



PORT MELBOURNE SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Introducing Port Melbourne Secondary College – a message from the Foundation Principal

Dear families,

I'm delighted to introduce Port Melbourne Secondary College – or 'Port' for short! – our community's newest inner-city vertical school. I'm thrilled to have been appointed as Foundation Principal of Port, and since my appointment I've been overwhelmed by the warm welcome that I have received. I'm looking forward to leading the establishment of our newest government school, and working with our fantastic community over the coming months and years.

Whilst current government restrictions may be limiting our opportunities to meet face to face, I want to keep our community informed as to Port's progress and let you know some of the exciting things that are in store as we move towards 2022.

Our building is progressing well and all areas of planning for 2022 are well underway. Members of our leadership team have now been appointed, and in September there will be opportunities to meet with our team in a series of online 'principal meet and greet' sessions; for further details, and to express an interest in attending, please email me using the address included below.

In the meantime, I've included below some 'Frequently Asked Questions' that might be of interest to families who have enrolled, or who are interested in enrolling, at Port. Also included is a [recent article](#) published about our new school which may be of interest.

Please don't hesitate to contact me over the next weeks and months as questions arise via anne.stout@education.vic.gov.au

I look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with our community!

Anne Stout

Foundation Principal



Frequently asked questions

Will the building be ready for day one, 2022, and will families be able to visit for a tour?

Construction of the college is progressing well and all areas of the building will be open and usable for our first day of school. It is anticipated that families will have the opportunity to visit the college late in term four, subject to COVID 19 restrictions, and virtual tours will be available to those who cannot be onsite.

Can I enrol my child if I'm not in the designated zone?

Port has been designed to accommodate families in the Port Melbourne and Fishermans Bend localities, so these families will be prioritized for placement; however, some places will be available for families outside the zone in the early years of establishment. Families interested in enrolling are encouraged to email anne.stout@education.vic.gov.au to discuss placement for 2022.

What does the school uniform look like and where can I buy it?

The uniform is currently being designed and information about uniform will be made available soon. Uniform will be supplied by Bob Stewarts, and will be available for purchase in early 2022 at their Albert Park uniform shop.

Will the College offer a SEAL program?

The college will offer a selective program for highly able students and information about this program will be provided to families in term four. In November, all enrolled students will undertake benchmark testing which will assist teachers to plan appropriately for students' transition to their secondary schooling and will identify students who may wish to participate in Port's High Ability Learning Extension program.

What kind of curriculum opportunities are available to my child?

Port will offer all areas of the Victorian Curriculum and has been designed for its context within the new Fishermans Bend Innovation Precinct, with state of the art science, engineering and technology (STEM) spaces to support a creative, innovative and design-based curriculum. Design thinking for innovation will be taught explicitly throughout our curriculum program and creating strong connections with institutions and industries within the Fishermans Bend Precinct will be a priority. However, STEM is only one part of our program! The college has outstanding arts and sports facilities, including dedicated performance and theatre spaces, commercial kitchens and a large, competition grade gymnasium. We are currently in discussion with local sports organisations regarding new sporting partnerships, and families can be assured that whatever their interests – from Maths to Music, PE to Performance – their child will have access to some very exciting opportunities!



How will curriculum be delivered?

The college will provide an online, differentiated curriculum, leveraging technology to enhance learning and make learning accessible and visible to parents. Port will operate a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for all students; families will be provided with information about required device specifications with their information pack in term four.

How can I support the College?

At Port, we believe family engagement is critical to excellence in education and we'd love families to get involved in the college as it opens and grows! Parents who would like to join a committee, learn more about joining Port Parents and Friends, or volunteer to support the college in some other way are encouraged to get in touch via anne.stout@education.vic.gov.au or join our mailing list via port.melbourne.sc@education.vic.gov.au

While our website is currently under construction, families can find us on Facebook or subscribe to our College's Twitter account: @portmelbSC