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# NAZARETH COLLEGE



# The Journey through Nazareth

# Welcome

Nazareth College is a Co-educational school for students in Years 7 to 12. We are focussed on providing students with a rich spiritual and educational experience.

The College excels academically, vocationally and in Applied Learning. It provides for individual needs in its quest to cater for everyone through personalised learning.

It is a school of opportunity which provides a vast array of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Students simply need to get involved and 'give things a go'.

The College also prides itself on its Vertical Pastoral System. Having students in Years 7 to 12 in their Homeroom helps ensure that all students are known and recognised.

We also offer extensive acceleration courses which challenge high achieving students to achieve their full academic potential.

All in all, ours is a College where all students are known and have the opportunity to succeed.

Mr Sam Cosentino, Principal



# The Educational Journey

Nazareth College recognises that every student has unique goals for the future and particular educational needs to reach those goals. Support is given to our students to ensure that the most appropriate pathway is followed.

A key feature of the 'educational journey' at Nazareth College is our approach to personalised learning.

Our small class sizes, wide range of subject choices and abundant extra-curricular opportunities ensure all students' needs are met.

In Years 10 to 12 students choose the pathway that best meets their needs.

This includes VCE, VCAL and VET with support from our dedicated Careers and Pathways staff.

## Vertical Pastoral Groups

Our vertical Homeroom Pastoral Groups allow for cross-age mentoring as well as providing greater consistency and support for students. These allow students to connect with the same pastoral teacher and student cohort throughout their secondary schooling.

As a result, both parents and students are able to build a connection with key staff throughout the course of their time at Nazareth.





## Years 7 and 8

### Accelerated Learning

The Laurel Program provides opportunities for high achieving students to excel and accelerate in their learning in a like-minded cohort. Students are required to sit an entrance test in order to be part of this program.

Laurel students engage in an accelerated program in one or more of English/ Humanities, Mathematics and Science. In Mathematics and Science students compact four years of learning into Years 7 to 9. In English/Humanities students take a course which allows them to deepen their study and understanding in these subjects. Students then have the opportunity to continue acceleration into VCE Units 1 and 2 in Year 10, VCE Units 3 and 4 in Year 11 and Tertiary Studies in Year 12.

Nazareth College is able to target the different needs of each student through this tailored approach.

### Personalised Learning

Years 7 and 8 are crucial periods of learning for all students, as it is here that the foundations are developed for an effective and successful education in senior years.

Nazareth College is centred on a tailored approach to education with a focus on Personalised Learning. Our students enjoy the benefits of co-education learning balanced with a personalised approach to suit individual student needs in the most formative years of their secondary school education.

# Middle and Senior Years

The curriculum at Nazareth offers students broad and exciting study programs within a Catholic context. It is extensive, balanced and inclusive; aimed at developing a passion for lifelong learning.

## City Learning Days

At Nazareth we aim to provide more than just an academic education; we teach invaluable skills for life outside the classroom. Year 9 Students gain invaluable life skills through our 'City Learning Days'. Students learn not only how to navigate the Melbourne metropolis and historical landmarks but also explore art and cultural activities within Melbourne. These skills help build confident young individuals.

## VCE Pathways

Students have the opportunity to accelerate in a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subject beginning in Year 10. This helps high achievers to enhance their ATAR by completing six VCE Unit 3 and 4 study sequences.

## Applied Learning Pathways

Some students in Year 10 may be better suited to the LEAP program which combines both Applied Learning and academic pathways. This can provide an ideal preparation for the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) course in Years 11 and 12.





# Student Wellbeing

Nazareth College is committed to developing resilient, respectful and responsible young individuals. This is supported through our extensive Wellbeing program.

Our Assistant Principal Faith and Wellbeing is supported by an extensive Wellbeing team which includes two Directors of Wellbeing, six Heads of House, a School Psychologist, a School First-Aid Officer, a Careers Counsellor and Pastoral Teachers. Together, this team further cares for the social, emotional and safety needs of our students. We are committed to building and maintaining an engaging, positive learning environment in which students feel safe and respected. Our emphasis on developing all aspects of a young person's life permeates and guides everything we do.

Through explicit teaching of social and emotional skills in our regular Pastoral classes, students learn how to:

- Think with flexibility and positivity
- Listen to and respect others
- Develop positive relationships
- Become emotionally resourceful
- Build self-regulation skills
- Establish short and long term goals
- Become more resilient by developing strategies to deal with adversity.

This is supported by our wellbeing centre, a calm, tranquil place where students can relax, unwind and find support when they most need it.

# Extra-Curricular Activities

## Southern Independent Schools (SIS) Activities:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross-country
- Football (AFL)
- Handball
- Netball
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Volleyball

## Other activities and clubs available to students include:

- Student Leadership Programs
- Creative Writing Competitions
- Book Club
- Camps
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Dance Club
- Debating/Public Speaking
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Library Ambassadors
- Social Outreach Programs
- STEM Program
- Performing Arts Competitions
- Teen Chef Competition and more!



# Curriculum Overview

LEARNING AREA	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
<b>Religious Education</b>	Religious Education #	Religious Education #	Religious Education #
<b>English</b>	English #	English #	English #
<b>Mathematics</b>	Mathematics #	Mathematics #	Mathematics #
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	Physical Education #	Physical Education #	Physical Education # Year 9 Soccer School of Excellence elective Year 9 Basketball School of Excellence elective
<b>Science</b>	Science #	Science #	Science #
<b>Humanities</b>	Humanities # - Civics & Citizenship - Economics - Geography - History	Humanities # - Civics & Citizenship - Economics - Geography - History	Humanities # - Civics & Citizenship - Economics - Geography - History
<b>Languages</b>	Italian # or Japanese #	Italian # or Japanese #	Italian # or Japanese #
<b>The Arts</b>	Art * Music *	Visual Communication *  Drama * or Music * (for those continuing from Year 7)	Dance Drama Media Music Visual Art Visual Communication
<b>Technology Studies</b>	Information Technology * Textiles Technology *	Food Technology * Wood Technology *	Food Technology Information Technology Wood Technology Textiles Technology
<b>Elective Subjects</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>CHOOSE 6 ELECTIVE UNITS (INCLUDING A LANGUAGE WHICH IS 2 UNITS) from:</b> The Arts, Technology, Languages, Community Action and Literature. (Each elective is for one semester's duration).

# CORE \* 1 Unit of each at this year level



LEARNING AREA	YEAR 10	YEAR 11 (VCE Units 1 & 2)	YEAR 12 (VCE Units 3 & 4)
<b>Religious Education</b>	Religious Education or Youth Ministry	VCE Religion & Society or Youth Ministry	VCE Religion & Society or Religious Education or Youth Ministry
<b>English</b>	# One of: English EAL English Literature Foundation English	# One or more of: VCE English VCE EAL English VCE Literature	One or more of: VCE English VCE EAL English VCE Literature
<b>Mathematics</b>	# One of: Mathematics – General Mathematics – Methods Mathematics – Foundation	VCE General Mathematics VCE Mathematical Methods VCE Specialist Mathematics	VCE Further Mathematics VCE Mathematical Methods VCE Specialist Mathematics
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	# One or more of: Physical Education Sports Science Dance Health Education Duke of Edinburgh	VCE Health & Human Development VCE Physical Education	VCE Health & Human Development VCE Physical Education
<b>Science</b>	# One or more of: Real Life Science Physical Science Human Science Environmental Science	VCE Biology VCE Chemistry VCE Environmental Science VCE Physics VCE Psychology	VCE Biology VCE Chemistry VCE Environmental Science (2020) VCE Physics VCE Psychology
<b>Humanities</b>	# One or more of: History Legal Studies & Economics Business Management & Accounting	VCE Accounting VCE Business Management VCE Economics VCE Legal Studies VCE 20th Century History	VCE Accounting VCE Business Management VCE Economics VCE History: Revolutions VCE Legal Studies ACU Business Step-Up
<b>Languages</b>	Chinese (First Language) Italian Japanese (Second Language)	VCE Chinese (First Language) VCE Italian VCE Japanese (Second Language)	VCE Chinese (First Language) VCE Italian VCE Japanese (Second Language)
<b>The Visual Arts</b>	Media Studio Art Visual Communication Design	VCE Media VCE Studio Arts VCE Visual Communication Design	VCE Media VCE Studio Arts VCE Visual Communication Design
<b>The Performing Arts</b>	VET Dance Drama & Theatre Studies VET Music Certificate II	VET Dance VCE Theatre Studies VET Music Certificate III	VET Dance (2020) VCE Theatre Studies VET Music Certificate III
<b>Technology Studies</b>	Food Technology Information Technology Wood Technology Textiles Technology	VCE Product Design & Technology: Textiles VCE Product Design & Technology: Wood VCE Food Studies VCE Computing	VCE Product Design & Technology: Textiles VCE Product Design & Technology: Wood VCE Food Studies VCE Informatics
<b>Elective Subjects</b>	<b>CHOOSE 8 ELECTIVE UNITS</b> (including 1 from each of Humanities, Health & PE and Science)	<b>CHOOSE 14 SEMESTER UNITS</b> (including 2 from English and RE)	<b>CHOOSE 12 SEMESTER UNITS</b> (including 2 from each of English and RE)
<b>VET in VCE Courses</b> These courses are all off-campus and are also available in LEAP & VCAL	Nazareth College offers a wide range of VET courses through local TAFE and school providers. The College is part of South Eastern Living and Learning (SELLEN) Education Network.		



# Sport

## Sport

Nazareth College is proud of its reputation as a talented and competitive member of the SIS competition. Students are encouraged to develop and utilise their sporting talents to represent the College in a range of competitive sports both within the College community and through inter-school SIS competitions.



## Sport School of Excellence

This unique program helps students bring the love of the game into their education. Students will be challenged to grow their technical skills and confidence both on and off the field.

Soccer and Basketball have a strong presence within Nazareth and our surrounding communities. As a result, we have launched our Soccer and Basketball Schools of Excellence. They aim to assist talented student athletes to build and sharpen their skills while helping them to further their personal education and vocational development.

Our specialised coaches address theoretical elements of the PE curriculum and look at what has made Soccer 'the beautiful game'. Practical classes are based on the FFA curriculum and combines Skill Acquisition and Game Training Phases.

# Technology Studies

## Product Design Technology

Participating students study the analysis, modification, and improvement of a product design in relation to Food, Textiles or Wood Technology. Students learn:

- how to work in teams
- design innovation
- creativity processes
- production methods for a product.

## Digital Technology

In Information Technology studies, students are provided with the opportunity to explore specialist subjects while also providing various ways of communicating information. The school has well-equipped computer laboratories and a resource centre where students develop the ability to follow the creative process of planning, designing and producing an idea from conception to implementation in an innovative and efficient manner.



# Visual and Performing Arts

## Visual Arts

Our students develop perceptual and conceptual understanding, critical reasoning and practical skills. This is achieved through exploring and expanding understanding of their world and creatively responding through:

- Art
- Media Studies
- Studio Arts
- Visual Communication & Design.

Students engage with and develop knowledge of visual arts skills, techniques and processes, and use materials as they explore a range of forms, styles and contexts. At Nazareth, students learn to reflect critically on their own experiences and responses to outside work and to develop their own Arts knowledge. They learn to express and communicate experiences through and about Visual Arts.

## Performing Arts

In the Performing Arts students have classes in and also attend weekly rehearsals refining and perfecting their skills in dance, acting and music. Here they prepare for performances in musical productions, plays, instrumental music concerts and combined performances that highlight the best work in all fields.

The College organises a wide array of activities to motivate students including evening and day concerts, performance tours, Performing Arts camps, school partnerships and community work throughout the year. These encourage students to learn the skills necessary to entertain audiences in the various art forms.





# Applied Learning

## Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

VCAL aims to provide students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to make choices regarding pathways to work and further education.

The VCAL program is ideal for students who have a desire to enter a trade, gain an apprenticeship, or complete TAFE certificates for further education. VCAL pathways can begin for students starting with our Year 10 LEAP Program which offer students VET Taster Courses. The LEAP curriculum also focuses on Personal Development Skills as well as Work Related Skills.

Personal development and community service is strengthened by the many partnerships we have within our local community (SCOPE's Balloon Football League and Men's Shed Community Service) and local feeder Primary Schools.

Our VCAL students become independent learners, build key teamwork skills and learn the importance of taking initiative within their future workplace settings.

## Vocational Education Training

For those students who wish to follow an applied learning pathway, Vocational knowledge and skills are acquired through formal TAFE VET lessons and hands on experiences each week. These are undertaken at local TAFEs and other Registered Training Organisations and offer a large range of subjects and industries from which students are able to choose.

### VET Music Performance

Our students are fortunate to have the opportunity to undertake a VET Certificate III Music Industry Performance course at Nazareth. This certificate offers students interested in music the opportunity to develop their musicianship and stagecraft skills in a dedicated performance auditorium and professional recording studio. Students hone their performance skills and stage presence with the aim of delivering effective and exciting musical presentations.

# International Program

Nazareth College is proud to welcome International Students into its learning community and has successfully established a thriving International Program.

Students accepted into the program are matched with a local homestay family which provides a comfortable and nurturing environment during their education at the College.

Our International Team oversees the smooth transition of all International students into their studies within the Nazareth learning community, and also assists with the provision of support services for all International Students.

The College Wellbeing Team is also

available to help work through any issues of concern to the students and work in close contact with the International Team.

The College maintains regular contact with each student's family overseas to keep parents fully informed and updated regarding students' academic progress and overall wellbeing.





# Uni Step Up Program

## Australian Catholic University Step Up

This first-year University course is designed and supported by Australian Catholic University (ACU) and delivered at Nazareth College by our staff.

Through this course students have a unique glimpse into life at University. The course is supported with access to online lectures and seminars. Upon successful completion, students are given credits towards their University course.

Students who successfully complete the course and list Business Studies as their first preference are guaranteed entry into ACU.

### Benefits Include:

- Successful students receive University credit
- Contributes to a student's ATAR score
- Builds and improves a student's resumé
- Improves independent study skills
- Gives a head start for university
- Reflects savings of approximately \$2600 for two Business units



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