions
- Peer Support Program
- Supportive Friends
- Junior Music Evening
- Community Performances

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