

Trinity

DISCOVER THE TRINITY DIFFERENCE





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Trinity College Colac respectfully acknowledges the past and present Traditional Custodians of the land that is home to our community. The Gulidjan people have nurtured and developed a spiritual connection to the land for more than 45,000 years and we recognise their continuing relationship with Country.

We also honour and acknowledge the contributions made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to the education, support and development of all children and people across Australia.

A man in a grey suit and tie is walking outdoors on a paved path, smiling and gesturing with his right hand. He is surrounded by three students in maroon school uniforms. The students are also smiling and looking towards the man. The background shows green trees and a building under a bright sky.

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Trinity College Colac is much more than a school – it is a community with a proud history of making a difference.

Our origins date back to 1881 when the Sisters of Mercy opened St Joseph's College on Calvert Street in Colac, which was formally amalgamated with the Christian Brothers' school on our current Trinity campus in 1983. We consider ourselves blessed to have the charism of two inspirational founders incorporated in our values – both daring and compassionate educators whose courage and faith has changed the lives of thousands of people around the globe for more than two hundred years. Faith, service, innovation and community have remained at the core of a Trinity education and we continue to provide opportunities for our students to excel academically, socially and spiritually.

Our beautiful spacious campus offers our young people quality facilities that encourage them to seek their personal excellence.

Furthermore, the College has a strong plan for success with future building enhancements and upgrades rolling out over the next decade. These ongoing improvements are complemented with an evolving teaching and learning program designed to continue to raise the bar with our students' academic achievements, whether that be in university pathway studies or vocational and workplace enterprises.

At Trinity we work closely with our students to ensure their learning pathway is best suited to their needs, goals and aspirations. Structured feedback, wellbeing support and positive classroom relationships encourage students to step outside their comfort zone and take on the challenges of learning and development as they navigate their high school and adolescent years.

The Trinity point of difference is reflected by our strong values-based philosophy. As a Catholic school,

Trinity College is inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ and Gospel Values are at the heart of everything we do. Love, patience, kindness, tolerance and compassion are attributes that we wish for our children to model no matter what religion they do or do not choose to align with. Supported by our stringent child safety standards, we nurture respectful and safe relationships that provide a secure and happy environment where our young people are inspired to live a life of purpose.

At Trinity, we ask for our students to commit to being the best they can be and to make a difference in our community and the world around them. That is the College's true measure of success and we value the support of our parents and families as together we build a better world for all.

Welcome to the Trinity Difference.

Mr Paul Clohesy
Principal

OUR PURPOSE AND VALUES

“At Trinity, our students commit to being the best they can be by embracing our Mission and Core Values.”

At Trinity College Colac we celebrate our Catholic tradition and are inspired by Jesus to make a difference. With Gospel Values at the heart of everything we do, we foster a culture of inclusivity, social justice and personal excellence with the aim to equip our young people with skills and values that enable them to embrace opportunities and live a life of purpose.

An education at Trinity aims to prepare future leaders who stand up for what is right and are accountable, resilient and compassionate citizens who make a difference in our community and our world.

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Our Vision

- Inspired by Jesus, we make a difference.

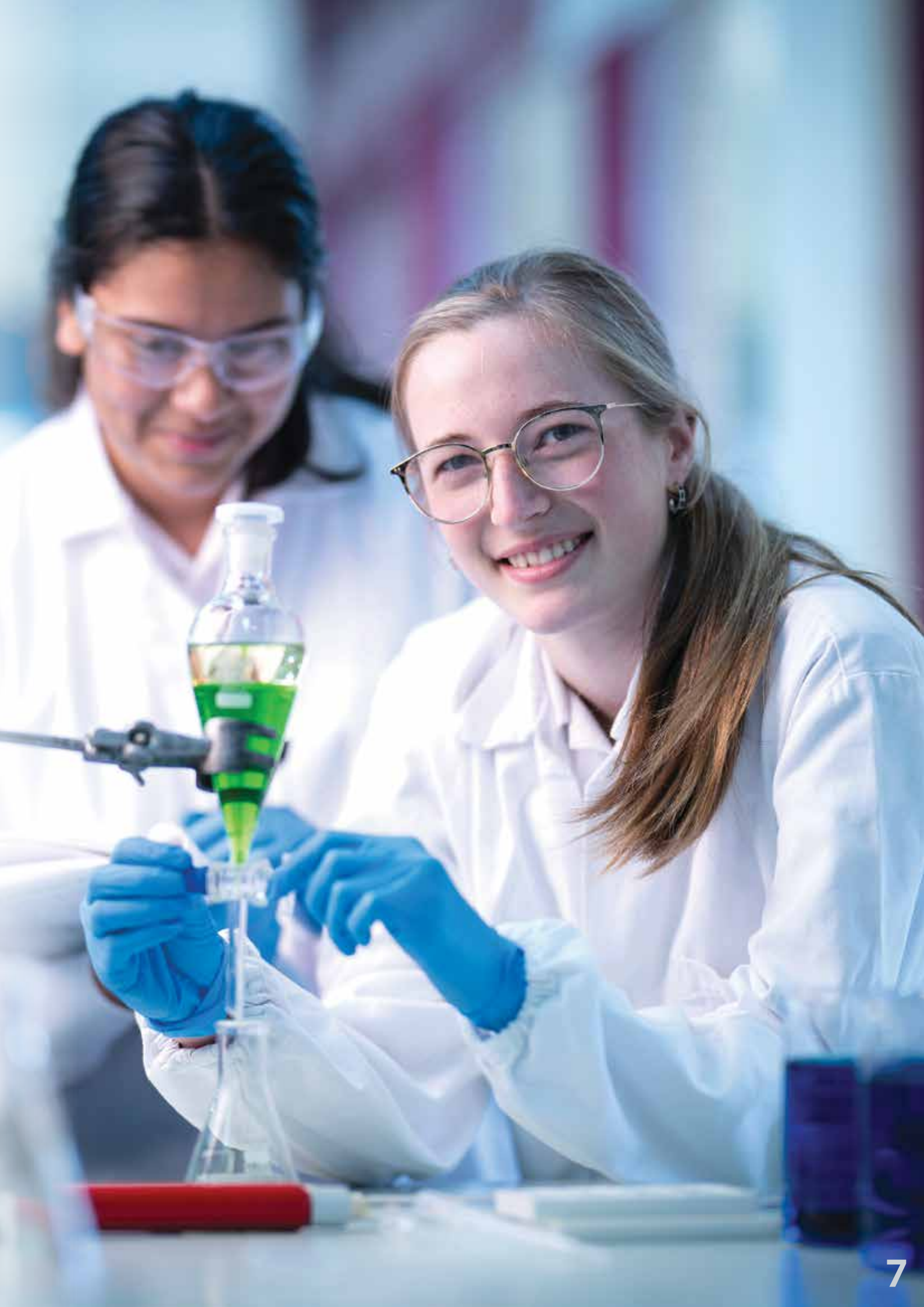
Our Mission

To make a difference through:

- Nurturing respectful and safe relationships in a Christian environment.
- Challenging all to be creative and passionate learners.
- Inspiring a sense of justice, compassion, empathy, curiosity and resilience.

Our Core Values

- We value our Catholic ethos: we celebrate our Catholic tradition in word and action.
- We value our community: we offer a genuine welcome, kindness and responsibility for all.
- We value our learning: we cultivate a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge and understanding.
- We value Social Justice: we act with hope and love to bring about a socially just world.



WHY TRINITY?

“In every aspect of College life, we deliver a consistent message that honours discipline, fosters curiosity and creates habits that lead to a mindset that values personal excellence from Year 7 right through to their final day at Trinity College and beyond.”

At Trinity College Colac, we have an eye firmly on the young person who will leave our school fully informed about what it means to be a resilient and accountable adult who is prepared to make the world a better place. In partnership with our College families, we deliver consistent messaging and role modelling to our students to ensure they achieve their own personal brand of success and spiritual fulfilment.

OUR FAITH TRADITION

Our College is built on the faith values of our founders and the teachings of Jesus Christ are the cornerstone of the Trinity journey. We welcome families and children from other denominations, and find great solidarity in sharing Christian values while holding true to our distinctively Catholic ethos. Everybody in our community is invited to participate in liturgies, retreats and service opportunities that provide tangible ways to celebrate our shared humanity and take action to make a difference in the world. Our students also engage in our faith learnings as part of the curriculum and are invited to explore their own spiritual journey in the Catholic context.

Our commitment to social justice is a defining feature of our Catholic identity. Our young people are challenged to walk alongside those at the margins of

society to grow in empathy and develop the character of a compassionate and ethical global citizen. They are supported to become independent thinkers and encouraged to stand up for what they know to be right so they can contribute to a world that is concerned with human dignity and care for the environment.

OUR STUDENT WELLBEING

The wellbeing of our students is paramount and we believe that building positive relationships with mutual respect has a profound effect on academic and social outcomes. Feeling safe, secure, appreciated and heard empowers students to develop skills that enable them to thrive in the classroom and beyond.

We are consistent with our wellbeing initiatives and programs that support our students' mental health and are deeply invested in their emotional



nourishment. We have high expectations for the disciplined behaviour of our young people so every student feels a valued and loved member of our community.

Trinity College has stringent safety policies and procedures to ensure our students are safe and all staff engage in ongoing professional child safety training.

OUR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Education is our core business and at Trinity we aim for our graduates to be in the best possible position for the next exciting phase of their life and for every student to achieve their goal. Everybody's academic experience is different and our young people are supported on their journey of self-discovery as they become equipped to express their own voice, discover their

purpose and choose their own path to the future.

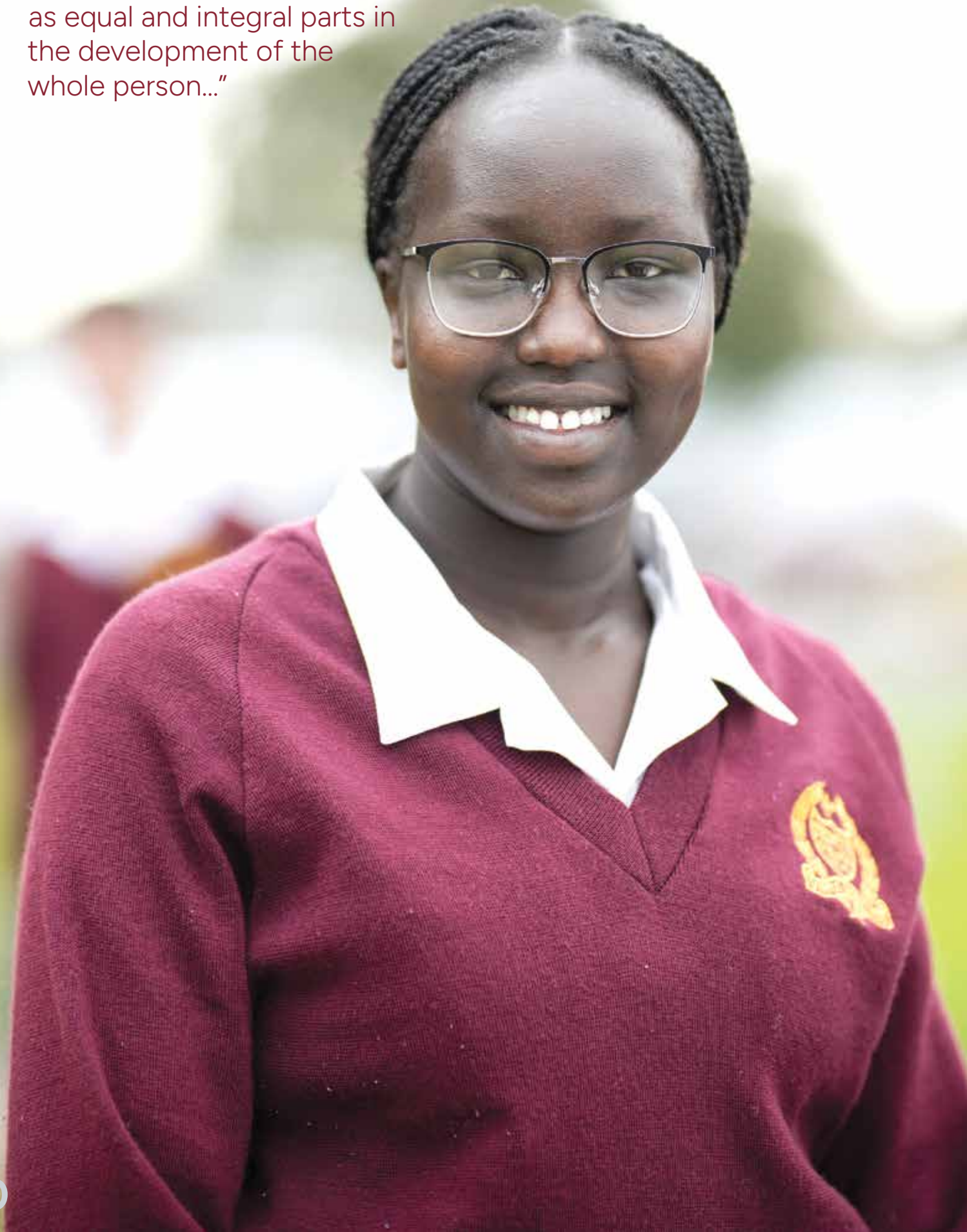
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OUR FAMILIES

At Trinity, the rights and responsibilities of all our community are important to us and the inclusive culture of the College supports every student as they develop through their adolescent years.

A strong sense of identity and worth supports their growth into a balanced and happy adult and critical to this development is the partnership between school and home. Fostering strong relationships with our families enriches student wellbeing, achievement and engagement, and encourages conversations that keep us informed of issues relevant to the educational and emotional needs of the young people who share their time between school and home.

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THE TRINITY DIFFERENCE

At Trinity, our strong focus on faith, excellence, wellbeing and community is captured by our holistic approach to developing our students into the best version of themselves. We call it the Trinity Difference.

An education at Trinity develops character, skills and knowledge as equal and integral parts in the development of the whole person, equipping each of our students with the tools to make a difference in their own lives, in the lives of the people around them and in the wider world.

BUILDING CHARACTER

As a Catholic school, our students are guided by the College's faith tradition. Inspired by Gospel Values, they are encouraged to show empathy and kindness and to strive for social justice, giving them the foundation to be inclusive, open and understanding leaders in our communities.

These attributes empower students to take risks in their learning. They develop agile and resilient characteristics, learning from their mistakes and bouncing back from setbacks. Our students value hard work and are persistent in the pursuit of excellence, overcoming obstacles and remaining determined to accomplish their goals.

At Trinity, we honour achievement and our students appreciate their education and their school, taking pride in their own and others' success. The College fosters a respectful culture where our students value each other and celebrate our community diversity.

A Trinity learner is:

- spiritual and compassionate,
- courageous and resilient, and
- grateful and respectful.

DEVELOPING SKILLS

From their first day at Trinity, students are guided to be organised and successful learners, no matter what their abilities may be. Our classrooms are calm and enjoyable spaces that maximise student engagement, promoting collaboration, communication and teamwork.

As they gain confidence and build supportive relationships in the community, our young people are challenged to be accountable for their academic progress, taking responsibility for their work habits and ongoing learning. They can think critically to analyse problems and creatively to design innovative solutions. They are curious about the world, asking questions and making connections. They examine and investigate complex problems and are encouraged to seek feedback to improve their progress.

As developing adolescents, our students understand the influence of emotions on their learning. They are supported to develop essential coping and self-reflection techniques that are characteristic of a well-formed and responsible adult who can make a difference in the world.

A Trinity learner can:

- collaborate and communicate,
- think critically and creatively, and
- self-regulate.

EMBRACING KNOWLEDGE

Whether they are destined for further studies, the workplace or vocational training, our students develop the attributes of a lifelong learner. Through learning experiences that fuel their curiosity and imagination, they develop skills, habits and character that lead to a growth mindset, and understand the inherent value of these traits in being informed members of our local and global communities.

At Trinity, we walk alongside our students on their journey and we ensure they know where to seek help with their learning and feel confident in doing so. Our learning communities are structured to offer students direct access to support for all aspects of their school life so they can focus on achieving their goals, their aspirations and their dreams.

A Trinity learner knows:

- how to learn,
- why we learn, and
- what can help.

LEARNING AT TRINITY

An education at Trinity College seeks to develop resilient life-long learners who have pride in their own and others' learning achievements.

We offer a rich curriculum that provides plenty of opportunities for every student to discover their unique strengths and to be inspired to develop into curious learners and critical thinkers. We believe that students who are motivated and active participants in their learning are more likely to achieve personal excellence.

Our Behaviours for Learning initiative provides the building blocks for the College's culture of high expectations, providing our students with techniques and habits that contribute towards achieving their potential.

With these formative skills, every one of our students can achieve personal growth through access to quality and collaborative teaching practices. They are guided by a Learning Community Leader who oversees their academic progress, a Year Level Coordinator who provides wellbeing support, and a team of Homeroom Mentors and teachers who are focussed on their personal growth and emotional development.

Working together, our Trinity staff ensure that every child is known, valued and supported on their personal learning journey. Careers counselling, academic and vocational pathways guidance and

assistance in workplace, apprenticeship and training placements provides our young people with the opportunity to define their goals and strive for success.

VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Vocational Education Training (VET) studies allow students to gain nationally recognised units as part of their senior school certificate. Students may also be able to undertake a VET studies in Year 10.

Trinity College hosts the Colac Otway Vocational Education Cluster (COVEC) Trade Training Centre for Hospitality and Kitchen Operations on our school site. In addition, we also offer VET Agriculture, Sport & Recreation and Business on campus, and partner with other training providers to provide our students with access to a broad range of courses including Building & Construction, Automotive, Allied Health, Early Childhood Education and Care, Beauty, Health Services Assistance, Plumbing, Electrotechnology, Animal Studies and many more.

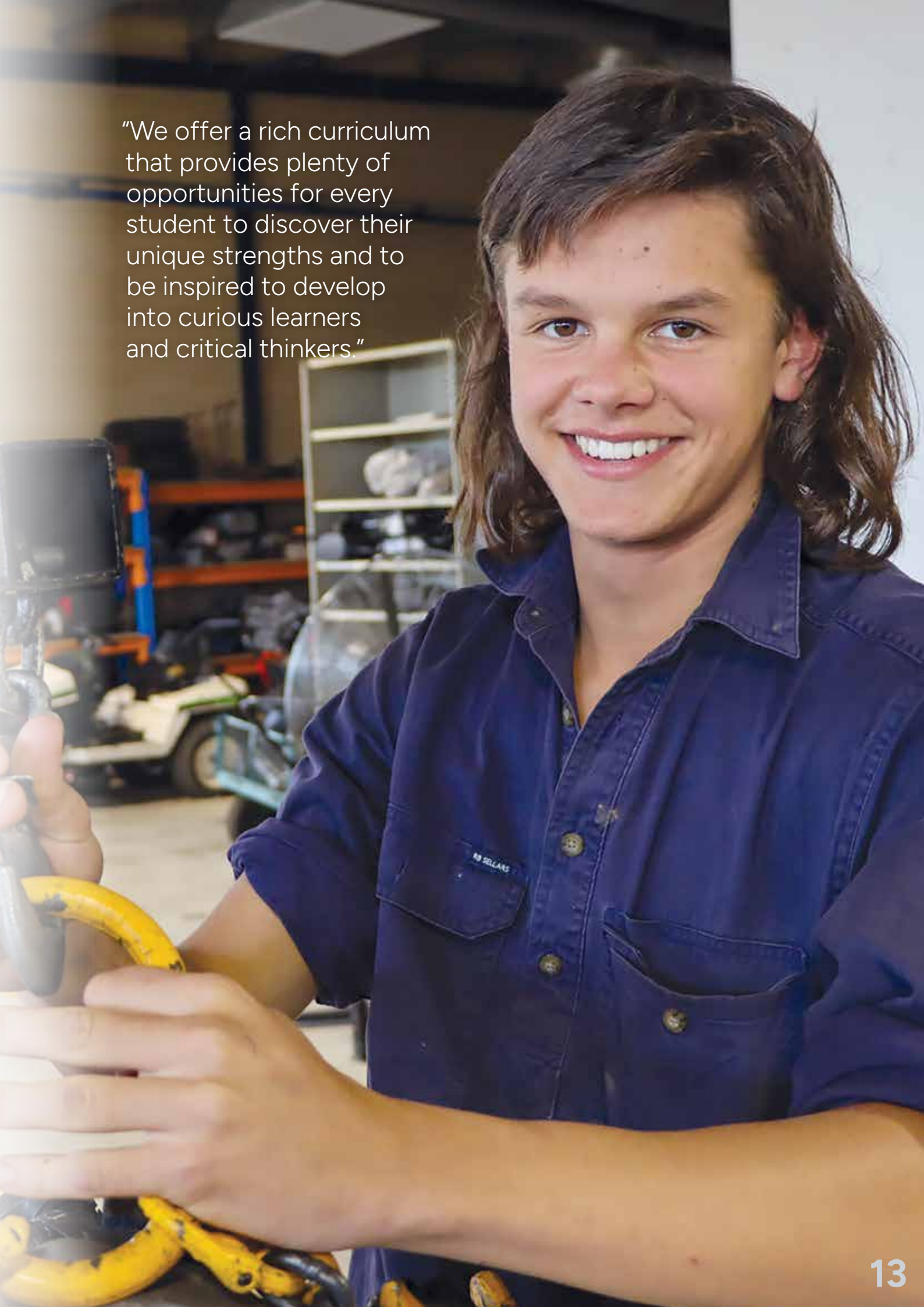
LEARNING DIVERSITY

At Trinity College we recognise that every student learns differently and we are committed to providing all

students with the opportunity to achieve their personal excellence. At times, this means deviating from the mainstream curriculum or adapting the learning schedule to provide the appropriate learning experience for a student.

Our Learning Diversity area is a welcoming and flexible space where our staff support students with a broad range of needs through programs that support their educational development. Working with students and their families to identify goals, our staff use diagnostic testing to assess students' needs and align their learning for a successful outcome. Teachers work collaboratively, moderating and supporting students' unique learning through personalised plans and goal setting to provide the opportunity to be the best they can be.

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EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES

At Trinity, we pride ourselves on offering a diverse and engaging teaching and learning program that is designed to develop curiosity and creativity and encourage lifelong learning.

Our core curriculum is complemented by opportunities to discover every student's unique interests and talents, extending their learning beyond the classroom and offering challenges that build on their character, skills and knowledge.

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

As part of our culture of high expectations, Trinity College celebrates learning success and fosters a student mindset that values academic achievement.

To support these values, Trinity has a Culture of Excellence program to promote student endeavour across a broad range of academic pursuits.

Our Culture of Excellence coordinators encourage student participation in a range of external activities and competitions and create opportunities for extending the learning success of high achieving students.

The program actively seeks out local, state and national competitions and prestigious activities that provide students with the chance to enhance their skills and boost their knowledge.

Students are supported as they extend and challenge their learning and are celebrated for their pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

STRETCH

Trinity offers Year 8 students an opportunity to extend their learning in our STRETCH (Striving To Reach Excellence Through Challenge) initiative. Students who have been identified as academically capable are invited to participate in the program that seeks to offer academic challenges to our talented students and celebrate their achievements. Extension opportunities in STRETCH include participating in clubs, incursions and excursions, collaborative work and projects,

The program also inspires every student at Trinity to strive for personal excellence and fosters a culture of learning endeavour and discipline.

Benefits of the STRETCH program:

- fostering positive learning relationships with like-minded peers,
- building a growth mindset together with a culture of effort and excellence,
- complete all Year 8 core subjects together,
- differentiated program to challenge and extend learning, and
- builds brave and resilient learners.

TOURS AND IMMERSIONS

For many students, participating in one of our school camps, retreats, tours or immersions is the highlight of their time at Trinity. The College offers incredible experiences for students to extend their character, skills and knowledge, explore their faith and spirituality and to foster a true sense of belonging.

Our Year level retreats provide students with valuable time out from classes and their daily lives to deepen their relationship with their faith and develop the attributes of a Trinity student. College camps offer stimulating and challenging activities and allow our young people to build friendships with their peers and make lifelong memories. Retreats and camps are included in the College fees.

Further optional opportunities include immersions to Palm Island and Tanzania where the students are invited into vastly different cultures and lifestyles that can empower them to make a difference in the world. There is also a Top End experience, Ski trip and other organised tours and experiences that provide many opportunities for students to expand their horizons and develop their potential.



Year 7
Rotation Subjects
Computing & Engineering
Connecting to Art
Drama
Food
Music
Textiles
Visual Communication & Design
Wood

Year 8
Electives
Drama
Food
Hands on Art
Music
Textiles
Visual Communication & Design
Wood

Year 9
Electives
Indonesian
Logic Design & Engineering
Media
Music
Outdoor Education
Peak Fitness
Rules & Rulers
Sacred Country
Sewing Made Easy
Show Me The Money
The Science of Living Things
Wood & Function

All Years
Extra Curricular
Artist's Guild
Chess Club
Instrumental Music
Robotics Club
Social Justice Group
Sporting Excellence
Sustainability Group

SPORT

At Trinity College Colac, we are passionate about sport at all levels and believe that physical activity and healthy competition offers our students valuable hands-on learning experiences.

Blessed with a beautiful campus and outstanding facilities, our students are encouraged to find joy and satisfaction in the many activities offered and provided with opportunities to achieve their personal sporting excellence.

Students engage in Sport through the Physical Education learning area up to Year 11 when they can then elect to continue with the subject as part of their senior studies.

Competition

Trinity is involved with State Schools Victoria that provides rigorous competition across a range of sports

commencing at the local level, proceeding to the regionals and finally culminating in the prestigious state events. The College is also engaged in other local and regional competitions that ensure our students are provided with a variety of opportunities to represent their school and achieve their best.

Sporting Excellence

Trinity students can pursue personal excellence in our sports program with some of our athletes competing at the state and national level. The College's partnership with the Regional Institute of Sport supports our young people who aim to compete at the elite level, offering specialised athletic development and mentoring for students from Year 7 through to Year 12.

Sports at Trinity
AFL Football
Basketball
Clay Target Shooting
Cricket
Cross Country
Lawn Bowls
Netball
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball





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THE ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS

At Trinity College we are fortunate to have a purpose-built performing arts facility that provides our students with quality spaces that encourage excellence in Music and Drama. Students can study these subjects right through to Year 12 with many choosing to pursue their art with further education.

Music

Our Music program is vibrant and varied with ensembles and bands that thrive in the specialty spaces that include large teaching and rehearsal areas and soundproof and practical instrumental tuition rooms. Music is offered as a Rotational subject in Year 7 and students can elect to continue right through to Year 12.

We have specialist instrumental tutors who visit the College to provide tuition for voice, piano, drums, brass, woodwind and string instruments, and participants have the opportunity to join one of our ensembles and perform at school events and external concerts.

Performance is an integral part of the progress of our musicians and regular evenings that showcase their developing talents are popular with

the students and their families. Held in our auditorium and at external venues, the experience is invaluable to their learning and confidence and also a wonderful way to share culture and art with our community.

Drama

Drama is part of Rotational subjects in Year 7 and offered in Year 8 as an Elective. Students can choose to pursue Drama right through to Year 12.

Our College productions take place every two years and showcase an incredible range of talent from our Drama students. Our whole community shines during these quality performances with dance instruction, choreography, lighting, set design and audio-visual expertise resulting in professional productions that consistently receive rave reviews.

Participating in the College production allows students to bond outside of the classroom, embrace their love of performing, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Teamwork, resilience, discipline and determination are key factors that contribute to a successful production and our students relish the experience.

VISUAL ART

Our Visual Art studios encourage students to explore their creativity and develop fine artistic skills in drawing, illustration, painting, ceramics and sculpture. The program focusses on creative processes and development to guide the students as they build on their skills and knowledge.

Visual Art is offered as a Rotation subject in Year 7. Visual Communications and Design in Years 7 and 8 explores exciting elements of art production and provides experience in graphics software and technology. The Visual Arts can be studied through to Year 12 as part of VCE studies.

MEDIA

An increasingly popular subject, Media is offered from Year 9 as part of the Elective program and can be studied right up to Year 12. Our Media studio boasts up-to-date equipment and students develop practical skills associated with media technology and production as well as an ability to think critically and evaluate content as they work towards producing their own projects.

TRINITY FACILITIES

Since 1967 when the Christian Brothers opened a school for boys with an enrolment of 91 students, Trinity College has been located on its current site on the corner of Pound Road and Hart Street. The location on the edge of town amidst the developing area of Elliminyt was perfectly chosen to be easily accessible to students living locally and further afield with plenty of space to allow for a growing population.

Since those early days, with the amalgamation of St Joseph's College contributing into a thriving coeducational school, Trinity has been a school of choice for generations of local families. Additional buildings to allow for more

classrooms and diversity of learning have followed those early days, with large collaborative spaces and up-to-date technology throughout the campus. The College also boasts a large and modern performing arts facility with retractable seating for more than 300 people and an athletic track and field that provides quality training facilities for our sports programs.

The large grounds offer plenty of space for our large agricultural area with vegetable gardens, paddocks and outbuildings for our livestock providing excellent practical learning spaces for our Vocational studies.

With proposed plans to upgrade our buildings, Trinity College remains focussed on delivering quality education to our current students with an eye to the future.



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BURSARY OPPORTUNITIES

In the spirit of our founders, Venerable Sister Catherine McAuley and Blessed Edmund Rice who devoted their lives to providing education for children in need, Trinity College Colac has established a Bursary Fund to financially assist selected families with the costs of their student fees.

The Bursary Fund has been made possible through generous financial support of former staff, students, community members, local businesses and College fundraising activities. The Fund is managed by the College Principal in conjunction with the Business Manager and at least one member of the School Advisory Council.

The process is completely confidential and at no time will the Bursary committee publish the names of students who have applied for or been successful in their application. The criteria used for selection of successful applicants will be based on the following factors:

The student:

- Has a positive attitude to school and is prepared to work to the best of their ability.
- Has and will continue to contribute to the life of their school.

The family:

- Is supportive of Catholic education.
- Would benefit significantly from financial assistance.
- Is a current recipient of a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension/Veteran's Card or can provide proof of financial distress.

For more information, contact our Business Manager Mr David Testa at dtesta@tcc.vic.edu.au.

APPLYING TO TRINITY



Enquire

Submit an enquiry so that we can stay in touch with you.

Best during Years 5-6



Visit

Join us for a tour of the College.

Come along to our Open Day in March or request a private tour.

Best during Years 5-6



Apply

Complete an online application form.

Your family will be invited to attend an interview in Year 6.

Best during Years 5-6



Offer

Successful applicants receive an offer of a place at Trinity.

End of Term 2 in Year 6

For further information visit our College website at www.tcc.edu.au, contact our Enrolment Officers at enrolments@tcc.vic.edu.au or phone (03) 5233 9255.



WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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