Student Experience
Boarding
International Students
Toorak College has a long history as one of Australia’s most prestigious boarding schools for girls. Toorak College opens a world of opportunities by providing a superior education and thorough preparation for university and for a future that knows no boundaries.

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Welcome

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Living and studying at Toorak College transforms lives. We provide our students with a superior education and empower them to achieve their goals, whatever they may be.

As the #1 school on the Mornington Peninsula, Toorak College has everything you might expect from a world-class boarding school, including excellent VCE results, experienced teachers and modern facilities. But what truly sets us apart is our personal approach. Small class sizes enable us to get to know your child as a learner and as a person, which allows us to focus on their strengths and develop their potential.

Choosing a school where your child will receive the best possible education and lay the foundations for a bright future is one of the most important decisions a parent can make. At Toorak College, we are committed to working together to create a safe, challenging and rewarding boarding experience for your daughter.

I look forward to partnering with you on the journey ahead.

Mrs Kristy Kendall
Principal

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND BOARDING

Boarding is an important stage in your daughter’s educational journey and helps prepare her for a life at university and beyond. Toorak College is proud to offer girls from different geographical, ethnic and family backgrounds the opportunity to live at our Boarding House, Joan Ansett Hall.

We provide your daughter with a safe and friendly environment in which she can thrive. Our dedicated staff are always on hand to look after your daughter’s academic, social and emotional needs. Each year, I see students grow in confidence, achieve outstanding academic results and establish new friendships that last a lifetime.

At Toorak College, we inspire students to dream big, aim high and succeed. Here, your daughter will mature and become an independent young woman.

Ms Caralyn Dea
Director of International Education and Boarding

“My family and I chose Toorak because with the endless support they provide Chinese students, I knew I would get the university course of my dreams.” Jessica, TC ’18
A school you can trust

EXPERIENCE: OVER 140 YEARS OF SUCCESS

Toorak College has been a leading girls’ school for over 140 years. Since 1874, our School has provided a world-class education to thousands of girls who have gone on to achieve success. Boarding has played a significant role in the development of Toorak College and remains an integral part of the School’s community today.

QUALITY: ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Toorak College is the #1 school on the Mornington Peninsula. Our students achieve excellent VCE results with many graduates continuing their studies at The University of Melbourne, Monash University or RMIT.

INNOVATION: STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Toorak College aims to ensure students thrive. To do this, we provide the best learning environments possible. Innovation continues in 2019 with a Science and Technology Centre. With six biology, physics and chemistry super labs, a DIGI zone for coding and engineering, open learning areas and university style lecture facility, our buildings are at the forefront of education.

PASSION: ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Toorak College is dedicated to the holistic development of students and encourages students to get involved in a range of activities including music, dance and sport. International students have access to our library, music centre, gymnasium, athletics track, pool and wellness centre 7 days a week.
The all-girl advantage

Toorak College is committed to the education of girls and has played a major role in shaping the lives of thousands of women over many generations. We are passionate advocates of the benefits of single gender education from early adolescence.

We know that girls benefit from single-gender learning environments where there are no expectations or limitations on the subjects they study, the activities they participate in or the careers they pursue.

Research shows¹ that girls who attend single-gender schools are more likely to:

- Achieve higher academic scores;
- Go on to graduate and postgraduate study and acquire leadership roles;
- Have more student-teacher interaction and increased focus on class work;
- Have higher participation and greater engagement in Science and Mathematics classes;
- Have a higher level of self-esteem, capability and social wellbeing.

All of these factors are advantageous in the development of your daughter’s career and future earning potential.

“At an all girls school meant I wasn’t distracted in class and my teachers could focus on me.” Annie TC’18

At Toorak College, students are encouraged to participate and challenge themselves within a safe and caring environment. Toorak College offers its students many pathways to becoming a successful leader. Your daughter can take up leadership opportunities within her year level, across the broader school community, as well as within the extensive international student population of Melbourne.

When your daughter joins Toorak College, they become more than a student. Together with her classmates, she will engage in life-changing experiences that will stay with her forever.

¹ Lee & Lockheed, 1990; Stables, 1990; Steinback & Gwitzdala 1995; Watson, Quatman & Edler, 2002; Rowe, 2003.
Exceptional results

Toorak College students are among Australia’s best. We encourage every student to aim high, take on challenges and develop a love for learning.

Once again, in 2018 Toorak College ranked in the top 50 schools in Victoria with impressive results achieved by the entire cohort.

- 45% of our students achieved an ATAR of 85 or above, placing them in the top 15% of Australia
- Over 57% of our students achieved an ATAR of 80 or above, placing them in the top 20% of Australia
- Over 19% of our students achieved a study score above 40. Strong results were achieved in a range of subjects including Maths Methods, Media, Studio Art, Legal and Psychology.

TOORAK COLLEGE GRADUATES HAVE THE WORLD AT THEIR FEET

After studying at Toorak College over 97% of our students will study at top universities including The University of Melbourne, Monash University and The University of Sydney. Toorak College students will go on to study Science and Engineering, Architecture, Arts, Health and Education.

In 2019, 30% of our International Students will go on to study at The University of Melbourne.

“I always dreamed of studying at The University of Melbourne. Coming to Toorak College helped make that dream a reality.”
– Jennifer, TC’16

TOORAK COLLEGE GRADUATES HAVE THE WORLD AT THEIR FEET

The University of Melbourne
The University of Sydney
Deakin University
Monash University

Toorak College holds a prestigious partnership with The University of Melbourne and the Melbourne Schools Partnership International. Every year The University of Melbourne organises a range of activities tailored to international students enrolled in Year 11 to inspire them about their future study. This partnership also offers the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program for Toorak College girls. Every year all Year 11 international students apply and The University of Melbourne chooses the most outstanding student based upon not only the student’s academic results but their participation within the school’s co-curricular activities and their involvement in leadership roles at school and in the community.
World-class facilities

The Toorak College campus covers 11.5 hectares with outstanding facilities, beautiful gardens and breathtaking views of Port Phillip Bay. Toorak College is firmly committed to providing its students with world-class facilities, both in and out of the classroom.

On Campus Intensive English Language Centre

Toorak College is one of only a few schools in Australia to have its own Intensive English Language Centre (IELC) on campus, ensuring a smooth transition for our international students. Our program provides international students with the language skills they need to allow them to be an active member of the Toorak College community from day one.

Using a combination of the latest diagnostics, learning techniques and small group activities, our dedicated IELC staff are able to swiftly advance the English language skills of their students.

“In an international student, I wanted to improve my English. The Intensive English Language Centre was very helpful. It only took me one term to improve my English enough to move into mainstream classes.” Emily, TC ’19

Inspirational, knowledgeable teachers

Toorak College’s teachers are as inspiring as they are experienced and they strive to see students fulfil their potential and reach their goals.

We place emphasis on employing teachers who can provide our students with an excellent education. All of our teachers have advanced degrees, which means they are experts in their subjects. Our education team consists of experienced authors, examiners and renowned speakers.

Our teachers are very experienced in working with international students. They are available outside of class time and your daughter can seek one-on-one help whenever she needs it.
The best support and care

At Toorak College, we believe an exceptional education not only focuses on academic skills, but on emotional and physical wellbeing as well. We know that in order to succeed, our students must settle into their environments and feel supported.

The staff at Joan Ansett Hall are enthusiastic, caring and committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for your daughter. We know each of the students well and form respectful and open relationships with each girl and their parents. Next to Joan Ansett Hall is Toorak College’s Health and Wellbeing Centre. Our trained nurses take care of any medical needs our students have and quality doctors and hospitals are only a few minutes away from our campus should the need arise.

“When I feel stressed I know the staff will help me. They are my second mums.”
Tina, TC ‘18
Living in Joan Ansett Hall

Joan Ansett Hall is nestled in the beautiful grounds of Toorak College. It is a secure and newly renovated boarding house, with everything your daughter will need.

By living at Joan Ansett Hall, your daughter will:
- Develop sound routines, especially surrounding academic excellence;
- Improve her independence, self-determination, discipline and responsibility;
- Enhance her social skills and her understanding of tolerance and respect;
- Develop her individual spirit and unique self.

Our Boarding House has a contemporary common room, modern bath rooms, laundry facilities, private study areas and a dining room with ocean views.

Girls in Years 7 to 10 are accommodated in twin rooms, allowing them to learn to live cooperatively with others and to develop friendships. Once the students know each other they can nominate who they would like to live with and change rooms at the end of each term. Girls in Years 11 and 12 live in single rooms which allows them to focus on their academic schedule.

At Toorak College, keeping healthy and eating nutritious food is important. A qualified chef cooks breakfast and dinner for our boarding students and we eat together in the dining room. For lunch your daughter will join the whole school community at the Café. We offer a wide variety of menu choices and special diets can be arranged if required. Additionally, Joan Ansett Hall is stocked with essential items such as bread, milk, cereal and fruit. Your daughter is also allowed to purchase her own snacks and prepare these in the common room kitchen after school and at weekends.

“Living far away from home is sometimes hard but I have learned how to discipline myself and how to be more confident. Joan Ansett Hall is like a family, fellow students are like sisters and the teachers are always kind and supportive.” Nicole, TC ‘18
A day in the life

A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY

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ON THE WEEKEND

Boarding students and staff organise activities on most weekends. Some activities are compulsory for Year 7 to 9 to ensure the girls are getting the most out of their weekends away from home. Occasionally an activity will be compulsory for everyone in the Boarding House. Activities are open to all students to sign up to and we encourage the girls to try or experience something new. Activities may include Photography Challenges, Bushwalks, Beach walks, Horse Riding, Peninsula Hot Springs, Cooking and City trips. Students also have access to the school gym on weekends.

“On the weekends, I really enjoy doing lots of fun activities with my friends. Meeting Australian animals was my favourite!”
Candy TC ‘19
Programs for Senior School Students

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8: DEVELOPING A STRONG FOUNDATION

In Year 7 and 8 your daughter will develop her identity, make new friendships, learn new skills and embrace new challenges, so it is important for her to feel a sense of connectedness to the school. Each student is assigned to a House where she will belong to a large group of students across Years 7 to 12. Throughout the year the students dress up and participate in a number of activities. They support each other and work together to earn points and compete for the title of ‘Best House’.

A Leading Teacher will work individually with your daughter to monitor her personal wellbeing. Their role is to support and encourage her to ensure she reaches her potential. Under the guidance and expertise of specialist subject teachers, your daughter will study subjects including English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, Technology, Commerce, Health and Personal Development, Arts and Language.

YEAR 9: MORE CHOICE, MORE GUIDANCE

Our Year 9 program has a range of learning experiences to enrich and engage our students to achieve beyond their potential. Our academic program builds on the core subjects studied in Year 7 and 8 and allows for more diversity and specialisation with the addition of elective subjects. With guidance from her teachers, your daughter will be able to choose her own subjects, but she will also be encouraged to keep her options open.

In Year 9, your daughter and her friends will be given the opportunity to travel internationally or within Australia on our Beyond Boundaries experience. She will investigate and develop her social conscience, leadership and communication skills by engaging in activities that encourage her to be an empathetic, globally-minded citizen. This is a life changing experience for all of our girls and one that is spoken about for many years.

YEAR 10: VCE TRANSITION

Year 10 is an important transition year to VCE where your daughter will fine-tune her plans for the future. In Year 10 your daughter will develop the crucial skills of innovation, creativity, fact-finding, problem solving, and collaboration, which will best prepare her for life.

To prepare students for their future, our Year 10 girls are supported by our Head of Curriculum to determine the skills and subjects they should study. Your daughter will also have access to our Career Development Manager who will provide her with tailored career advice and assist her in deciding the pathway she will take after Toorak College.

YEAR 11 AND 12: ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE AND LOOKING BEYOND

Our program prepares students for the academic demands of VCE and allows them to thrive in Year 12 by embedding the importance of developing skills in independent learning.

Most girls choose six subjects in Year 11 (VCE Units 1 & 2) and five subjects in Year 12 (VCE Units 3 & 4). Some Year 11 students may also undertake Units 3 & 4 as part of our extension program. Our Year 11 students can also apply to participate in a University Extension Course as part of their Year 12 program.

As well as specialised programs we have specialised facilities for our Year 11 and 12 students. Your daughter will be able to study in Bardon House, our purpose built centre for VCE students. Bardon House has been designed as an adult style learning environment and promotes positive, independent study practices and prepares students for a smooth transition into tertiary education. High staff to student ratios, extensive resources and facilities mean your daughter will have the best educational opportunities at her fingertips.
Co-curricular opportunities

At Toorak College, your daughter will find a range of stimulating clubs, sports and activities that will help her explore her interests, discover her passions and reach new heights.

All girls are strongly encouraged to ‘have a go’ at activities they may not have tried before. This includes music, sport, visual arts, performing arts and community service. As part of the Boarding House program, all girls from Year 7 to 10 must be involved in two co-curricular activities each term. This is to ensure that each girl is experiencing as much as she possibly can during her time at Toorak College.

Involvement in all aspects of school life increases each student’s sense of belonging, expands friendship groups, provides opportunities for leadership development and leads to higher levels of motivation and engagement.

“During my time at Toorak College I enjoyed meeting lots of new friends and getting involved in lots of activities, especially music and badminton.” Ellen, TC ‘18
Living on the Mornington Peninsula

Toorak College is only a 50 minute drive or a 1 hour train ride from the centre of Melbourne, in the leafy seaside town of Mount Eliza.

Our location offers a safe and beautifully green environment. Here, your daughter will be able to focus on her learning without the distractions of the City.

Your daughter can easily and safely walk from the Toorak College campus to the Mount Eliza village which has banks, grocery stores and a number of restaurants, cafes and boutiques.

Mount Eliza is the gateway to the picturesque and world famous Mornington Peninsula which has been named by the National Geographic’s esteemed ‘Best of the World’ list as a must see place to visit because of its beauty, beaches, boutiques, restaurants and diverse range of activities.
Important Information

WHO IS THE HEAD OF BOARDING?

Ms Caralyn Dea is the Director of International Education and Boarding at Toorak College. Caralyn is an extremely passionate educator with a particular interest in international girls’ education within Australia.

She has lived and worked in many places around the world including the United States of America, England, China and Australia. These experiences have led her to Toorak College where she cares for and leads our international and boarding students.

WHY DOES MY DAUGHTER HAVE A STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER?

At Toorak we understand how many challenges our International girls face. A dedicated Student Support Officer is part of our Health and Wellbeing Programme for international boarding students. The Student Support Officer speaks your daughter’s native language so communication is easy. They are an important part of your daughter’s life at Toorak College.

YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.TOORAKCOLLEGE.VIC.EDU.AU

CHAT TO DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND BOARDING CARALYN DEA
HOW CAN I APPLY?

Toorak College has a limited number of International Student placements.

You can apply online at www.toorakcollege.vic.edu.au

To gain a place at Toorak College complete the International Enrolment Application form and email it to our Enrolments Office at enrolments@toorakcollege.vic.edu.au with the following information:

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Passport and Visa (if applicable)
- Application Fee
- Copy of your Daughter’s most recent school report
- Copy of any testing (eg. AEAS report)