



**Gippsland**  
GRAMMAR

INTERNATIONAL  
PROSPECTUS



## WELCOME TO GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR

We are one of Australia's leading co-educational Anglican schools with a tradition of excellence in education extending 100 years. Based in the picturesque region of Gippsland in Victoria, our School Community includes more than 1100 students from three-year-old kindergarten to Year 12 and we are the only boarding school east of Melbourne's suburban fringe. Our three campuses are dominated by lush, green open spaces and state-of-the-art learning facilities.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For the past 30 years Gippsland Grammar has welcomed international students to our spacious Garnsey Campus in Sale. With a boarding house just a short stroll across our campus ovals, an abundance of lush, green spaces and a focus on both academic excellence combined with a comprehensive co-curricular program, Gippsland Grammar is where all students from all corners of the globe are empowered to Learn, Live and Lead.

Our Century-old Anglican, co-educational, boarding and day school caters for students from ELC to Year 12 across three vibrant campuses, which includes two junior campuses (that include our two Early Learning Centres) and our senior Garnsey Campus in Sale. This ELC-to-VCE offering allows us to create seamless transitions for our students from early learning to primary school to secondary school.

We are committed to high-quality teaching where students are nurtured, challenged and supported by teachers who use positive education strategies in the classroom and beyond. Our VCE results are consistently outstanding, about 20 per cent of our students consistently place in the top 10 per cent of students in the state. While we of course have a strong academic focus, we are also equally committed to an extensive co-curricular program that includes rowing, equestrian and a broad range of outdoor education pursuits.

Gippsland Grammar's strong School Community and pursuit of academic excellence combined with the appeal of living and working in one of Australia's most diverse and picturesque regions is what attracted me to Gippsland Grammar in 2021. In the years since, I have fallen in love with both the School and the region and I encourage you to consider our School as an opportunity for your own family. I look forward to what we can achieve together.

Kind regards,

**MICHELE WAKEHAM**  
Principal



## WHY GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR?

We have an established reputation as a school of excellence that empowers our students to Learn, Live and Lead. Families choose us for our:

**STRONG ACADEMIC RESULTS**

about 20 per cent of our students consistently place in the top 10 per cent of students in Victoria in VCE

**FLOURISHING INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

cultural international exchange programs and international students have been part of the fabric of our school for more than 30 years

**EXTENSIVE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM**

to complement our academic program our students also

flourish in sport, outdoor education, performing arts, music and pursuits such as public speaking and chess

**ON-SITE BOARDING**

our boarding house has been a home-away-from-home for students from both Gippsland and overseas for almost 100 years. Located at our senior Garnsey Campus, the boarding house is a short stroll across the campus ovals

**STRONG COMMUNITY FOCUS**

having Gippsland as our backyard means our students study the geography of the 90 Mile Beach, hike into the wild and wonderful Lake Tali Karng and ski the slopes of Victoria's High Country



GARNSEY CAMPUS  
GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR  
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA





## WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

Our curriculum is diverse and innovative and the learning growth and achievement of every student is the goal of each teacher.

We offer a wide variety of subjects and learning programs to meet the needs of our students at all levels. Our students can pursue their interests and are supported and encouraged to achieve excellence in all they do.

It is our aim for students to become fully involved in the life of the School. Students take part in an extensive sports program and can choose to be involved in our vibrant Music program, diverse Drama productions, or choose to play chess, join our debating team or rowing program.

### Points to note:

- The study of Mathematics at Year 11 level is a requirement at Gippsland Grammar.

- Every student must study either English, Literature, English Language or EAL.

- All International students also study EAL

- Subjects will only proceed any given year if there are sufficient student numbers to run the subject.

SUBJECT	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
ENGLISH	English [cs]	English [cs] + [c] Literature [cs] + [c] English Language [cs] + [c] EAL [cs] + [c]	English [cs] Literature [cs] English Language [cs] EAL [cs]
MATHEMATICS	Maths [cs]	Math Methods [c] General Maths [c] Specialist Maths [c]	Math Methods Further Maths Specialist Maths
SCIENCE	Science [cs]	Biology [d] Chemistry [c] Physics [c] Psychology [d]	Biology Chemistry Physics P Psychology
HUMANITIES AND COMMERCE	History [cs] Geography [cs] Business M/ment [cs] Personal Investment [es]	Economics History Geography Business M/ment Accounting [d] Legal Studies	History Geography Business M/ment Accounting Legal Studies Australian & Global Politics
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH	Physical Education [cs]	Health and Human Development Physical Education Outdoor and Environmental Studies Cert.III in Allied Health Assistance [c]	Health and Human Development Physical Education Outdoor and Environmental Studies Cert. III in Health Services Assistance
RELIGION AND VALUES EDUCATION	RAVE [cs]	—	—
MUSIC	Music [es]	Music Contemporary Performance OR Music Repertoire Performance Cert. III in Music Industry Sound Production [c]	Music Contemporary Performance OR Music Repertoire Performance Cert. III in Music Industry Sound Production
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	Robotics and Electronics [es]	Applied Computing [d]	Data Analytics Software Development
LANGUAGES	French [es] + [c] Japanese [es] + [c]	French [c] Japanese Second Language [c]	French Japanese Second Language
DRAMA	—	Theatre Studies	Theatre Studies
WOOD TECHNOLOGY	Wood Technology [es]	Cert. II in Furniture [c]	Cert. II in Furniture
FOOD TECHNOLOGY		Food Studies	Food Studies
VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN	Visual Communication Design [es]	Visual Communication Design [d]	Visual Communication Design
ART	Art [es]	Art Creative Practice Art Making and Exhibiting	Art Creative Practice Art Making and Exhibiting
MEDIA	—	Media	Media

### TABLE KEY:

**cs:** core subject

**c:** Compulsory to study before proceeding to next year level in subject

**es:** elective subject

**d:** desirable to study before proceeding to next year level in subject



# OUR CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Gippsland Grammar places a strong emphasis on our students' intellectual and personal development and the School's co-curricular program offers a vast array of opportunities for every student to explore and develop new skills outside the classroom.

The School's extensive sports program aims to involve all students at various levels. From our competitive clay target and rowing teams through to weekly sport for all students, it is not surprising that committed athletes become

committed students as the skills apply equally to both study and training.

The Performing Arts program is central to the life of the School and provides an outlet for students to express themselves through music, dance and theatre. The programs are challenging and exciting and offer students the opportunity to be part of a stimulating environment in which they experience the thrill of working together, sharing their talents with others and, above all, having fun.

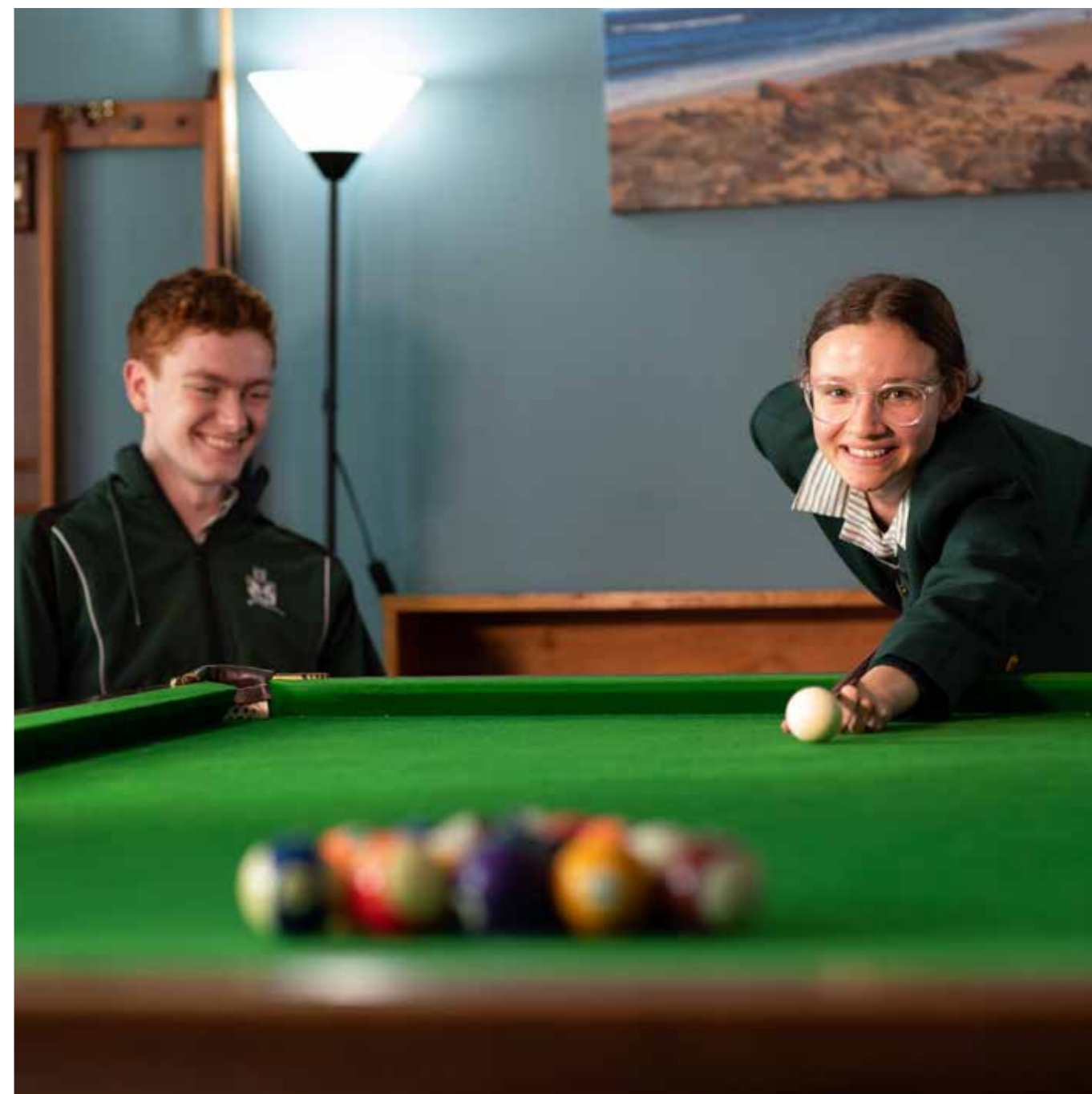
But sport and performing arts are just a taste and the personal talents and interests of our students are developed through our many and varied co-curricular opportunities such as debating, public speaking, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and chess. We encourage all students to get involved in the extra-curricular life of Gippsland Grammar and explore something new they could become passionate about.





*“The best part about being a boarder is the welcoming community where I can get to know students from all year levels. And the weekly onsite tutoring really helps my studies.”*

*- student Stella Mekken from Orbost, about 160km east of Sale in Victoria's High Country. Stella and her three siblings have each been fulltime boarders at Gippsland Grammar.*



## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

A short stroll across the Garnsey Campus sports oval is Blackwood House, which is Victoria's only boarding house east of Melbourne's suburban fringe and is a home-away-from-home for to up to 50 boarders from both overseas and from across regional Victoria.

Blackwood House is a safe, secure and happy co-educational boarding house that offers a unique opportunity for students from Years 7-12 to live and work in a single building on the grounds of Gippsland Grammar's Garnsey Campus. Separate sleeping accommodation is available for both male and female students and most rooms are twin-share with an ensuite bathroom.

All boarding students benefit from the following:

- Two study rooms and a multi-purpose room for tutorials and music practice
- Wi-Fi and computers that are linked to the School Intranet for streamlined access to email and internet
- Social media access available at set times
- A games library with a large collection of board, social and educational games and activities
- Daily and weekly local, state and national newspapers
- Close proximity to sporting facilities including Gippsland Regional Sporting Complex (basketball, netball, indoor soccer), soccer, football, rowing, tennis, tai chi, Shotokan Karate, and the Sale Aquatic Centre
- A spacious, shared recreational area including large screen TV, pool table, courtyards and table tennis
- Within walking distance of the local CBD
- A full range of medical, dental and hospital services are close-by
- Supervisory staff (both male and female) onsite at all times

Boarding students are encouraged to participate in sport and other community activities to broaden their social contact and experience while living at Blackwood House. A commuter bus is available to transport students in and around Sale after school hours and on weekends.

Blackwood House is led by the Head of Boarding, supported by both a male and female supervisor. An extended team of supervisors care for the needs of the boarders who choose to stay at Blackwood House on the weekends by running a full and varied program of activities combined with suitable time for study. In addition, Blackwood House has

a number of academic tutors who assist the students during the week in their studies and support individuals in their quest to achieve their best.

Blackwood House strives to uphold Gippsland Grammar's core values of Compassion, Leadership, Excellence, Responsibility and Respect. Boarders are actively supported in achieving their individual educational goals through hard work and a strong commitment to their studies. Simultaneously, the School aims to foster their development into positive, independent, responsible and confident young men and women.

Choosing Gippsland Grammar's Boarding House to pursue your academic goals opens up a world of opportunity. Students have the chance to make many new friends, the freedom to socialise and plan outings, the support to develop productive study habits and the guidance to grow into the person they want to become.

# OUR REGION



Gippsland Grammar's two campuses at Sale and Bairnsdale are located in the heart of Gippsland in Victoria, which is one of Australia's most diverse and picturesque regions.

Stretching from the eastern outskirts of Melbourne to the New South Wales border, Gippsland's vast landscape offers endless opportunities for exploration including the rugged 90 Mile Beach, the snow-capped High Country, the tranquil Gippsland Lakes and the untouched Wilson's Promontory National Park. Skiing, sailing, hiking and exploring historic towns such as Walhalla are all popular activities, not to mention the culinary treats the region is known for such as freshly-caught fish and chips at the Port Albert or Lakes Entrance foreshores, stocking up the pantry at farm-gate providores, award-winning wineries and some of Victoria's best restaurants.

With a population of more than 13,000, Sale is the Wellington Shire's commercial hub and is home to a number of key local industries with national significance, including the RAAF Base East Sale and ExxonMobil's ESSO Longford Gas Plant. The town has recently undergone significant cultural development and the Port of Sale precinct offers excellent amenities including the state-of-the-art library, the renowned Gippsland Art Gallery and The Wedge Performing Arts Centre.

Victoria's capital, Melbourne, is Australia's second-largest city and is about a two-hour drive from Gippsland Grammar's Sale campuses. Melbourne is renowned for its world-class coffee, hidden laneways, high-end shopping and Australia's home of sport, the Melbourne Cricket Ground.





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

## LEO LI - VCE YEAR 12

"The best part of being here at Gippsland Grammar is the students and the teachers. I chose to study at Gippsland Grammar because of the history and natural environment. I like to play basketball and Gippsland Grammar has given me the opportunity to be involved in basketball which has been my most enjoyable experience and has taught me how to communicate with my teammates.

We often talk about our daily lives and I enjoy their company. I have made a lot of friends during this experience; they are all kind and we have said that in the future they will come and visit China and I will come back and visit them. If I had to describe studying overseas in five words, I would say that it is: good, great, fantastic, wonderful and unbelievable."



## DEREK ZHOU - VCE YEAR 11

"Studying overseas in Australia has helped me improve my English skills, especially in my school subjects such as Mathematics and Science. Being at Gippsland Grammar has created many opportunities for me; I can now study multiple subjects like Media which I would not have been able to study in a Chinese high school. I chose to study at Gippsland Grammar because it is near the sea and it has beautiful views and fresh air.

Many people helped me overcome my fears. All the teachers are nice to me, they know my English is not very

good so when they speak to me, they are patient. I would just like to tell people who are considering joining this program that it is a great program and you will make friends and become successful."



## DORIS QIAN - VCE YEAR 12

"I decided to study overseas because I want to become more independent and I would like to go to different countries and see the world. Attending Gippsland Grammar is very enjoyable. It is a great school with a high ranking. The best part of being at Gippsland Grammar has been meeting all the teachers and students, who are all so nice.

Being a boarding student at Blackwood House is wonderful, the food is awesome, and I think the accommodation is great. Our rooms are clean and nice. The other boarders are kind and friendly. I was nervous

about coming out here because of my language skills and that I might not be able to take care of myself, but the teachers helped me and were always patient. My classmates were also always a helping hand. Throughout this experience, I have gained confidence and it has taught me that I should work hard and always try my best."

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