



KEY INFORMATION ABOUT ENROLLING AT KOOWEERUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

The best place to find detailed information about the College is on the school's web site: www.kwrsc.vic.edu.au. In particular look at the following sections:

- LATEST NEWS and QUICKLINKS on the front page take you to the latest information.
- LEARNING – provides details about structure of the day, what is taught each term and programs from Years 7 to 12
- EXTRA ACTIVITIES – scroll down the left hand side for a list of all the curricular programs we offer e.g. camps, sport, HPV, music, Deb Ball, etc. Click on the heading and open the section up for even more information.
- ENROLMENTS- has information on Transport, the S.E.A.L. Academy Program and Scholarships
- PARENTS – has information on COLLEGE POLICIES, HOMEWORK CLUB, UNIFORM, etc.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL: (NOTE: APPLICATION FORMS ARE DIFFERENT TO ENROLMENT FORMS!)

- Application forms (white single page) are distributed by primary schools.
- Should be returned to the student's primary school by Friday May 13th.
- Families will be notified in late August of the outcome.
- ENROLMENT PACKAGES will then be sent out to students who have been allocated to KWRSC – this includes the many paged Enrolment form we provide.

PARENTS OF GRADE 5 STUDENTS

- There is no such thing as a waiting list for government schools. Applications are submitted in May of Year 6.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL INFORMATION:

- Separate application form for school bus travel will be distributed in term 3 to students **who live in our school bus zone**.
- Families will be notified of their bus allocation in term 4 and the school chooses which bus to allocate a student to.
- If you live out of zone, we will not know until the start of March 2017 if we have any spare seats on any of the bus routes – and if we do, there will be a fee which varies according to distance travelled (approx. \$200 per term) paid in advance. Please do not

count on being able to access a spare seat. You must be able to make your own travel arrangements.

- Please note that the Education Department no longer provides an exemption for SEAL students who live outside our bus zone to access free transport.
- For students who are ineligible for school bus travel, there are public buses from Pakenham to Kooweerup and VLine buses from Cranbourne.

S.E.A.L. ACADEMY INFORMATION:

- All details are in the information booklet.
- Application forms are due in by Friday May 13th, 2016.
- The SEAL test will be on Saturday May 28th 2016 from 9am to 12 noon. Students should bring a calculator. All other materials will be supplied. Students should come to the front office.
- In term 3 students will be notified if they have made it to the next selection round which involves an interview, accompanied by their parents.
- If a student cannot attend on the date of the exam, we will try to arrange an alternative date. Please provide your contact details to Mrs Brown.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

- All details are in the information booklet.
- Academic scholarship test is on Friday June 3rd 2016 from 4 to 6pm. Students should bring a calculator. All other materials will be provided. If a student is ill, the test can be done on another day. Leave contact details with Miss McGinley.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM:

- Students may start classes as a primary student or wait until the start of term 1 next year. Please contact Mrs Barker for further details.

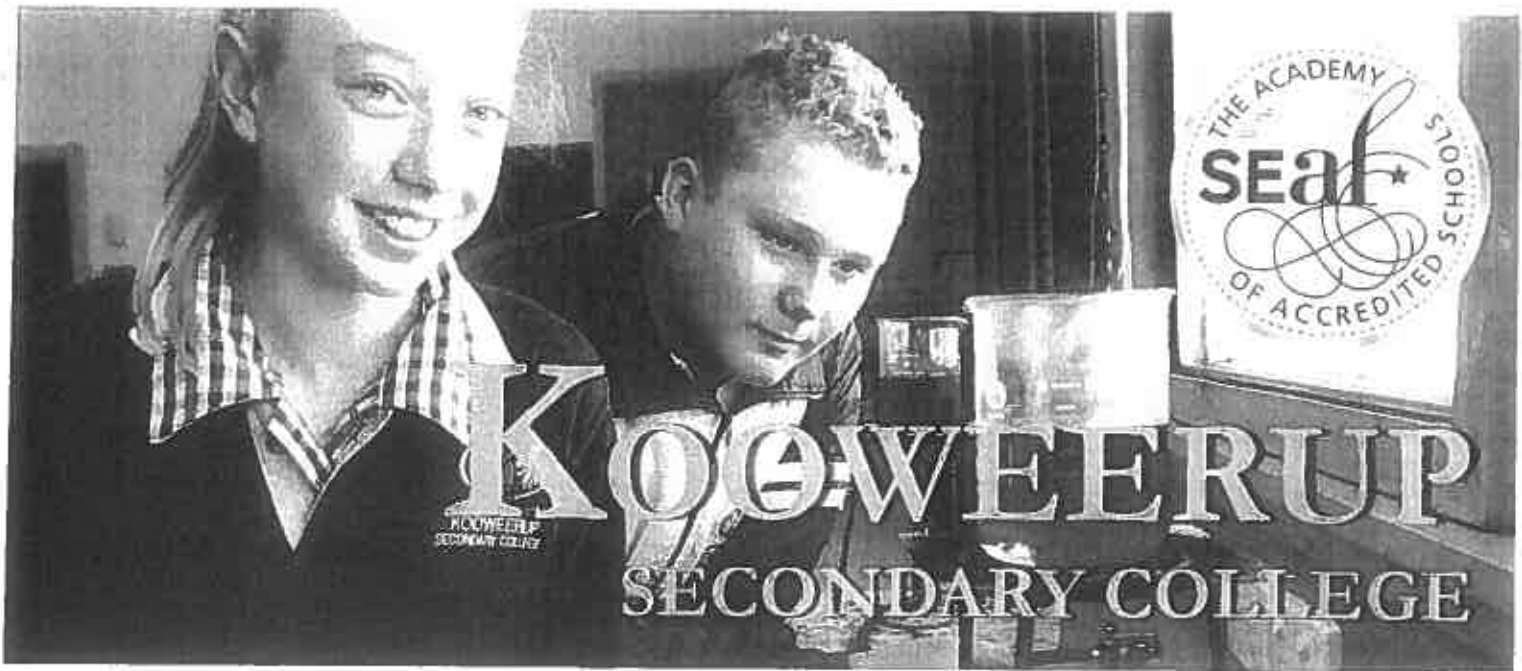
IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION

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Mail: P.O. Box 30, Kooweerup 3981

KEY CONTACTS

- **Principal:** Mr Felix Patton
- **Enrolments:** Miss Leonie McGinley, Assistant Principal
- **Curriculum programs:** Mr Jarrod Main, Acting Assistant Principal
- **Year 7 Learning Community Leader:** Miss Sally Markham, Acting Leader
- **Student Wellbeing:** Mr Tim Ward, Student Welfare Coordinator
- **S.E.A.L.:** Mrs Katrina Brown, SEAL Academy Coordinator
- **School buses:** Mr Peter Scott, Bus Coordinator



S.E.A.L Academy
Parent Information booklet



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2017 Entry

S.E.A.L: Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

Kooweerup Secondary College is one of 35 government secondary schools in Victoria which offer an accredited special program that caters for students who have above average academic ability and a high level of commitment to their schoolwork.

As part of the TAASS network (The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools) students at Kooweerup are included in annual programs designed to encourage their creativity and competitive nature. Some experiences include workshops and tours at major universities, excursions to a variety of museums and science centres, academic challenges conducted at TAASS network high schools.

To learn more about the TAASS network visit: www.sealacademy.org.au

WHAT IS SEAL

The SEAL program focuses on maximizing opportunities for academically talented students to excel by placing them together in one class; delivering the curriculum at a faster pace and more sophisticated level so that students can move ahead to work beyond their year level; and providing access to appropriate extension activities and excursions.

SEAL students mix with other students their own age through sport, camps, social functions, lunchtime activity clubs and musical programs. In the classroom they stay together as a common group for the first two years and in the third and fourth years stay together for their core academic subjects and work with other students in elective areas.



- Students have the opportunity to work independently and cooperatively with other students of similar abilities and interests.
- The students complete the Year 7 to 10 curriculum in three years instead of four.
- In their fourth year at KWRSC they have a number of options available to them including advanced Year 10 studies, and VCE and VET subjects.
- The majority of students enjoy the benefit of studying additional subjects in their VCE program to gain additional marks and greater confidence in tackling exams.
- Their VCE course could also include a university enhancement course.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

SEAL Year 1:

- Year 7 and 8 core work with students undertaking Year 7 electives in their own form group

SEAL Year 2:

- Year 8 and 9 core work with students undertaking Year 8 electives in their own form group

SEAL Year 3:

- Year 9 and 10 core work with students undertaking two Year 9 electives with other Year 9 students.

SEAL Year 4:

- A combination of advanced Year 10 subjects that prepare students for VCE subjects such as Literature, Specialist Maths and the Sciences, and a choice of suitable VCE subjects which are determined after counselling.

In each year the students will be kept together as a form group and study the following subjects together: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Commerce, LOTE and Health and Physical Education

WHO PARTICIPATES

The program is not suitable for everyone. It is demanding and rewarding. There is a higher workload. Students who are suited to this program:

- Are academically above average
- Have a great intellectual curiosity
- Are keen to accept a challenge and believe that they will meet it
- Are determined, positive and capable of independent learning
- May be 'underachieving' academically or 'bored' at the moment
- Are able to concentrate on, and persevere in, solving problems and pursuing interests
- Are prepared to apply themselves to their studies
- Have supportive families
- Are not a persistent behavioural problem in class



HOW DO YOU ENTER

Students entering the SEAL program in Year 1 will be selected based on a **combination** of the following:

- Formal testing based on the University of New South Wales' placement exams.
- Interviews with students and their parents/guardians
- References and consultation with their primary school teachers

LATE ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM

Students may be admitted to the program after the start of Year 7 according to the following guidelines:

- Recommendations from present teachers that the student is a suitable candidate
- Interview with parents and student
- If the student is in Year 7, reference from past Primary school principal

REVIEW OF PLACEMENT and EXIT POLICY

There may be concern about a student's suitability for the SEAL program after the student has commenced. This may come from staff, parents and/or the student. In such a situation the following steps will be taken:

- The student's teachers will be asked to complete a report to gauge the extent of the concern
- Parents will be notified and an interview will be held with student and parents to discuss the situation
- Strategies for supporting and assisting the student will be developed and implemented if appropriate
- If problems continue, a further report and interview will be conducted, followed by a recommendation for further support or for the student to return to mainstream education.

NOTE:

- The progress of all students will be reviewed at the end of each semester in conjunction with the publication of school reports.
- Parents will be involved in the review.
- Students will be able to leave the program, after due consultation, and would then join their age group in the mainstream classes.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Students' achievements are acknowledged in a number of ways:

- The classroom teacher can praise the student in class, arrange for work to be displayed, write a note in the student's diary, present a certificate, etc.
- House Leaders can acknowledge students' achievements in classrooms, at house assemblies, etc.
- Each term we present House Achievement awards to students in each year level.
- At times throughout the year, Academic Achievement and Commitment awards will be presented.
- At Presentation Night many scholarships and academic awards are presented.

BOOKLISTS

The SEAL classes have their own booklists labeled SEAL Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 as they require different books in a number of subjects. Students will be using ipads in place of most textbooks.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year the College offers a number of scholarships to students enrolling in their first year at secondary college. Scholarship exams and interviews are held in May and June. At present, the scholarships are designed to attract students who are talented in the following areas: General Academic excellence and the Performing Arts. SEAL applicants are most welcome to apply for a scholarship as well as a place in the SEAL program. Further details are available from the Assistant Principal.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

SEAL students are encouraged to broaden their education by participating in a number of co curricular extension activities. These include:

- Australian English Competition
- Australian Mathematics Competition
- Australian Science Competition
- Debating
- Blackfish Oratory (public speaking)
- Human Powered Vehicle program
- Whiz Bang Festival (Maths, Science and Technology)
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Ozspell
- Computing and Chess Clubs
- Instrumental Music program
- Student Leaders forums and workshops
- Aerobics
- Interschool sport

SPORT

Sport is a major part of the College's co-curricular program and is also compulsory for all students in the SEAL program. Sports, including swimming and athletics, are organised on a House basis. In inter-school competition we have fielded teams in netball, hockey, tennis, table tennis, badminton, football, cricket, softball, golf, soccer, basketball, volleyball, equestrian events and athletics. Each year a number of our students reach the State Finals, with athletics and netball teams being the most successful in recent years.

MUSIC

At Kooweerup Secondary College music is given a high priority. Apart from the obvious pleasure it brings, music is important to a child's development because it can improve concentration, co-ordination and self discipline. It enhances creativity and is a great socialiser.

The college instrumental music program offers **free tuition** in all the symphonic wind instruments. Students have a lesson once a week during class time – on a rotating timetable so that they do not miss the same class each week. Students need to own their own instruments and tutor books.

As there are limited vacancies for percussion, students are auditioned before being accepted. There is a waiting list and, if a student drops out, the place is immediately offered to another student. A fee of \$20 per year to cover music applies for percussion students.

We also offer guitar and voice lessons on a paying basis.

We have two symphonic bands, a stage band, rock bands and various ensembles. Students are given many opportunities to perform. For example, the senior concert Band marches in the City Parade every ANZAC day.

Participation in the instrumental music program is recorded as an additional subject at the College and students are provided with an assessment on their school reports. They may also choose to sit for AMEB exams and progress through to VCE music.

The Claudia Barker Performing Arts Centre

This facility was opened in April 2002 to provide the best possible facilities for the College band and for performing arts classes. It includes computer laboratories, rehearsal spaces, recording equipment and materials to ensure the best possible acoustics.

Music is also a major part of the College's co-curricular program and throughout the year there are a number of Performing Arts activities in which all students may participate.

The **MUSIC FESTIVAL** is an annual tradition which began in 1967. The Festival is a competition section where the four Houses each produce choral, dance, instrumental and musical comedy items. Most of the House items are prepared by the students themselves with senior students teaching younger students how to sing, dance and perform on the stage.

The **MUSICAL** is also an annual tradition. Past productions have included *Hairspray*, *Les Miserables*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Oliver*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *My Fair Lady*, *Annie*, *Back to the 80s*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *the Wizard of Oz*, *High School Musical* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Such shows provide a wonderful opportunity for staff, students, parents and members of the local community to work together, either onstage, backstage, in the orchestra or as part of the production team.

A PROGRAM FOR SEAL STUDENTS at KWRSC

YEAR	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
First year	Year 7 work	Year 7 work	Year 7 work	Year 8 work
Second year	Year 8 work	Year 8 work	Year 9 work	Year 9 work
Third year	Year 9 work	Year 10 work	Year 10 work	Year 10 work
Fourth year*	Choice of advanced year 10 and 11 subjects	Choice of advanced year 10 and 11 subjects	Choice of advanced year 10 and 11 subjects	Choice of advanced year 10 and 11 subjects
Fifth year*	Choice of Year 11 and 12 subjects	Choice of Year 11 and 12 subjects	Choice of Year 11 and 12 subjects	Choice of Year 11 and 12 subjects
Sixth year#*	Year 12 subjects	Year 12 subjects	Year 12 subjects	Year 12 subjects

- * in any of these years, students may choose to spend time as an exchange student
- # very capable students may choose to do a university subject providing they have already completed a Year 12 subject to a very high standard



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SEAL PROGRAM: APPLICATION FORM

I would like my son/daughter to be involved in the selection procedures for the SEAL program at Kooweerup Secondary College for the Year 7 intake in 2017.

The entrance examination will be on Saturday May 28th from 9am to 12 noon at the college.

This form (3 pages) and the examination fee of \$25 must be returned to the college by Friday May 13th, 2016.

STUDENT DETAILS: (Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

SURNAME	
OTHER NAMES	
DATE OF BIRTH	
GENDER	
CURRENT SCHOOL	
SCHOOL ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	Family email address:
SCHOOL PHONE NO.	
NAME OF PRINCIPAL	
NAME OF GRADE 6 TEACHER	

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PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS:

MOTHER'S NAME	
FATHER'S NAME	
STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE NO	
WHO IS THE STUDENT LIVING WITH	
PARENT'S CONTACT NUMBER AT WORK	

For the parent/guardian:

1. Why do you think your child would benefit from the SEAL program?

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2. Has your child been involved in any other special programs for high achievers? Details:

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Parent/Guardian's signature:

Date:

Please return this form to the College by May 13th, 2016 with a cheque for \$25 for the examination fee, made payable to Kooweerup Secondary College. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Katrina Brown SEAL Coordinator or Leonie McGinley Assistant Principal on 5997 1444. Email enquiries should be addressed to brown.katrina.m@edumail.vic.gov.au



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2017 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Kooweerup Secondary College offers a number of scholarships for students entering Year 7 in 2017.

1. General academic excellence: 8 scholarships
2. PE and Sport: two scholarships
3. Music: two scholarships

Details are provided on the following pages.

The scholarships covers the costs of all school fees for Year 7.

Students may apply for as many scholarships as they wish.

A separate application form and entry fee must be submitted for each scholarship.

The practical test for the PE/Sport scholarship will be held on Friday May 20th from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the College hall (at the rear of the school). Parents/guardians are welcome to stay and watch.

The tests for the General Academic Excellence scholarships will be held on Friday June 3rd from 4pm to 6pm. Students should report to the front office of the College for these tests.

The music test will consist of an audition. Details will be sent to applicants later in the year.

Primary schools and successful candidates will be notified in semester 2 of the outcome of the scholarship tests.

For further information, please contact Leonie McGinley, Assistant Principal, Kooweerup Secondary College on 59 971 444.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2017 IN YEAR 7

Kooweerup Secondary College has always placed an emphasis on PE and sport because they promote teamwork, co-operation, leadership, healthy living, physical skills and an attitude of "fair play".

The College Council is awarding two PE/Sports Scholarships for Year 7 in 2017.

The Scholarship will be decided by a practical skills test, an application form noting sporting awards, and if necessary a reference from the student's Primary School Principal covering sporting attitude, endeavour and leadership in particular. The College will send out a form to the Primary School for the reference. The practical skills test will be held on Friday May 20th from 4.00pm to 5.00pm and will require your child to come in sports clothing (shorts, t-shirt, runners, tracksuit).

If you would like your child to enter for the Sports Scholarship would you please complete the entry form below and send it with a \$5.00 entry fee to:

Leonie McGinley - Assistant Principal, Kooweerup Secondary College
PO Box 30 (Rossiter Road), KOOWEERUP, Vic., 3981

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY MAY 13TH, 2016

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Primary School Attended _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number/s (bus./ah) _____

Sporting Awards won from 1st January 2014 _____

Teams represented from 1st January 2014 _____

My/our child _____ will be sitting for a Sports Scholarship on Friday May 20th and I/we enclose a \$5.00 entry fee.

Signed: _____ (Parents/Guardians) Date: _____



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Dear Parents/Guardians

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2017 IN YEAR 7

Kooweerup Secondary College recognises the value of a child's music education as an important part of the curriculum. Consequently all students who learn a musical instrument at the College are offered music lessons free of charge except for voice and guitar. This is the equivalent of a music scholarship at other schools.

In addition the College offers a scholarship to an incoming Year 7 student who has already started learning a musical instrument and who will be taking part in the music extension classes at the College.

The audition will take place in the College Band Room in early December. Applicants will be advised of their appointment time. The audition will consist of two contrasting pieces chosen by the applicant and played without accompaniment. There will also be a short sight reading test appropriate to the applicant's standard.

If you would like your child to sit for the scholarship would you please complete the entry form below and send it with a \$5.00 entry fee to:

Leonie McGinley – Assistant Principal
Kooweerup Secondary College
PO Box 30 (Rossiter Road)
Kooweerup, Vic, 3981

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY MAY 13TH 2016

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM FOR YEAR 7 2017

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Primary School Attended _____

Instrument(s) played: _____

How long has your child been learning music: _____

Any other relevant information: (eg: experience in bands/orchestras/shows/AMEB standard, etc.)

Home Address _____

Phone Number/s _____

Signed: _____ (Parents/Guardians) Date: _____



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS
for STUDENTS ENTERING YEAR 7 in 2017**

Kooweerup Secondary College places great value upon literacy and numeracy. The College Council is offering eight scholarships to further promote these areas. The scholarships are for the year 2017.

Students will be required to sit a test at the College on Friday June 3rd from 4 to 6pm. Students should bring a calculator. All other equipment for the test will be provided.

If you would like your child to sit for the scholarship would you please complete the entry form below and send it with a \$5.00 entry fee to:

Leonie McGinley – Assistant Principal
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Kooweerup, Vic., 3981

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY MAY 13th, 2016

GENERAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR YEAR 7 2017 – ENTRY FORM

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Primary School attended _____

Home Address _____

Phone Numbers _____

My/our child _____ will be sitting for the General Academic Excellence Scholarship on Friday June 3rd and I/we enclose a \$5.00 entry fee.

Signed: _____ (Parents / Guardians) Date: _____