St James College
BENTLEIGH EAST

A Catholic Boys College in the Lasallian Tradition
WELCOME TO ST JAMES COLLEGE
St James College, Bentleigh East is a Regional Catholic Boys' College offering tuition to students from Year 7 to 10. Founded in 1970, the College caters for the needs of students living in the surrounding parishes.

Our College motto 'Unity In Christ', offers a challenge to all in our school community to work together to achieve our vision. At St James we engage young men in positive learning relationships, to provide all with opportunities for success.

The College embraces the charism of the De La Salle Brothers, a Community of Religious men founded in France by St John Baptist De La Salle for the education of the poor. The Brothers' educational works are found in over 80 countries with 20 schools in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea being staffed by Brothers and Lay Lasallians.

Our curriculum offers a range of opportunities for student learning including advanced subjects for the more able students and individualised programs for those students who may require extra assistance. Our students achieve very well as they transition to our Brother Colleges for future studies in VCE, VET or VCAL courses.

We welcome your interest in our College and invite you to join one of our Friday morning College Tours.

Stephen Pooley – Principal
In 2016, St James College opened its new Visual and Performing Arts Centre. The centre provides much needed contemporary educational spaces for our students including: performance theatre, music and drama areas, visual art spaces, hospitality areas and a gallery space. Aside from being a new facility including the latest technology, this complex has allowed us to expand our courses and to consider new opportunities. As an example, our Year 9 Wednesday Program now includes a unit rotation called ‘The Apprentice’, in which students use a small business model to operate a café. This unit is based around mathematics and incorporates barista training and food handling skills. The teaching staff and the students have welcomed these new spaces and the options that are now possible.
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH DEVELOPMENT
In our Religious Education and Faith Development Program, students prepare and participate in class retreats, class and whole school liturgies, prayer experiences and special Eucharistic celebrations. Our students are invited to explore their Christian understanding through these liturgies and also through the use of meditation, reflection and other expressions of faith.

St James College establishes structures through which students are encouraged to become actively involved in service activities within the local community, as well as becoming involved in social issues concerning peace and justice. Lasallian Service provides the students with the opportunity to gain an insight into the lives of others and allows them to support those who need a hand. Students visit elderly citizen’s homes, primary schools, kindergartens and a range of community groups and assist them in a practical sense.

All students at St James College participate in an annual retreat in their year level. Students are involved with organising the retreats which provide them with the opportunity to reflect and to share their own faith experiences and assist in building a climate of mutual understanding, respect and tolerance.

Our Peer Support Program provides students with an easier and more supported transition into their secondary schooling. The program supports students in establishing new friendship networks. Trained Peer Support leaders from Year 8 and 10 facilitate a number of sessions with small groups of Year 7 students during their first term at the College.
St James College maintains and implements a comprehensive, contemporary curriculum designed to express our Vision and Mission as a Catholic school with a real understanding of Christ and His teachings. It reflects the intentions and standards of the CEM Religious Education and Victorian Curriculum Frameworks, spanning all subject areas.

The curriculum seeks the integration of faith, life and culture. It demonstrates the value placed on the dignity of the individual, the culture of community and a commitment to social justice. It is designed for students to achieve increasing responsibility for their own physical and spiritual wellbeing, their own learning, their own relationships with others, and their role as Christians in the local and global community. The Curriculum focuses on the development of independent, flexible and self-regulatory learners for a world in which knowledge is highly valued and constantly changing, and where relationships are subject to increasing complexity. It provides rigorous programs that have relevance to students’ everyday lives and learning experiences, which are inclusive of all students and challenge the pursuit of high achievement relative to the individual. In Mathematics for example, students have

the opportunity to enrol in Accelerated courses as well as undertake Foundation level programs in all year levels.

**Year 9 Wednesday Program**

The Wednesday Program is designed to provide for the social and emotional needs of young adolescents via a curriculum that facilitates deep engagement with learning. It offers opportunities for students to experience adult-like roles and responsibilities, as well as a range of off-campus learning experiences. The Program consists of 9 compulsory units, each of which is undertaken for 6 weeks. Class groups are made up of 20 students, who remain together for the whole year and rotate through the units.

Units include:

- City Project
- Lasallian Service
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Live Well - Be your Best
- The Man Cave
- Vocational Preparation
- Journalism
- The Apprentice
- Sustainable Living
Technology

In Digital Technology, St James College is at the forefront of the digital revolution with access to 3D printers, the latest Lego robots, an emerging MakerSpace and professional level animation and game creation software across all year levels. Across the curriculum students build and program robots, explore 3D design, create websites, and design and program entertaining and playable games. The VET Certificate II in Creative Industries provides students with VCE Units 1 & 2, a Certificate II accreditation, and the possibility of further study with the AIE in Game Design or Animation.

Design Technology at St James College focuses on Woodwork. Students are taught the essential skills of cutting and joining, creating models that they design and build. For Year 10 students, we offer a VET Furnishings course, giving students a pathway into Year 11 studies and Certificate II upon completion.

VET & Pathways Courses

St James College endeavours to assist all students to successfully complete their secondary education, and to make a successful transition to further education, training or employment. Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses and Pathway Programs provide students with the opportunity to commence a Certificate course or a Pathways program in order to gain learning experience in an area of interest.

St James College views optional courses as enhancements to the Year 10 curriculum. In most cases, a VET course at Certificate II level undertaken in Year 10 fulfils the requirements of a VCE Units 1 & 2 study.
**Music**

Music education at St James College aims to instill a deep love of music in students. It encourages each student to experience the joy of music regardless of age or ability as an integral part of the school curriculum. There is an emphasis on active participation, individual expression, and knowledge and understanding of musical concepts.

Classroom Music focuses on developing sound perception, understanding of key musical concepts and general musicianship using a wide range of musical experiences. Instrumental Music Studies offers private and group instrumental lessons for guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, piano, and are offered on a weekly basis with a specialist instrumental tutor.

St James College provides a number of opportunities for various performance ensembles throughout the school year, both within the school and the broader community. Students have the opportunity of joining instrumental and/or vocal ensembles.

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**Visual & Performing Arts**

In Years 7 and 8, students gain fundamental knowledge in the areas of Art, Drama, Music and Visual Communication. Through further studies in Years 9 and 10, these subjects focus on contemporary art practices, and work towards preparing students with skills and techniques required for VCE across the range of the Arts.

St James College has a strong commitment to guiding and encouraging all students to fully immerse themselves in the creative process and continually challenge themselves in a safe and respectful environment. Students are encouraged to participate in Joint School productions, Art Exhibitions, Theatre Sports, Battle of the Bands and many other Arts activities.
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
Sport has an important role to play in the life of St James College. Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Cross-Country, Football, Tennis, Table Tennis, Soccer, Baseball, European Handball, Swimming, and Volleyball are offered.

The College has an excellent gymnasium, basketball and tennis courts and a playing field, with two further ovals & tennis courts located at Centenary Park.

Students have the opportunity to represent St James College in the Southern Independent Schools Competition at either Junior (Year 7 & 8) or Senior (Year 9 & 10) levels in weekly sports, or in carnivals such as Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming.

St James College teaches students to appreciate the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In Physical Education classes, students participate in units designed to develop their skill acquisition, whole body movements, game sense, tactics, as well as physical strength and fitness. Health units cover a range of topics aimed at maintaining physical, spiritual, social and emotional health.
ST JAMES - OUR PATRON SAINT

St James was one of the Twelve Apostles who were called by Jesus to follow him as he moved around Judea preaching the message of God. From the Gospel stories, James was one of only a few apostles present when Jesus worked many of his miracles and cures.

As we are told in the Acts of the Apostles, James was the first of the Twelve Apostles to be put to death, martyred, for his following and preaching the teachings of Jesus.

OUR LASALLIAN HERITAGE

John Baptist De La Salle was born in Reims, France in 1651, the eldest of 11 children. His father, Louis, was a magistrate thus ensuring a comfortable lifestyle for his family. De La Salle was educated at the University of Reims and at the Sorbonne in Paris, where he began studies for the priesthood. He was later ordained in 1678.

De La Salle started his first school for poor boys in the parish of St. Maurice in Reims in 1679. His first teachers were men of goodwill but with little education themselves, and so needed to be instructed and trained by De La Salle himself. It was from this nucleus of followers that the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the De La Salle Brothers and lay Lasallians, now work in over 80 countries.

St John Baptiste De La Salle was canonised a Saint in 1900 and in 1959 declared “Patron of Teachers”.

COLLEGE VISION

St James College is a Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition where excellence, integrity and respect are highly valued. We engage young men in positive learning relationships which meet individual needs and give all young men opportunities for success.

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