Extra Curricular Programs

Creative and Performing Arts
At Maribyrnong College, music, drama and visual arts play an important role in the school curriculum and co-curricular program.

Instrumental Music
We currently offer small group lessons in Guitar, Percussion, Woodwind, Brass and Voice. Small group ensembles perform for students and in public. A College band has recently been established. Regular performances are part of the annual music program. In 2010, we also introduced a Band Workshop camp to further enhance a performing ability or participants.

School Production
Each year, the College puts on a major arts event, either in the form of a school production or concert showcasing the acting, singing and dancing talent of our students. This also provides opportunities for students to gain experience in backstage support (e.g. lighting, sound, costume and makeup).

Drama Club
This is held once a week after school and enables students with an interest in performance to develop their talent and meet other students with similar interests.

Arts Festival Week
Arts Festival Week leads up to the school production public performances and includes exhibitions of student art as well as a range of small performances put on by the drama club and instrumental music students and visiting performers.

Interschool Sport
All students are able to try out to participate in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) competitions. We participate in every sport that is offered by SSV.

In Year 7, 8 and 9, students have a scheduled session for ‘sport’ every week and they can select the sport in which they may wish to participate at interschool level. Teams are trained within the scheduled class and selected from the group. In the senior years, students may nominate for one sport per term. Competition goes through stages, from local to district, regional and finally state championships. Our policy about participation is that students should show good team spirit and good sportsmanship, rather than focusing on talent alone. Students in the sports teams have the advantage of being able to play in teams along side elite athletes who are in our Sports Academy.
**College Mission Statement**

Schools are complex organisations. At Maribyrnong we aim to develop:

**Students who are**
- Capable and conscientious
- Engaged, connected and successful
- Cooperative and respectful
- Well presented and well behaved
- Proud of their achievements and school

**Programs which**
- Are challenging, rigorous and innovative
- Are engaging and creative
- Provide individual support and improved outcomes
- Provide diverse pathways to meet students’ needs

**Staff who are**
- Dedicated, innovative and collaborative
- Energetic, outward looking and positive
- Caring, sensitive and supportive
- Role models
- Proud of their work and workplace

**College Facilities**

Maribyrnong College boasts excellent facilities and resources which enable us to provide a safe learning environment that is conducive to high achievement. These include:-
- A state of the art sports complex including basketball and badminton stadium, complete with classroom spaces, fully equipped gymnasium and cafeteria, tennis courts and athletics, hockey and soccer fields
- A newly refurbished 230 seat performing arts/lecture theatre
- A Year 7 precinct with landscaped gardens and play spaces
- Multimedia projectors or plasma screen TV’s in every classroom
- Seven computer labs
- Well resourced library
- VCE study centre
- Air conditioning in every classroom
- Netbooks for all students in Years 10 and 11
- Early acceleration into VCE subjects

**Curriculum**

At Maribyrnong College we aim to provide challenging programs in all curriculum areas and have high expectations that students will strive to achieve their personal best.

The Year 7 - 10 curriculum is based on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. Students participate in a sequential curriculum program across the Key Learning Areas (KLAs):

- Large VCE subject selection
- English/English as a Second Language
- Mathematics
- Science
- Study of Society and Environment (SOSE)
- The Arts - Music, Drama, Art, Visual Communications and Media
- Health and Physical Education - in addition to a Sport program for students in Years 7, 8 and 9
- Technology - Food, Woodwork and Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Athlete Development Program - for students enrolled in the Maribyrnong Sports Academy