The Middle Years at Preshil
Years 7 to 10
Blackhall Kalimna Campus

“We love it here – we never feel patronized, we respect each other, we have passionate teachers who engage us and who are great at accommodating individual needs.”

Student – Strategic plan focus group 2012
YEARS 7 TO 10

Year 7 at Preshil is the first year for students at our senior campus, Blackhall Kalimna, in Sackville Street. The campus is spacious and relaxed; a place where the students quickly establish their sense of belonging. Friendships develop across year levels and the ‘small school’ sense of community is inclusive and welcoming of individual styles and interests.

Students are not required to wear a uniform and codes of behaviour are based on the values agreed to by the students themselves. There are no bells and no loud speakers, requiring all students to build their own sense of responsibility and self-reliance.

SUBJECTS IN THE MIDDLE YEARS.

From the beginning of 2014 Preshil will offer a Middle Years program increasingly in line with the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. All schools in Australia are required to deliver the National Curriculum and Preshil believes that the MYP is best way to do this, with its emphasis on enquiry, personal research, inter-disciplinary learning, community involvement and creativity. Subjects are made up of core and elective classes in Arts, English, History, Languages other than English, Health and Physical Education, Maths, Science and Technology.

In these ways the MYP is a close match with Preshil’s ongoing approach. Assessment is criteria based, rather than competitive, where students set their own goals and have an active role in assessing their own success in meeting them.
Creativity is part of all learning and while there has traditionally been a focus on the creative arts at Preshil – making, choosing, building, performing - there is a strong focus on offering opportunities for creativity in areas such as maths, science, technology and construction. Musical expression is nurtured and everyone is encouraged to experience the joy of performing in a band or choir, regardless of their level of musical attainment.

In addition, all year 7 & 8 students study Art and Drama, Music, Media and Design Technology. We hold regular exhibitions and performances, celebrating all our students’ artistic contributions. Our Media students contribute their work for screening at the ‘Preshil In-house Film Festival’ (PIFF) and our kitchen gardeners host ‘wood fired pizza fundraisers and contribute to the student-run canteen.

At our core remains an unshakeable commitment to encouraging all children to progress at their own optimum pace towards their own goals and to be respected as persons in their own right.

Preshil will:

• continue to protect children’s rights: their right to play, to choose and to express themselves;

• continue to foster learning and intellectual effort, supporting every student to challenge themselves and take pride in their academic achievements;

• continue to foster accountability, self-reliance and the independence to think critically, to question deeply and the courage to speak out;

• continue to build awareness of the world and a commitment to socially responsible action; and

• actively support our staff of exceptional educators.

“Creativity is possible in every discipline and should be promoted throughout the whole of education.”

Sir Ken Robinson 2011
INFORMATION NIGHTS:

If you would like to learn more about the Middle Years Program at Preshil, please join us for an evening information session.

Next sessions will be held on the following:

These are held in the school library on the Senior Campus at 12-26 Sackville Street Kew.

To assist us in organising these evenings please register your intention to attend by contacting the school Registrar Cressida Batterham-Wilson on 9816 7901 or email to registrar@preshil.vic.edu.au

“Creativity is not an indulgence that we need to have a bit of as well as all the hard work. Creativity is the centre of it - it is the development of mind.”

Margaret E Lyttle

Children are magic

Margaret E Lyttle