

# Junior Years at Toorak College

Our Junior School is a nurturing, safe environment where each student is encouraged to excel through structured programs and be the best that they can be. We strongly believe that the ultimate advantage we can offer our children is individual care, specific and regular feedback and the development of independence and motivational skills.

Our dynamic educational model, inspired by the principles and practices of Reggio Emilia and delivered through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, allows students to respond to high expectations, irrespective of their individual potential. This is then complemented by our attention to ensuring sound foundational skills are developed through the explicit teaching of Literacy and Numeracy.

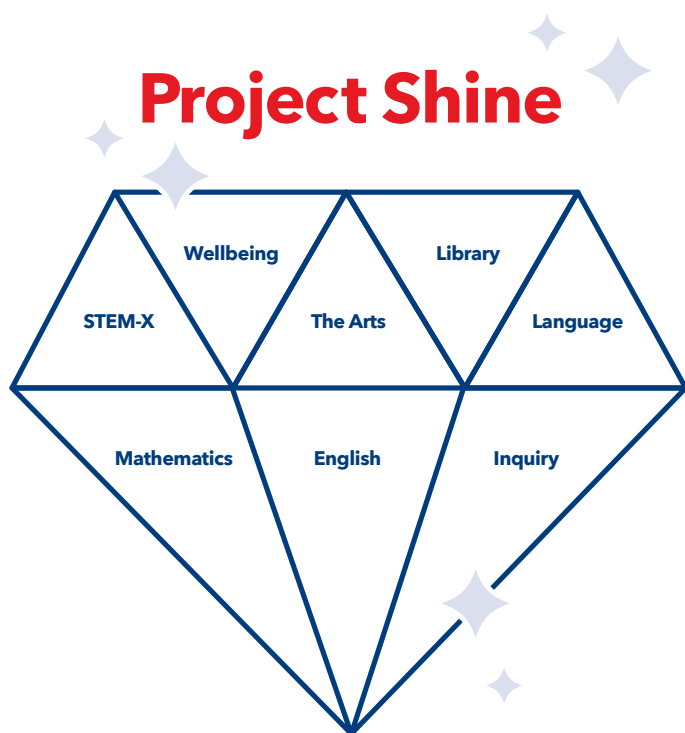
Nurturing the individuality and pastoral care of each student is pivotal in our program. Each morning, our classes begin with a wellbeing learning experience which encompasses activities to improve a child's capacity to be grateful, empathetic and mindful. This, coupled with a breadth of specialist subjects, allows our students to be well-informed and equipped for life's challenges.



Just like a diamond, we appreciate that each of our students is unique.

They each have their own characteristics and strengths which make them shine in their own special way. Project Shine gives our students the opportunity to explore diverse subject offerings where they can develop dispositions vital for learning such as curiosity, creativity, persistence, cooperation and imagination whilst being allowed the luxury of added time to further enhance their core English and Mathematics skills.

With many new additions to our existing specialist program, students will have the chance to explore multiple experiences within The Arts, Health and Wellbeing, STEM, Language and Digital Technology. Given the many facets of our new program, we cannot wait to see our students truly shine in 2019.



## English

## Mathematics

## Units of Inquiry

## STEM-X

Robotics\* | Science\* | Construction\*  
Digital Technology\* | Engineering\*  
Tinker Time\*

## Health and Wellbeing

PE | PMP | 5/6 Sport | Swimming  
Health\* | Wellbeing\* | Nutrition\*

## Visual and Performing Arts

Visual Art | Music | Choir\* | Drama\*  
Dance and Movement\*

## Library and Digital Citizenship

Library | Information Communication  
Technology\* | Cyber Safety\*

## Language and Cultural Appreciation

Chinese\* | Japanese | French

\* New in 2019

*“We endeavour at all times, to provide an environment that nurtures the whole child and caters to individual needs and differences whilst always believing in a child’s capacity to succeed.”*

## Our Approach

Our co-educational environment from Prep to Year 4 provides the perfect platform for our students to begin their learning journey. Small class sizes allow for teachers to easily identify a student’s strengths as well as identifying areas for future growth.

From Year 5, our all-girl advantage provides a prime setting for our students to take risks and be encouraged to participate more readily. Our classroom environment fosters collaboration, cooperation and innovation.



## Personalised Learning

Learning is a partnership between the student, teacher and family. We value the role of family in our community and work to set collective goals, frame future learning behaviours and monitor progress on a regular basis.

Regular assessment informs teaching and learning and is readily available for our families to view. Rich and purposeful data acts as a catalyst for future learning experiences as well as monitoring the progress of individual students. Online termly progress reports and more detailed semester reports allow parents to view growth and celebrate academic successes with their child.

## Co-curricular

In the Junior School, there are a variety of co-curricular programs for students to participate in. These include Visual and Performing Arts offerings, Sport programs and Digital Technology quests. Rich co-curricular offerings allow students to pursue their interests and passions beyond the classroom.



## Out of School Hours Care

Camp Australia runs our Out of School Hours Care program to assist the needs of our busy community. Before school care is available from 7:00am and after school programs are held until 6:00pm. Early Learning and Junior School families can access this program daily. For more information about this service, please register with Camp Australia.



*Dream. Dare. Do.*