Freshwater Creek Steiner School is passionate about fostering each child's individual talents and interests. (Supplied)

# Supporting each student

Freshwater Creek Steiner School (FWCSS) was founded by a group of dedicated mums in the late 1980s. Since then, it has evolved into a primary school as well as a kinder and currently has 177 pupils between playgroups, the kindergarten and all the way to year 6.

Set on 24 acres of farm and bushland in Freshwater Creek, the school has a partnership with the farm next door, allowing children to engage deeply in the farming and environmental care program.

Steiner Education is a growing international movement, with more than 1500 schools worldwide offering playgroups to year 12. The curriculum is based on Dr Rudolf Steiner's childhood development principles and is aimed at creating an environment and activities that allow each child to fully develop their unique physical, academic and emotional capacities and identities.

Steiner Education is a very different approach to mainstream schooling. The students develop strong relationships with the staff. They are supported to grow as individuals while developing the knowledge, skills and sensitivities they will need to grow into capable and confident teenagers.

Primary children have lesson units focused on world stories from different eras. These are supported by specialist subjects including Japanese, handcrafts, music (singing and instruments), painting, farming, gardening and lots more. All subjects are taught through the creative arts, with many hands-on activities, camps and incursions.

"FWCSS provides a creative education of the highest quality, supporting the children to develop clarity of thinking, sensitivity of feeling and strength of will," says head of school Gabby Brennan.

**FWCSS is located at 52 McIntyres Road, Freshwater Creek. For more information, contact info@fwcss.vic.edu.au, phone (03) 5264 5077 or visit www.fwcss.vic.edu.au.**

# Empowering students at Geelong Baptist College

Geelong Baptist College's education journey is a collaboration between students, parents and staff.

Guiding its students to develop skills and talents to contribute positively to the school community and beyond, GBC aims to instill and nurture positive values in its students.

With a fee structure that is transparent and affordable, with no hidden building or IT levies, GBC's open enrolment policy makes it attractive to all faiths whilst holding fast to its biblical values.

From foundation through to year 12, all students are encouraged to adopt values and mindsets that emphasise individual endeavour and academic rigour, balanced with a servant heart and a desire to improve their local and global communities.

Teaching staff strive to assist its students to unpack their gifts and talents, in order that they may bless others and thereby make a marked difference in both the present and the future world.

GBC aims to empower all students to behave in ways that will enable them to integrate meaningfully into a changing and challenging world. Each student is unique and GBC seeks to explore their capabilities and competencies, in order to assist them to direct their studies in those areas where their strengths lie.

Offering a co-educational education on one campus, GBC is dedicated to assisting students to develop in their confidence, build their skills and to establish healthy relationships that will equip them to respond appropriately to life's challenges.

Geelong Baptist College strives to assist students to unpack their gifts and talents. (Supplied)

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