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## INTRODUCTION

Victory Christian College was opened in 1995, as a ministry expression of Victory Church Bendigo; which is part of Acts Global Churches (Formally, Apostolic Church Australia). The College is an Incorporated Association and is operated independently. It is governed by a Committee of Management, known as the College Board.

Acts Global Churches is a Pentecostal movement, birthed in the early 20th Century in Wales, through the influence of the Welsh Revival of that time. The worship and ministry experienced during College life; for example in chapel and church services, on camps, etc. reflects this expression.

The College has a balanced approach to fostering Christian values and teaching a Christian worldview. The emphasis on integrity, and the high standards expected of all staff members, allow College families to feel confident in the environment provided.

The College aims to serve the families of our local community and surrounding areas with excellence while sharing the message and example of Jesus.

Victory Christian College is affiliated with State, National and International Education Organisations, which provide accreditation and support (ISV and CSA, outlined on page 1.)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our academic and spiritual program is founded upon the Bible, which is the revelation of God through the written word inspired by the Holy Spirit. The truths set out below are foundational to all that we teach.

- The Bible - the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God, which is completely relevant to our modern society.
- The Godhead - comprising Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The Lord Jesus Christ - His deity, virgin birth, sinless life, His miracles, His atoning death for the sin of the world, His resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal future return to this earth to reign in power and glory.
- Salvation - the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. Sin and evil are real and mankind is in need of saving from their effects.
- The power of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and righteousness and judgment.
- The power of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to lead a victorious life.
- The Baptism in the Holy Spirit for all believers who earnestly desire it.\*\*
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit - their present-day operation through faith.\*\*
- The two ordinances - Water Baptism by immersion for all believers.\*\*
- The Lord's Supper - Communion.\*\*

\*\* The last four points are doctrinal issues, which are a matter for local church interpretation and individual adherence.

## COLLEGE VISION

Victory Christian College is committed to sharing Christ's love and pursuing academic excellence in a dynamic community, which fosters creativity and personal success.

Victory Christian College builds leadership, hope, compassion and self-discipline through a safe and nurturing environment.

## PHILOSOPHY

Victory Christian College exists to serve the Community of Bendigo and surrounding areas. The principle objective of the College is to provide, at a reasonable cost, faith-based education, which builds a sense of belonging in a nurturing environment; allowing students to develop relationships, understanding and skills required for life-long learning, and an ongoing relationship with Christ.

The College will provide high-quality schooling relevant to Australia and its position in the Asia/Pacific region that prepares each student to live a full and effective life. The College will develop structures and services that will, as far as possible, enable all students, irrespective of ability, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic circumstances or special learning needs, to participate fully in the program of the College and experience success.

This will be achieved through the delivery of a broad and differentiated curriculum and diverse co-curricular program which caters for individual needs and interests.

Parental input will be encouraged by open communication and involving parents directly in the programs of the College.

## COLLEGE VALUES

VCC's Values Education Program focuses on twelve core values, which are explored from a Biblical perspective, with one value covered per term across a three-year cycle. The College Values are listed below.

### **Belonging**

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children—think of it—and we really *are!* 1 John 3:1 *TLB*

### **Creativity**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a marvellous display of his craftsmanship Ps 19:1 *TLB*

### **Justice**

Happiness comes to those who are fair to others and are always just and good. Ps 106:3 *TLB*

### **Courage**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Josh 1:9 *NIV*

### **Leadership**

God has shown you His grace in many different ways. So be good servants and use whatever gift He has given you in a way that will best serve each other. 1 Peter 4:10 *ERV*

### **Diligence**

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 2 Peter 1:5-7 *NKJV*

### **Respect**

Show respect for everyone. Love Christians everywhere. Fear God and honour the government. 1 Peter 2:17 *TLB*

### **Hope**

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future”. *Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

### **Identity**

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous, how well I know it. *Psalms 139:14 NLT*

### **Compassion**

Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you. *Colossians 3:12-13 ERV*

### **Faith**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV*

### **Excellence**

In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. *Colossians 3:23 EXB*

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

### **Victory Christian College is committed to:**

- Demonstrating the love of God and teaching Biblical truths.
- Developing in students the desire to serve God and society, and the skills to exercise leadership.
- Nurturing Christian values, standards of morality and ethics.
- Promoting excellence in all aspects of College life.
- Providing a sequential and balanced curriculum that enables students to progressively develop appropriate knowledge, skills and understandings at each year level.
- Offering experiences that promote a healthy lifestyle and that motivate and challenge students intellectually, physically and spiritually.
- Providing a rich learning environment that engages students and caters for their individual needs.
- Assisting students in discovering and developing their unique talents and capacities.
- Providing a secure and supportive environment where responsible relationships may be developed amongst all members of the College community.
- Developing self-disciplined young people who are optimistic, confident, articulate and resourceful.

### **The College will provide an education that promotes: Christian Missions and Service**

- Encourage each student to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others. (Philippians 2:4).
- Help each student develop the abilities and skills needed to effectively communicate the Gospel of Christ. (Romans 1:16).
- Help each student develop a knowledge of and spiritual concern for other people and cultures, and assume the responsibility each Christian has in the area of world missions. (Matthew 28:19-20).
- Provide opportunities for students to be involved in and support local community service initiatives and global mission projects.

### **The College will provide an education that promotes: Christian Faith and Values**

- Help each student increase in knowledge of God and accept Him as the source of knowledge and wisdom.
- Encourage each student to accept Christ as his or her personal Saviour and to continue to grow and develop in the knowledge of Christ so as to become more like Him. (Ephesians 4:13).
- Help each student understand the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, who lives in each believer, and guides each believer in the understanding and application of Biblical principles. (John 14:26; 16:13; 1Cor. 6:19)
- Help each student gain a knowledge of, appreciation for, and confidence in the Bible as the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, and encourage each student to be consistent in personal Bible study.
- Help each student understand the significance of the local church and the necessity for regular attendance and involvement.
- Help each student identify and develop his/her unique gifts and abilities, and the importance of using them for the benefit of the entire Christian community. (1 Cor. 12:7; Ephesians 4:16).
- Help each student with the development of personal Christian convictions and values, and encourage commitment to them during times of challenges and adversity. (Ephesians 6:11-13).  
Teach Christian Values which focus on respect, integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, understanding, justice, care and compassion.

### **The College will provide an education that promotes: Intellectual Development**

- Assist each student in recognising that each area of the curriculum, whether scientific, historical, mathematical, literary, or artistic, must be understood within the pattern of God's truth as revealed in the Bible.

- Develop students in:
  - Skills of literacy, numeracy, analysis, problem solving, information processing and computing.
  - An understanding of the role of science and technology in society, together with scientific and technological skills.
  - A knowledge and appreciation of Australia’s historic and geographical context.
  - Knowledge of the geography and culture of Australia’s Asian neighbours.
  - An appreciation and understanding of, and confidence to participate in the creative arts.
  - An understanding of, and concern for, balanced development of the global environment.
  - A capacity to exercise judgment in matters of morality, ethics and social justice.
- Challenge each student to strive for excellence and maximum achievement in every area of the instructional program.
- Prepare each student to pursue independent study, to reason logically, and to develop a life-long interest in learning and intellectual development.
- Prepare each student with the knowledge and skills necessary for further study and occupational competence.
- Assist each student in the development of creative and critical thinking skills, using Biblical principles and criteria as the basis for evaluation.

**The College will provide an education that promotes: Physical Development**

- Assist each student to understand that the body is the temple of God and is to be kept clean and pure and capable of responding to God’s direction.
- Encourage each student to accept personal responsibility for achieving and maintaining physical fitness and practising good health habits.
- Develop in each student an awareness that a healthy physical body contributes significantly to a sound mental, spiritual and social state.
- Assist each student in recognising the dangers inherent in the use of substances harmful to both physical and spiritual well-being, and in accepting responsibility to avoid the use of such substances.
- Assist each student to develop an interest in the skills needed for life-long involvement in physical activities.

**The College will provide an education that promotes: Social and Cultural Development**

- Encourage each student to develop Christian attitudes, accept principles of behaviour, and base decisions on the spiritual, moral, and ethical values of the Bible.
- Prepare each student to assume the responsibility and privileges of citizenship.
- Teach each student the Biblical principles regarding marriage and family life and the personal commitment needed to establish and maintain Christian families.
- Assist each student to acquire the attitudes and skills essential for effective interpersonal relationships.
- Impart to students an understanding of their cultural heritage and national identity.
- Develop an awareness of, and respect and tolerance for, social, economic and racial differences.
- Equip students with knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in a democratic society who understand the rule of law, equal rights for all before the law and their place in the global context.

**The College will provide an education that promotes: Career Development**

- Equip students with the skills, knowledge, understanding and work ethic they require to be successful young people as they pursue further education and career training.
- Provide work experience opportunities and career pathways for senior students.
- Provide strong transition programs that adequately prepare students for further education and training opportunities.
- Assist each student to develop respect for the dignity of labour and pride of performance.
- Assist in developing values, capabilities and knowledge essential to prepare young people for the future of work.

## COLLEGE BOARD

### Statement of Strategic Intent

Victory Christian College will be governed by a caring Board, ensuring integrity, financial viability, sound policies and transparent administration, pursuing new opportunities and growth for our college community. This will be achieved through the focus on five key areas:

- Continual development of facilities and equipment
- Development and implementation of new policies and cyclic renewal or existing policies
- Continued Board renewal with new membership, whilst retaining organisational memory
- Development of succession planning strategy for key staff
- Continued reduction of debt to sector averages and below.

### Responsibility

The Victory Christian College Board is responsible for the governance and policies of Victory Christian College. The Board's responsibilities are as follows:

- Establishing and monitoring College policies
- Financial and Administrative Affairs
- Broad educational direction
- Buildings and grounds
- Monitoring the performance and progress of the College.

### Board Composition

The Members of the Board are determined by the Rules of Association, which sets out the following positions:

- Principal of Victory Christian College
- Senior Minister Victory Church
- Representative of Acts Global Church (AGC)
- Three Eldership appointees of Victory Church
- Treasurer (Appointed by Board)
- Christian Minister (Non-AGC – Appointed by Board)
- Business Person (Appointed by Board)
- Elected Staff Representative
- Elected Parent Representative
- Elected Parent Representative (Not a member of Victory Church)

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held during Term Two each year. This meeting is open to all members of the College community. At this meeting, the College Annual Report and audited Financial Reports are presented. Members of the College Community have the opportunity to become members of the College Association. This has a joining fee of \$1.00 and an annual subscription of \$2.00. Members of the Association may nominate or be nominated for the two parent positions on the VCC Board.

Office Bearers of Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by Board vote at the first meeting following the AGM. Other members are seconded by the Board in the first meeting following the AGM.

## DIGITAL PLATFORMS FOR PARENT USE

The College uses a suite of digital platforms to communicate with parents and streamline the parent experience at VCC.

### Flexischools

- Parents are able to order lunch for their child/children through the Flexischools website or app (available for Apple or Android devices.)
- **See also:** Canteen

## Operoo

- The Operoo digital platform is used to submit student medical information forms and permission slips for camps and excursions.
- **See also:** Operoo – Confidential Medical Information

## Rollcall

- Rollcall is an app that allows parents to track their child's progress on the bus route to and from school if they use a VCC Bus Service.
- **See also:** Bus Travel

## Xuno

- Xuno is the student information system where student timetables and attendance can be viewed. Additionally, parents receive communication such as the College Newsletter through the Xuno portal.
- **See also:** Absences

# ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

## Absences

- The College discourages all student absences, except for medical reasons. Research has shown that students who miss more than 10% of the school year due to absence or lateness will have difficulty keeping up and achieving their best. Information on student attendance is provided to parents in the mid-year and end-of-year reports.
- It is a legal requirement that the College receives an explanation from parents for all student absences. Parents are asked to notify the College on the morning of the absence by:
  - adding an absence note to Xuno (via the Xuno Family app or Xuno website)
  - e-mailing [attendance@vcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:attendance@vcc.vic.edu.au)
  - telephoning the College Absence Line (5445 2601) or
  - sending a written note addressed to the relevant teacher
- Parents will be asked to provide reasons for unexplained absences.
- Where a long absence is expected, please notify the College so that classwork can be set. Please note that the College does not discount school fees due to extended absences or family holidays.
- It is requested that families do not organise holidays or out-of-school appointments during the major assessment periods in Terms Two and Four. Parents will be notified of more specific dates through the weekly homeroom teacher e-mails and the College Newsletter.

## Bus Travel

- Exemplary behaviour by students is expected while students travel to and from the College. Complaints about students travelling on buses will be investigated and action against offenders may lead to the cancellation of bus tickets.
- Students using the PTV Urban Bus Network are required to obtain a Myki Card. A school 'special' bus leaves from Mitchell Street and VLine Station each morning and transports students directly to the College, and vice versa in the afternoon.
- Students travelling on the Country Bus Network are required to be registered. Application information can be obtained from the Administration Office. A number of country buses come directly onto the school site to drop off and collect students each morning and afternoon.  
N.B Students are expected to wear the correct uniform and comply with the Uniform Policy when travelling to and from school.
- Travel Allowance - If a student travels more than 4.8km to the College or their closest bus stop, then they may be eligible for Conveyance (Travel Allowance). Please contact the office for advice on this matter.
- Students riding bicycles to school should have appropriate safety gear (helmet) and, if less than 10 years of age, should be accompanied by a responsible adult or older student. Students are permitted



to ride their bikes on College grounds to and from the bicycle storage area only and must travel on designated paths.

- College Bus Service – The College offers a private bus service for students to and from school across selected suburbs. Families using this service must apply for Conveyance (Travel Allowance) and authorise the College to retain the allowance as a contribution towards the cost of transportation of each child. This enables the College to supplement the cost of the Private Bus Service without any additional fees to families. Students travelling by bus will be expected to sign a Code of Conduct. This will be distributed to parents via Operoo.
- The College uses a digital system named RollCall for managing safe VCC bus travel. Families using the VCC Bus Service will receive a confirmation e-mail from RollCall inviting them to download the RollCall app. This will allow parents to follow their child’s bus travel progress and confirm when their child taps on and off the bus using a VCC Student Identification Card (ID Card). Students in Prep to Year Four will also be issued with a retractable lanyard card holder to attach to their backpacks.

### **Canteen**

- The College has two canteens that operate each day. Both canteens are open over recess and lunch. The Glenavon canteen is also open before and after school for drinks and snacks.
- Lunch orders are managed via the Flexischools app or website. Parents can register as a user, place orders and make payments. All lunch orders must be submitted by 9.15am each morning.
- VCC Student ID Cards may be loaded with credit for over-the-counter canteen purchases via the Flexischools app or website.
- Primary lunches are delivered to classrooms. Secondary students collect orders from the canteen.
- If a child leaves lunch at home, an attempt will be made to contact parents. If unsuccessful, staff will provide the child with a sandwich. Parents will be notified.
- Take-home meals for families are available each Thursday. Menu options and ordering details are included in the College Newsletter.

### **Communication Processes**

- The College makes every endeavour to maintain high levels of communication with parents. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the College via e-mail or by direct contact through the Administration Office.
- Junior, Middle and Senior Such-School Assemblies are held each Monday morning. Administrative matters pertaining to the week will be presented, as well as student awards and acknowledgements. Parents are most welcome to attend.
- ‘News of Victory’ is published weekly and is distributed via Xuno. Please ensure that you read the Newsletter, as it is our major form of regular communication with parents.
- The Student Diary is an important means of communication between teachers and parents for students in Years Five to Twelve. Students bring diaries to every class. Parents are asked to look over their child’s diary each week and sign it. Homeroom teachers will do the same. Items recorded in the diary include homework tasks, assignments, teacher and parent comments, important College events and dates, etc.
- Home Room Teachers e-mail parents each week with details of homework requirements and upcoming events.

### **Complaints Management and Procedures**

- The College has a strong commitment to provide positive, clear, appropriate, successful and Biblical processes for resolving grievances and complaints between students and staff, and parents/carers and staff. These processes aim to assist the development of strong and enduring relationships, release anxiety, support sound pastoral care principles, and endeavour to provide students with an enhanced learning environment.
- A copy of the Complaints Procedure Policy is available on the College Website.

### **Digital Technologies**

- From 2023, VCC will begin to implement a College-owned one-to-one iPad program for students in Year Three and new students in Year Four to Nine. It will provide a more secure, structured and transparent learning environment. College-owned iPads will be controlled through a Mobile Device Management



program, which will remove many of the potential risks associated with online access.

- A one-to-one BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad program will continue to exist for current Year Four to Nine students in 2023.
- Students in Years Ten to Twelve have the option of using their own iPad or laptop.
- Any families seeking to upgrade their child's iPad are encouraged to contact the College IT Department regarding the College-owned iPad rollout.
- Shared iPads will be provided for Prep to Year Two as needed.
- Students have access to desktop and laptop computers as needed.
- Secondary students use digital textbooks and resources, which are accessed through their iPads.
- It is essential that students bring their iPads to school fully charged every day.
- The College does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of digital technologies. If College-owned devices are damaged or lost, families may be charged a fee.
- Students in Years Three to Twelve and their parents are required to sign an annual ICT and Internet Acceptable Use Policy.
- The College has implemented a Learning Management System, Canvas, through which students can access curriculum, submit assessments, and receive ongoing feedback about their learning.

### **Departure During College Hours**

- If a child has an appointment during school hours, the child should be signed out and back in at the Administration Office by a parent or guardian at the time of the student's departure and subsequent return. No student is permitted to leave the College grounds without authorised permission. Parents are asked to, where possible, please make routine medical appointments outside of school hours, to minimise disruption for students during the school day.

### **Lost Property**

- Lost property can be kept to a minimum by labelling each item of uniform. Lost items are placed into 'Lost Property'. This is stored in a cabinet at the Administration Office. Unclaimed items remaining in Lost Property for more than one term will be donated.

### **Publicity**

- During the many activities that are a part of our curriculum, students are often photographed. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes in advertising the College programs, preparing College displays or to provide student recognition. Permission through Operoo is sought from parents annually to use photographs for publicity purposes.

### **Student Identification Cards**

- Student ID Cards are issued at the beginning of each school year. They may be used for:
  - Bus Travel
  - Canteen purchases
  - Printing
- The first card is issued at no charge, however, there is a replacement fee for damaged or lost cards.

### **Student Printing Services**

#### **Papercut**

PaperCut is a software printing solution that gives students wireless access to the College photocopiers. Students will be given a 6-digit pin and a Student ID Card that will allow them to log into the photocopiers. Students can send documents from iPads, laptops or school computers where the job will wait in a virtual queue. To release the print job students can either enter their pin number or tap the photocopier with their Student ID Card and the document will be printed.

Students can log into PaperCut to check their balance, recent transactions, job history and top-up their credit. Students are provided with an initial balance of \$35.

#### **Lost Pin or Student ID Card**

If a student has forgotten their 6-digit pin they must see their homeroom teacher.

For students who have lost their Student ID Card they must go to the Administration Office so the card can be deactivated. This will ensure that any print credits or pre-loaded canteen credits on the account cannot be used by anyone who finds the card.

If the card is found after being deactivated the student can simply re-authenticate the Student ID Card to their account by tapping the card on the printer and entering their login details or seeing someone from the IT Department.

- **Topping up Print Credits**

All new students will receive a \$35 credit when they are first enrolled. Once this amount has been used, students/parents can add print credits to a student account, making a payment at the Administration Office via cash or card.

- **Printing Costs:**

A4 Black - 8c    A4 Colour - 15c    A3 Black - 20c    A3 Colour - 50c (135 gsm high gloss paper)

### **Timetable**

The College operates a seven period per day timetable on a fortnightly rotation.

Music:	8.50am	
Homeroom:	8.50am – 9.05am	
Period One:	9.05am – 9.50am	
Period Two:	9.50am – 10.35am	
Period Three:	10.35am – 11.20am	
Recess:	11.20am – 11.40am	
Period Four:	11.40am – 12.25pm	
Period Five:	12.25pm – 1.10pm	
Lunch:	1.10pm – 1.50pm	
Period Six:	1.50pm – 2.35pm	Prep to Year Four: 1.50pm – 2.30pm
Period Seven:	2.35pm – 3.20pm	Prep to Year Four: 2.30pm – 3.10pm
Dismissal:	Year Five to Twelve – 3.20pm	Prep to Year Four - 3.10pm

### **Transition Program**

- New Prep students participate in a getting ready for school session in Term Three and a four-day orientation program throughout Term Four. Parents are invited to information sessions about the Prep program.
- Year Six to Year Seven transition includes an Immersion Program with opportunities to try-out Year Seven Subjects, a two-day Orientation Program, and an Information Evening for parents and students. Year Six students have a special graduation ceremony and dinner at the end of the year, and their transition culminates in a Year Seven Day Out event in February.
- Year Eight to Twelve students receive comprehensive careers counselling to assist with Pathways and VCE subject selection, university courses and VET training, and Year Ten students participate in Work Experience.
- Early Commencement Program: This program follows the Secondary Exam Period in Terms Two and Four. At the end of Term Two, Secondary students commence work on the following semester's curriculum. At the end of Term Four, the Program is known as Flying Start and involves students in Years Seven to Eleven stepping up to their next year level.

## **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Primary Weekly Awards**

- The Student of the Week award is presented to students during weekly assemblies, for outward demonstration of the College's values.

### **Secondary Weekly Awards**

- Diary Stamps are awarded during class time for effort and completion of work. Once a student accrues seven stamps, they are eligible to go to Strath Village for lunch on a Friday. Students are transported there and back by bus.

### **Term Awards Assemblies**

- Certificates are presented across the college for Endeavour and Citizenship.
- Awards are also presented to the highest-achieving students each term in core and pathway subjects.

### **End-of-Year Celebration Evening**

This event celebrates the achievements of all students throughout the year.

- **All Primary** students are presented with a special certificate acknowledging their completion of the year.
- **Principal's Awards** are presented to students in Prep to Year Eleven who exemplify College Values and have demonstrated tenacity and perseverance throughout the year.
- **Academic Distinction Awards** are presented for outstanding overall academic achievement at each year level.
- **Subject Awards** are presented for high achievement in individual subject areas for Prep to Year Ten.
- **Dux Awards** are presented for the highest overall academic achievement in each Secondary Year Level.
- **Community Awards** include the ADF Long Tan Award, ADF Future Innovators Award, Ampol All Rounder Award, Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Award, La Trobe University Infinity Award, La Trobe Business Excellence Awards, Karen Kragh Performing Arts Award, Shaun Bergin Sportsmanship Award, Rotary Scholarship, Girls in STEM Award and Friends of Bendigo Art Gallery Award.

Many of the awards presented during the Celebration Evening are sponsored by local businesses and organisations and attract a monetary prize or voucher.

### Student Leadership

- Developing young leaders is an important part of the ethos at Victory. Students are provided with many opportunities to build leadership skills in both Primary and Secondary areas. There is an active Student Representative Council, Primary and Secondary House Captains, Student Chaplains, School Captains, and Senior School Prefects.  
Students are given a range of leadership opportunities from representing the College at major community events, to leading weekly assemblies or speaking at our church and chapel services. Student leaders meet regularly as a team, and participate in nationally recognised leadership development programs. Senior students have the opportunity to attain the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

### College House System

- Students are allotted to 'Houses', in families, for point scoring across a variety of activities including VCC Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country events, and house competitions each term. The Victory Houses bear the names of the Acts Global Churches (Apostolic Church) pioneers of the early 1900s: Hewitt, Rowe and McCabe.
- Primary and Secondary House Captains are elected by the student body (and ratified by staff) to provide leadership to their Houses throughout the year and assist with the organisation of House activities.
- Points are accrued throughout the year and the overall House Champion Award is presented with the House Champion Trophy at the annual Celebration Evening. In addition, the House name is added to the College Honour Board in the Gymnasium to commemorate their win.

## CURRICULUM

- At Victory Christian College we strive to provide an engaging, relevant and God-focused curriculum that is guided by the Australian Curriculum Standards and VCE Study Designs, and differentiated to meet individual student needs and interests.
- The Pathways Program booklet details the curriculum foci at the different stages of schooling across the College. A digital copy can be accessed on the College Website in the 'Learning' section.
- In addition to the curriculum programs outlined in the Pathways Program booklet, students can engage in extra-curricular programs such as:
  - The Student Leadership Program
  - Interschool Sporting Competitions (School Sport Victoria)
  - Instrumental Music Tuition
  - Music Ensembles, Chapel Bands, Choirs, College Production
  - After School Tutoring
  - Art and Music Camps
  - Overseas Study Tours

### Ambulance Cover

- The College has a duty of care to all children, staff, and volunteers whilst at the College. In cases of medical emergency, staff will contact an ambulance in the first instance, before contacting parents or emergency contacts listed for the child, staff or volunteer. All costs associated with an ambulance transporting a child, staff member or volunteer are the responsibility of that person's family. The College recommends any family who does not have a membership with Ambulance Victoria carefully consider joining. More information can be found by calling 1800 648 484.

### Anaphylaxis Plans

- For students who suffer from anaphylaxis, parents are required to provide:
  - an individual ASCIA Action Plan from the student's medical practitioner and provide this prior to the commencement of their first day at the College (a digital copy on Operoo and a colour hard copy)
  - a school Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan, written in consultation with relevant First Aid/Administration Staff through the Operoo platform
  - relevant medication such as Adrenaline Autoinjectors (EpiPen or Anapen) to be stored onsite at the College
  - a completed Distributing Medication Authority Form (available on Operoo.)
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that plans are provided, and that the information in the plans is correct and up to date.
- Parents must inform the College of any changes to the student's medical condition and if necessary, provide updated versions of the plans listed above.
- The College will provide ongoing training to staff in the management of anaphylaxis.
- Where a student suffers from a severe allergic reaction, the College will administer relieving medication (Adrenaline Autoinjectors such as EpiPen or Anapen) according to the child's Anaphylaxis Action Plan and call an ambulance.
- Further information can be found in the Anaphylaxis Management Policy on the College website.
- **See also:** Medication

### Asthma Plans

- Parents of students who suffer from asthma are required to provide:
  - an annual written Asthma Action Plan filled out by their doctor in consultation with parents
  - a school Individual Asthma Risk Minimisation Plan, written in consultation with relevant First Aid/Administration Staff
  - relevant preventer or reliever medication for use when their child is at school
  - a completed Distributing Medication Authority Form (available on Operoo.)
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that plans are provided, and that the information in the plans is correct and up to date.
- Where a student suffers from a severe asthma attack, the College will administer relieving medication according to Asthma Victoria's guidelines and call an ambulance.
- For general asthma management students should carry their own reliever medication and be aware of how to use it.
- For more information, see the Asthma Policy on the College website.
- **See also:** Medication

### First Aid

- When children are feeling unwell or are injured, they will be sent to the Sick Bay for treatment. If necessary, parents will be contacted to collect them. (Children should not contact parents themselves to be collected).
- **Please do not send sick children to the College.** Many illnesses are infectious and have the potential to spread to other students and staff.
- In the case of an injury, a first aid trained staff member will assess the injury, and parents will be contacted if medical treatment is required.
- An ambulance will be called if a child sustains a serious injury.

- Further information can be found in the First Aid Policy on the College Website.
- **See also:** Ambulance Cover; Medication

### Immunisations

- The College participates in the Council-run school immunisation program for the Year 7 students, which occurs during the school year. Parents will receive a Consent Card which needs to be returned to the school even if you do not consent to your child receiving the immunisations.
- Parents will be advised about the dates of the immunisations through the College Newsletter.

### Medication

- A Distributing Medication Authority Form must be completed on Operoo for existing student medical conditions and temporary management of illness. The form details the medication, dose and frequency of use, and gives permission for these to be administered.
- All medications brought to the College must be handed into the Administration Office unless the student is required to keep their medication with them at all times.
- For further information, please see the Distributing Medicine Policy
- **See also:** Anaphylaxis Plans; Asthma Plans

### Operoo - Confidential Medical Information

- Operoo is a secure parent-controlled electronic platform that provides parents with the opportunity to update medical information promptly and accurately and ensures relevant staff have instant access.
- When setting up a student profile, the College will invite Parent One from the enrolment form to complete a Care Profile. This parent is known as the Profile Owner.
- A Second User can only be added by the Profile Owner and be given 'View and Modify access'. Instructions on how the Profile Owner can be found in the following article; [How Does a User Share a Profile with a Second Parent or Carer](#).
- In the case of a dispute, the College is unable to change the Profile Owner without consent from both the Profile Owner and the Second User.

## COLLEGE POLICIES

Families are invited to read the College policies to familiarise themselves with VCC's approach to important matters within the school.

The following policies can be accessed on the College Website:

General Policies	Child Safety Policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anaphylaxis Policy</li> <li>▪ Assessment and Reporting Policy</li> <li>▪ Asthma Policy</li> <li>▪ Bullying and Harassment Policy</li> <li>▪ Camps and Excursions Policy</li> <li>▪ Car Park Policy</li> <li>▪ Complaints Procedure Policy</li> <li>▪ Discipline Policy</li> <li>▪ Distributing Medicine Policy</li> <li>▪ Enrolment Policy</li> <li>▪ First Aid Policy</li> <li>▪ ICT and Internet Acceptable Use Policy</li> <li>▪ Privacy Policy</li> <li>▪ Sunsmart Policy</li> <li>▪ Uniform Policy</li> <li>▪ Yard Supervision Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Protection - Failure to Disclose Policy</li> <li>▪ Child Protection - Failure to Protect Policy</li> <li>▪ Child Protection - Grooming Policy</li> <li>▪ Child Protection - Mandatory Reporting Policy</li> <li>▪ Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy</li> <li>▪ Child Safety Code of Conduct</li> <li>▪ Restrictive Interventions Policy</li> </ul>

## CAR PARK MANAGEMENT

- The lower section of the carpark is reserved for Staff use. The top section of the car park is available for parents and visitors.
- There is no parking allowed along Kairn Road.
- No students are to play, wait or wander in the car park at any time. They must be walking to or from a vehicle.
- When parking in the top car park students, parents and visitors must walk along the footpath (not cross the road and walk through the lower car park.)
- A drop-off and pick-up zone is available and cars must follow the yellow line to join the queue.
- Drivers must not get out of cars parked in the pick-up and drop-off zone or the queue.
- The end of the school day is staggered to help ease congestion in the car park (Prep-Year 4: 3:10pm, Year 5-12: 3:20pm) To assist with traffic flow, parents and carers of students in Year 5-12 are requested not to arrive early. This will allow the Prep-Year 4 pick-up traffic to clear.
- In 2023, new traffic lights will be installed at the intersection of Strathfieldsaye Road and Kairn Road.
- The existing Car Park Policy can be viewed on the College Website. Furthermore, updates regarding day-to-day changes due to the traffic light installation will be communicated to parents in the College Newsletter.

## CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD PROTECTION

- VCC is committed to creating and maintaining a child-safe and child-friendly environment, where children and young people are safe and feel safe. It is vital that we are diligent ambassadors for child safety as an expression of our Christian values and ethos.
- We have detailed our approach to child safety, including our specific legal obligations, in our Child Safety Policies. All are available on the College Website.
- An abridged Child Safety Code of Conduct can be found below.

## CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It also assists in understanding how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, college policies and procedures, and professional standards, codes, or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Principal and College leaders of Victory Christian College will support the implementation and monitoring of the Code of Conduct and will plan, implement and monitor arrangements to provide an inclusive, safe and orderly school including other learning environments such as camps and excursions. They will also provide information and support to enable the Code of Conduct to operate effectively.

All staff, volunteers, contractors, Board members and any other member of the College community involved in child-related work are required to comply with the Code of Conduct by observing expectations for appropriate behaviour below. The Code of Conduct applies in all school situations, including school camps, excursions and in the use of digital technology and social media.

Further information about VCC's commitment and strategies regarding child safety are detailed in the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

## Acceptable behaviours

As staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of the College community involved in child-related work, we are each responsible for supporting and promoting the safety of children by:

- Upholding the College's statement of commitment to child safety at all times and adhering to the College's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Treating all students and families in the College community with respect both within the College environment and outside the College environment as part of normal social and community activities
- Listening and responding to the views and concerns of students, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused or that they are worried about their safety/the safety of another child
- Promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of all students, particularly **potentially vulnerable students** (see definitions).
- Understanding all reporting or disclosure obligations (including mandatory reporting) as they relate to protecting children from harm or abuse
- Reporting any allegations of child abuse in line with the obligations set out in the Child Protection-Mandatory Reporting Policy
- Reporting other child safety concerns (that do not amount to a mandatory report being needed) to the Child Safety Champions in line with the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- If child abuse is suspected, ensuring as quickly as possible that the student(s) are safe and protected from harm.

## Unacceptable behaviours

As staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of the College community involved in child-related work we must not:

- Ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions, or disclosures of child abuse
- Develop a relationship with any student that could be seen as favouritism or amount to 'grooming' behaviour (for example, offering gifts)
- Be alone with a child or young person unnecessarily and for more than a very short time
- Exhibit behaviours or engage in activities with students which may be interpreted as abusive and not justified by the educational, therapeutic, or service delivery context
- Ignore behaviours by other adults towards students when they appear to be overly familiar or inappropriate
- Use sexual innuendo with students
- Discuss content of a sexual nature, except where it occurs relevantly in the context of delivering the curriculum content or a therapeutic setting with a trained counsellor.
- Treat a child unfavourably because of their disability, age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality, beliefs or ethnicity.
- Communicate directly with a student through personal or private contact channels (including by social media, email, instant messaging, texting etc) except where that communication is reasonable in all the circumstances, related to schoolwork or extra-curricular activities or where there is a safety concern or other urgent matter
- Photograph or video a child in a school environment except in accordance with college policy (i.e. ICT and Internet Acceptable Use Policy) or where required for duty of care purposes
- Consume alcohol, smoke cigarettes (including e-cigarettes) or take illicit drugs in the College environment or at other College events where students are present, under any circumstances.

The full version of this policy is available on the College Website.



## ENROLMENT

- Victory Christian College is a Prep to Year Twelve school, dedicated to providing quality, caring, affordable Christian education to the Bendigo and surrounding district community.
- The College is committed to sharing Christ's love and pursuing academic excellence in a dynamic community with fosters creativity and personal success.
- The College aims to build leadership, hope, compassion and self-discipline through a safe and nurturing environment.
- The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, disability, national or ethnic origin.

### Enrolment Guidelines

The main intake years are Prep and Year Seven, however enrolments are considered at all year levels and all year round, if positions are available. If there are no positions, students will be placed on a waiting list. The College reserves the right to hold a vacancy open if no suitable applicants apply.

Each application is considered on its own merit, in the following order:

- Siblings of students already enrolled at the College
  - Children of families regularly attending Victory Church
  - Children of College and Victory Church staff members
  - Children of families regularly attending other local churches, and who demonstrate Christian beliefs and commitment.
  - Children of families whom the Principal considers will fully support the Christian ethos of the College. Consideration will also be given to:
    - Student academic progress, behaviour and attitude to learning as recorded in previous student reports
    - The articulated desire of the child to attend Victory Christian College
    - The family's financial capacity to pay the annual tuition fees and levies
    - The capacity of the College to meet the needs of the child
- NB: Parents seeking to enrol a child with recognised additional needs or disability, will be asked to supply relevant reports and assessments from their previous school/s, relevant medical authorities or other support systems.

### Enrolment Expectations

- That parents/guardians support and encourage the Christian values, activities and ethos of the College. This includes allowing their child to participate in all programs, including Bible classes, Chapel Services, prayer and devotional activities, camps, excursions, sports days and the annual end-of-year Celebration Evening.
- That parents/guardians accept the right of the College to uphold its authority, and agree to support the College's Discipline Policy.
- That parents/guardians agree to provide their child with the correct, well-maintained uniform as approved by the College.
- That parents/guardians undertake to provide their child with all necessary equipment, as stated by the College, so they are able to fully participate in the College's educational program.
- That parents/guardians agree to pay tuition fees and levies in a timely manner.
- That parents/guardians agree to abide by the following code of conduct which outlines the way in which the College requires parents to conduct themselves on site, participating in school-based activities and communicating with members of our community (including students, staff and other parents).

### Parent Code of Conduct

That parents/guardians agree:

- to interacting in a civil manner to staff, students and other parents at all times
- that written and spoken communication to anyone in the school community should be courteous and respectful
- to not raising their voice or getting involved in verbal or online altercations with another parent or

- child under any circumstances
- to advising the College of areas of potential conflict, such as parenting and family court orders in accordance with relevant laws
- to providing relevant medical information about their child to the College, i.e. Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Diabetes Action Plans
- to respecting the privacy of other students, parents, staff, contractors and volunteers in the school community
- to not taking any photos or video footage, or post any photos or video footage on social media, of students, staff or parents without their prior consent
- to ensuring the College is a child safe environment, free from child abuse
- to behaving lawfully on the school grounds and observing the terms of any order, obligation or undertaking they may be subject to
- when using social media to not discuss or mention the College, its staff or any members of the school community in a negative or defamatory way.

### **Tuition Fees**

- Victory Christian College is dedicated to providing quality, caring, affordable, Christian education to the Bendigo and surrounding district community.
- The College is an independent school which receives Federal and State Government funding but requires payment of fees by parents to ensure the continued day to day operation of the College, and to contribute to capital improvement of facilities.
- In line with the College policy to provide an affordable Christian education, fees are kept to an amount that is manageable for most family incomes. Substantial discounts on tuition fees are offered for the second and subsequent children enrolled in the College. The college does not discount fees because of family absence or holidays.
- PAYMENT OF FEES:** All families are required to be on a fortnightly direct debit payment plan. The payment plan consists of 21 fortnightly instalments and commences on the first Thursday in February and ends mid-November. An additional payment, if required, will be made at the end of November to clear any outstanding balance. An Early Payment Discount of 10% on Tuition fees is offered to families paying their total annual fees by 31st March.
- A full copy of the Fee Policy is available on the College Website or from the Administration office.

## **UNIFORM**

- A copy of the Uniform Policy and Guidelines Booklet can be accessed on the College Website. It includes the VCC Dress Code and information regarding uniform items to be worn at specific year levels.
- Hats can be purchased from the Administration Office.
- VCC Uniform can be purchased from Noone Imagewear at 21 Queen St, Bendigo or online at [www.noone.com.au](http://www.noone.com.au)