

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE



A significant tract of land has been specifically set aside at the eastern end of our property as an outdoor, environmental learning area. Students from all sections of Rivercrest and Hillcrest are able to utilise this unique setting to enrich their learning across a number of curriculum areas. Crest Education is committed to the continued restoration and revegetation of the wildlife corridor along the Cardinia Creek and plans are underway for the development of a permanent Environmental Centre.



CREST INSTITUTE



Crest Education is committed to collaborating with like-minded organisations, both nationally and internationally, in order to foster, promote and lead research, scholarship and innovative best practice in Christian education. Crest Institute will support the work of Hillcrest, Rivercrest, Ayr Hill Equestrian and the Environmental Centre to provide quality education for both for Crest community members and more broadly beyond our borders.



EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



The Equestrian Department has a modern state of the art venue call the Ayr Hill Equestrian Centre. The centre runs programs from Year 5-VCE/DP for College students, staffed by trainers who are passionate about equipping students with the necessary discipline and skills to thrive in the equestrian environment.

The completion of the Trade Training Centre in 2013 has further promoted the provision of high quality equestrian programs for Hillcrest students as well as many who come from other schools to complete TAFE level equine accredited courses. The centre also confers a community benefit when it is utilized by a variety of equestrian groups to host their competitions including the highly successful Equestrian Interschool Competitions.



FURTHER INFORMATION

In investigating if one of our Christian Colleges is for your family, here are some valuable guidelines:

- Read as much as you can about each College on our websites.
- Visit the College on an Open Day or a mid-week Open Morning. Alternatively, join an organised tour to get a personal feel for the College.
- Talk with families who are already part of our Colleges. This is often a good point of reference for prospective parents.

Christian schools are great places for children to be nurtured and supported. I encourage parents to look at the websites of both Colleges to find a wealth of information about our approach to teaching and learning, curriculum, co-curricular programs, faith development, service & mission opportunities and student welfare programs amongst other things.



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Introducing our Crest Colleges



WHO WE ARE

Crest Education is a leading provider of quality Christian education to the Casey and Cardinia communities of South East Melbourne. Our magnificent 138 acre property serves as a precinct for two Colleges, Hillcrest and Rivercrest, an Equestrian Centre, Agriculture/Horticulture precinct and Environmental Centre with a magnificent area including waterways and reclaimed bush bordering Cardinia Creek.

Established in 1981, the original Hillcrest Christian College campus was sited at Nyora. In 1996 a campus was created on the current Ayr Hill site on Soldiers Road, growing over the last twenty years from 98 students to nearly 1400. The burgeoning growth of the College led to the establishment of Rivercrest Christian College at the start of 2014.

As Executive Principal with over 20 years' involvement across Crest Education, I have had the opportunity to see the wonderful development of this Christian school community as we outwork Crest's vision and mission. I trust that this brochure will help you as you consider whether Hillcrest or Rivercrest might be a great option for your own children's educational journey.



WHAT WE VALUE

There are certain core values which lie at the heart of the Crest community. It is these which underpin all that we do in the education of our students.

Crest's vision is to be a leading provider of quality Christian education, delivered by Christian staff ensuring the Gospel message is an integral part of all we do.

- 1 Instilling Faith** as an integral part of students education
- 2 Applying Biblical Principles** as we seek wisdom for life
- 3 Pursuing Excellence** in all of our programs
- 4 Providing Nurture** and support throughout our community
- 5 Ensuring Student Wellbeing** as a vital component of their education
- 6 Engaging Real Life Issues** to prepare students for life beyond school
- 7 Connecting Community** through active partnerships

RIVERCREST OVERVIEW

OUR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WITH AN IB FOCUS



Rivercrest started in 2014 with an ELC – Year 1 cohort, with plans for development right up to Year 12 by 2024. One of the key distinctives of Rivercrest is that it is an authorised International Baccalaureate (IB) World school offering the Primary Years Programme. The IB runs three main programmes – the Primary Years Programme (PYP) up to Year 5; the Middle Years Programme (MYP - Years 6 to 10) and the Diploma Programme (DP – Years 11 and 12).

GLOBAL MINDED STUDENTS

Rivercrest students are encouraged to see themselves as global citizens and to recognise the responsibility they have to engender greater harmony among the people of the world. Rivercrest staff are passionate about this program and are committed to seeing the holistic development of each student.

21ST CENTURY CURRICULUM

The curriculum offered at Rivercrest is grounded in 21st century thinking, where all facets of education are connected and interlinked. Rivercrest embraces an inquiry approach to learning within the context of a Christian world view. Rivercrest incorporates a strong environmental focus given the proximity to the Crest Environmental Reserve at the back of the property. Technology is embedded throughout the curriculum to equip our learners with the knowledge and skills to be life-long learners.

HILLCREST OVERVIEW



ENGAGED LEARNERS – EXEMPLARY TEACHERS

All that we do as a College is to ensure that all students, from 3 year old ELC to Year 12, are given every opportunity to flourish by developing their God-given gifts and abilities. Using best practice we are dedicated to having students who are confident, creative, collaborative and critical thinkers and communicators who demonstrate compassion, courage, and commitment as they seek to be Christlike and to make a difference in the world.

OUTSTANDING VCE PROGRAM

Since the first students sat VCE in 1991 in Nyora, hundreds of students have benefitted from an ever growing and now extensive VCE program. Our students do very well across a broad range of disciplines and subjects with over 90% gaining entrance into tertiary courses of their choice.

QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Effective learning needs to take place within modern, well designed facilities. The College is well endowed with such facilities including a Multi-Purpose Centre (Gymnasium), Performing Arts Theatre, Discovery Centre and more recently a Food Technology Centre. A Master Plan for the medium term is currently being devised in order that we continue to provide a quality learning environment.

