

## 2026 Open Night

Good evening

I add my voice to the acknowledgement of the Bunurong People as the traditional owners and custodians of this land, and extend my respect to their elders past, present and emerging. I am proud our school continues their long tradition of celebrating Beaumaris as a place of gathering, belonging, community and learning from each other.

Thank you all for being here tonight. It means a great deal to us that you've taken the time to step inside our college community, meet our people, and imagine what the next chapter of your child's learning journey could look like. Open Night is always one of my favourite events because it gives you a true sense of who we are, through the energy, the warmth and the pride of our students and staff.

*You **Belong** to a community where to learn is to grow.*

*We **Believe** in our CORE Values of Curiosity, Optimism, Respect and Excellence and that these values can change the world.*

*You will **Become** your best selves on the journey, and the designers of our future.*

That is our vision. Our mantra. Our guiding principles in the education of your children.

At Beaumaris Secondary College, belonging is at the heart of everything we do. When a young person walks into our school, we want them to feel seen, valued and supported. We believe that respect for all, and the building of authentic relationships, are the foundations of a thriving school community. These are not just words on a wall ... they shape how we teach, how we learn, and how we treat one another every single day.

Our beliefs are grounded in simple, powerful truths: That **high expectations** and a **positive approach to learning** promote growth. That **kindness, gratitude and a positive mindset** support wellbeing. And that **self-discipline and self-regulation** build character.

These principles guide our students as they grow into the people they are becoming; global citizens who question the world around them, embrace the challenges of a changing future, and celebrate diversity in all its forms.

## **The Beaumaris Way**

We often talk about *The Beaumaris Way* ... our shared commitment to curiosity, optimism, respect and excellence. These CORE values are the compass points that guide our students through their secondary school years.

- **Curiosity** We encourage students to wonder, to explore, to ask questions, and to express their ideas with confidence.
- **Optimism** We believe in the future, and in our students' capacity to make a positive difference in the world.
- **Respect** We uphold empathy, understanding and care for others.
- **Excellence** We strive for our personal best and support others to do the same.

These values are not distant ideals; they are lived experiences. They shape how students approach challenges, how they collaborate, and how they grow as learners and as people.

## **A Place for Everyone**

What we are most proud of is that

***There is a place for everyone at Beaumaris***

***And at Beaumaris, everyone can make their place in the world.***

This is our promise: that Beaumaris Secondary College is more than a school. It is a vibrant community where identity, belonging and personal success are nurtured.

Every young person who joins us brings their own strengths, interests and aspirations. Our role is to help them discover those strengths, develop independence and take ownership of their learning. Through persistence, reflection and commitment, students grow not only academically but as thoughtful, capable individuals who will help shape the future.

## **Learning That Inspires**

We believe that learning should be transformative. It should open doors, spark curiosity and help young people understand who they are and what they can become. Our curriculum is rigorous, engaging and designed to challenge students to think deeply, explore ideas and develop the knowledge and skills they need for life beyond school.

We are committed to providing a pathway for every student. Whether their future lies in university, TAFE, apprenticeships, the arts, entrepreneurship or something entirely different, we recognise that each journey is unique. Through the breadth of opportunities available at the college, students are supported to pursue pathways that align with their interests, talents and goals.

And we never forget that our students are more than their ATARs or future careers. Our goal is to develop outstanding, confident, compassionate young people, together with you, their families, in an environment that fosters growth, achievement and belonging.

## **A Community That Lifts**

At Beaumaris, we are partners in your child's education. We are allies in wanting the very best for them. And we are trusted guides as they navigate the exciting, sometimes challenging, always transformative years of secondary school.

Tonight, you will meet the culture carriers of our school: our students and teachers. Through them, you will see what Beaumaris is truly about. You will walk through our learning hub, experience how we learn, and meet the extraordinary people who make this place what it is.

Our staff bring passion, expertise and genuine care to their work every day. They model the values we teach, and they create the conditions in which young people can flourish. When families experience Beaumaris, they do so through the daily interactions, encouragement and support offered by these remarkable educators.

And it is our students who bring our school's energy, culture and achievement to life. They are the heartbeat of our school; they shape who we are as a learning community.

### **Looking Ahead**

Our mission is to inspire students to become independent learners, free thinkers and responsible global citizens. We want them to understand their personal agency; their ability to influence their own lives, and their collective capacity to contribute positively to the world around them.

Our students are curious, optimistic and globally aware. They take pride in their school and in one another. They take risks in their learning, they celebrate each other's successes, and they show respect, empathy and inclusion in their relationships.

This is the Beaumaris Way. This is who we are. And this is the community we invite you to join.

Thank you for being here tonight, for considering Beaumaris Secondary College, and for imagining the possibilities that lie ahead for your child at our school. We look forward to walking this journey with you.