KEW HIGH SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Kew High School — a proud, high-achieving co-educational school with a vibrant, inclusive, and connected learning community. At Kew, we believe that every student can thrive when challenged through a dynamic academic program, supported by strong relationships and a deep commitment to wellbeing.

Kew High School is renowned for our outstanding academic results, with students consistently excelling across a broad range of subjects. Our exceptional programs in both the performing and visual arts have earned state and national recognition, with student work featured in the 'VCE Season of Excellence' and performances celebrated in prestigious festivals. In sport, we are proud to have achieved national championship success in volleyball and futsal, demonstrating the talent, dedication, and spirit of our students.

As a small school with limited places in our International Student Program, we offer a personalised learning environment where every student is known, safe, and valued as both individuals and learners. There truly is something for every student at Kew High School, whether your passion lies in academic excellence, creative expression, sporting achievement, or leadership.

Our values — Accountability, Social Equity, Participation, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence — are the foundation of everything we do. These values align with our school motto: Aspire. Strive. Achieve. They are not just words but the lived experience of our students and staff every day.

At Kew High School, we empower students to explore the opportunities around them, discover their passions, and work meaningfully with others in an environment that nurtures cooperation, creativity, and leadership. The school is situated in a beautiful bushland setting, surrounded by parks and offers easy access to everything Melbourne has to offer — blending natural beauty with the excitement of a world-class city right on our doorstep.

I invite you to explore our website and learn more about the rich opportunities that await you at Kew High School.

Andrew Moffat
Principal



WHY CHOOSE KEW HIGH SCHOOL?

Kew High School is a high-performing co-educational government secondary school in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, with approximately 1,100 students.

Our highly successful international student program has run for more than 20 years. At Kew, we've established well-rounded support systems among staff, students and the community. These give international students the best opportunities to thrive and achieve exceptional academic outcomes.

Some of services available include:

- **an on-site English language centre** – this allows students to study English intensively and eases their transition into mainstream classes
- **an international student leadership program** – all international students have the opportunity to participate in the program, helping them develop and practise their leadership skills. Our international student captains are an integral part of the school's senior leadership team. They represent the international student body and enhance the status and profile of international students in the school community.

A career-focused academic program

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) aims to provide every student with an appropriate pathway through their post-compulsory schooling.

When structuring their VCE program, we encourage students to think about their preferred career options and consider how their study choices can help them reach their goals.

Our students make these decisions in conjunction with career advisers and counsellors, so they know about the specific requirements for any course or career they have in mind.

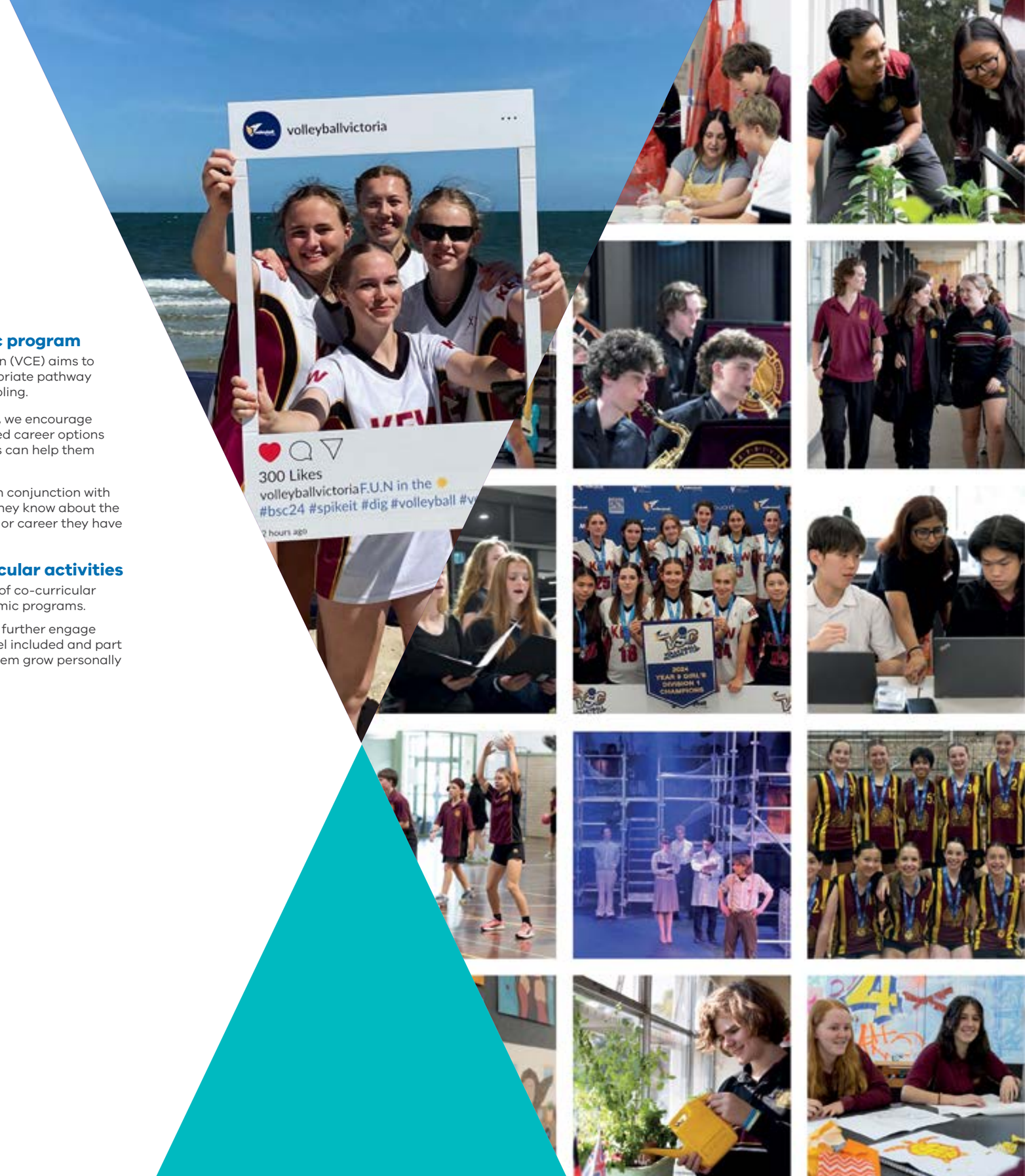
A wide range of extra-curricular activities

Kew High School offers a wide range of co-curricular programs to complement our academic programs.

These activities are designed to help further engage students in school life, make them feel included and part of the school community, and help them grow personally and socially.

Some of these activities include:

- sports
- music
- visual arts
- performing arts
- debating.





Where student welfare is key

At Kew, we offer our international students strong welfare support. Our experienced, caring student coordinators lead a team of teachers who guide and encourage our students so they can settle happily into their new school. This allows them the freedom to pursue their goals more confidently.

We offer a comprehensive orientation program to help each student settle into their new environment. And we keep a close eye on the progress of all our students, offering constant support throughout their time at Kew.

We also regularly inform parents of their child's progress and well-being.

Homestay for international students

Unless they live with their parents or nominated family members or friends, all our international students stay with carefully selected and vetted homestay families.

Homestay families who provide accommodation to Kew High School international students receive thorough screenings and briefings to meet the high standard of accommodation. The international student division of the Victorian Government's Department of Education provide the stipulation.

Our homestay coordinator visits all homestay families twice a year.

Our homestay families live close to the school, providing a supportive environment where students can feel safe and welcome. They also offer practical and personal advice to students whenever it's needed.

In Victoria, all government school homestay families provide:

- a safe, secure, welcoming place to live
- a household compliant with the Child Safe Standards
- a separate single room for the student's personal use
- three meals a day, seven days a week, with reasonable access to snacks and in accordance with the student's dietary and medical needs
- facilities including a bed, wardrobe, towels and linen
- utilities including gas, electricity, heating and water costs, and internet
- cleaning services of common living areas
- the use of living areas within the residence
- study facilities such as a desk, study light and bookcase
- attendance at parent/teacher evenings on behalf of each student's parents.

An outstanding location in Melbourne's inner east

We are located just 10 kilometres from Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD). Kew High School is close to shops; supermarkets; pharmacies; medical centres; cafés; recreational centres; and beautiful parks.

Our school is very well serviced by public transport, with trams and buses regularly passing the school gates.

International students at Kew High School enjoy attending one of Melbourne's consistently high-performing government schools; with excellent access to all the services that make this one of the most liveable cities in the world.



A recent success story

We have a breadth of homestay families, one of which has won the Homestay Family of the Year Award at the Victorian Global Learning Awards for 2022. She has been a homestay family since 2006 and have welcomed students from China, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. She has been respectful to all cultures as well as introduce students to Australian culture and history.

"I am really grateful that I had Danae as part of my journey in Australia, and I think that this is the experience that all international students should have".

– Hieu, Kew High School international student

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