



McCLELLAND  
COLLEGE

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## Welcome to McClelland College

### *A Message from Principal Amadeo Ferra*

Welcome to McClelland College. As a parent of four children, I know the selection of a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you can ever make for your child. You need good information to make a thoughtful choice. I hope that as you peruse this prospectus, you will gain some insight into what makes McClelland different and some understanding of what is important to us and why I am so proud of what we do here.

We are recognised for being a research-based, innovative school with a clear focus on first getting to know our students and then tailoring programs to suit their individual needs. McClelland is a wonderful place to learn. We believe that for students to reach their potential they need to be able to follow their passions which is why each week for half a day, every student does just this in our very unique Academy Program that engages each and every student.

The school's academic results are continually improving and this is consistent with a highly structured and disciplined environment that encourages effort and commitment. Our students invariably rise to the challenges they face and we are proud of the success our students achieve.

Academic achievement, however, is only one part of our story. The College's mission is to prepare our young people to be successful, productive, resilient and fulfilled global citizens, and to understand the important role they will have in helping to shape that world in the future.

To this end, students are encouraged to participate in a broad range of activities and programs designed to develop their skills and abilities to work and play in an atmosphere of co-operation and harmony. Emphasis is placed on community, ownership, growth communication, leadership and relationship building.

Thank you for your interest in our exceptional College and I encourage you to explore why McClelland College is a thriving educational community and the right setting for your child.



## Why Choose McClelland?

- **Success**
- **Care**
- **International Lifestyle**
- **Academy Program**

In order to get the very best from our students we do things a little differently. We know that the 'one size fits all' approach in education isn't the best model anymore, so we've opted for personalised learning programs that genuinely tailor education to meet our students' needs. Our passionate teaching team is dedicated to our personalised learning method, which is taught in our modern senior centre and open plan junior learning centres.

A focus on improvement underpins the personalised learning philosophy and students experience success every day in our academic educational setting.

The McClelland Academy Program is a unique whole-school program designed for students to gain valuable hands-on experience in their chosen area of passion. This elective based program allows students to pursue their passions with like-minded individuals from all year levels.

## Our Commitment

- Our experienced teachers know and care for every student.
- We personalise learning so that each student can experience success.
- We foster each student's passion through our unique Academy Program.





## Our School

McClelland College is located in spacious, leafy grounds minutes from pristine beaches, parks and shopping centres, with excellent transport links to the CBD. Our caring and passionate teachers coupled with our personalised learning approach guarantees each student has an individual learning program and career plan to suit their needs. Students enjoy the unique Academy Program where they follow their passion and perfect their skills. The school has strong ties to Monash University, Melbourne University and Victoria University whose quality student-teachers support our students on a weekly basis with additional tutorial support.

## Co-Curricular Opportunities

McClelland aims to develop and grow the whole child and co-curricular programs are one way in which we do this. There are many exciting programs for all students to participate in, including:

- Maths and Science Competitions
- Accelerated Learning Programs to support and extend high achieving students
- The Academy Program
- Study Club
- Music
- School Musical
- Debating
- Award-winning Student Leadership Programs
- Peer Support and Mentoring
- Sport Competitions (basketball, table tennis, soccer, volleyball etc.)
- Drama plays
- Talent Quests

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Students also have access to a wide range of programs and excursions where they have the opportunity to experience learning in real-world settings. Some of these exciting opportunities include:

- Central Australia Camp – 2 weeks exploring Australia's famous Uluru (Ayers Rock) and 'The Outback'
- International student camp and orientation tour program
- SES – State Emergency Service Rescue Training
- Maths and Science Competitions and Tutoring Program
- International Exchange Trips to countries including Japan, USA and Fiji.
- Snow Camp
- Surf Camp

## Care and Wellbeing

At McClelland, we realise what an important decision parents make in choosing to send their child overseas to study. Parents want the best for their child's emotional, social and academic future and we understand that it is our core duty to see that all of these areas are catered for. We believe in educating the whole child and our strong focus on welfare means that we can ensure our staff, systems, and programs all work together to ensure your child can learn in a safe, caring and supportive learning environment.





## Homestay

McClelland College takes great care in screening homestay families and matching the needs and interests of the international student with the homestay family. Upon arrival in Australia your child will be placed with a caring and suitable homestay family from the McClelland or greater Frankston community. Regular inspections of the homestay, as well as regular and personal consultation with the family and the student will occur to ensure all parties are happy and comfortable with the homestay arrangement.

*“The homestay families that were carefully selected by McClelland College were truly nice and warm and gave our students peace of mind and a sense of home”*

*Grace Wang from Beijing Sages International Investment Co. Ltd.*

## Personalised Targeted Care

The Assistant Principal oversees the International Program in a full-time capacity, which involves looking after the International students and ensuring that they are supported and that staff and the students themselves are working to maximise their chances for success at the College. The College boasts a number of highly accomplished and experienced ESL teachers who are part of the award-winning School Leadership Team. Additionally students have access to bilingual teachers and aides with international education experience. International students also have access to:

- An after school study club staffed by caring and experienced teachers
- Part-time psychologist and full-time access to a personal counsellor
- Careers Resource Centre and access to a personalised Career Pathway Advisor.

## Communication

Parents can rest-assured they will receive regular, meaningful communication about their child’s progress. Parents can access up-to-date academic results via the schools internet portal at any time. We respect the enormity of the decision parents make in choosing to send their child overseas to study and we respond to that with a commitment to travel to each student’s home and deliver feedback to parents and their agents, in person, each year. We feel this signifies our understanding of the importance of educating your child and the respect we have for our International students, their families and their communities.

Relationships are at the heart of our school and we believe learning is a partnership between the student, the school, the home and the community.

## McClelland Alumni

### Josh Hughes

*“I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying at McClelland College. The teaching staff were very caring and supportive, which helped me to achieve entry into my dream course at The University of Melbourne.”*

*Josh Hughes, former McClelland College School Captain and current Bachelor of Science student at Melbourne University*



### Maria Rychkova

*“I was born in Russia but attended school at McClelland College. Ever since I was 9 years old I knew I wanted to be a doctor and thanks to the support and encouragement from my teachers at McClelland I am now living my dream and studying Medicine!”*

*Maria Rychkova, 2012 McClelland College DUX. Currently studying Biomedicine at Melbourne University.*



### Era Christakos

*“I was able to accomplish my VCE aspirations through access to wonderful learning facilities and consistent support from my experienced and engaging teachers. I achieved an ATAR of 98.35, and a perfect study score of 50 in Business Management. My teachers encouraged me to persist with study and helped me to maintain a confident mindset when sitting my final exams.”*

*Era Christakos, 2013 Year 12 McClelland College DUX. Currently studying Business at Monash University.*



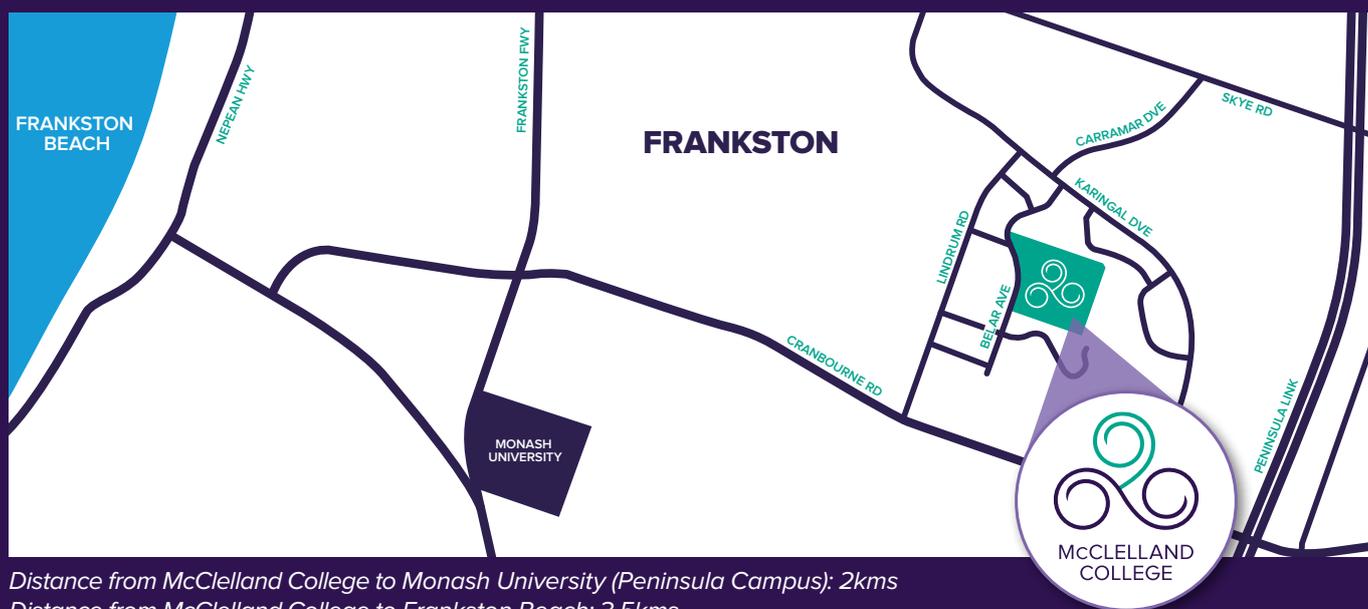


## Melbourne, Australia

Melbourne is a medium-sized multicultural cosmopolitan city, world-renowned for its fine food, sporting and cultural events and of course, the friendly locals!

The College is situated in a beach-side suburb with vibrant shopping and restaurant options on the doorstep and excellent transport links to the city centre. The College is in very close proximity to outstanding universities, with Monash University (Peninsula Campus) within 3km of the school.

The Australian lifestyle: sun, surf and nature's beauty are part of the package when you study at McClelland College.



*Distance from McClelland College to Monash University (Peninsula Campus): 2kms  
Distance from McClelland College to Frankston Beach: 3.5kms*



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