Prepare for a successful future at Geelong High School

Parents and students have faced a tumultuous last two years. The heavy impact of COVID and interrupted periods of remote learning has left many parents wondering what faces their child in the coming years.

If stability and a strong focus on helping secure your child's future is high on your agenda, then Geelong High School will provide the environment your child deserves.

"When you enrol at Geelong High School, you are joining a learning community that is both positive and creative, with a long history of excellence and innovation," principal Glenn Davey says. "Our motto, 'vitae nos parat', means 'we are preparing for life', and there has been no greater example of being prepared to take on life's challenges than what students have faced over the last two years."

A major redevelopment over recent years has provided a welcome boost to the school environment and its commitment to students.

"We are proud to deliver on our commitment, and believe in our vision of being 'a positive and creative learning community that embraces its history and prepares students for life,'" Mr Davey says.

Teachers support students to strive for their best through innovative and engaging teaching programs that encourage its 975 students to develop respectful relationships and strive to achieve their full academic and personal potential.

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The school also delivers a strong focus on Positive Education, a program based on the elements of positive psychology, to build a strong culture of optimism, gratitude, and a growth mindset.

"This teaches all students in years 7-12 the skills of wellbeing and enables students to identify and build on their character strengths to deal with life's challenges," Mr Davey says.

"Whilst at Geelong High School, you will be presented with opportunities to be involved in a wide range of cultural, academic, community and recreational pursuits and to exercise your 'student voice' within and outside the classroom. Leadership, student voice and agency are an integral part of the school culture."

Leadership is actively encouraged and celebrated at all levels, with students taking opportunities to lead as school captains, in sports, performing arts, sustainability and more.

"Students enjoy their opportunity to influence and be involved in the decision-making processes of the school, and taking responsibility for their learning." Mr Davey says.

Geelong High School is located at 385 Ryrie Street, East Geelong. For more information, phone (03) 5225 4100 or visit www.geelonghigh.vic.edu.au.

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

Fostering individual talent

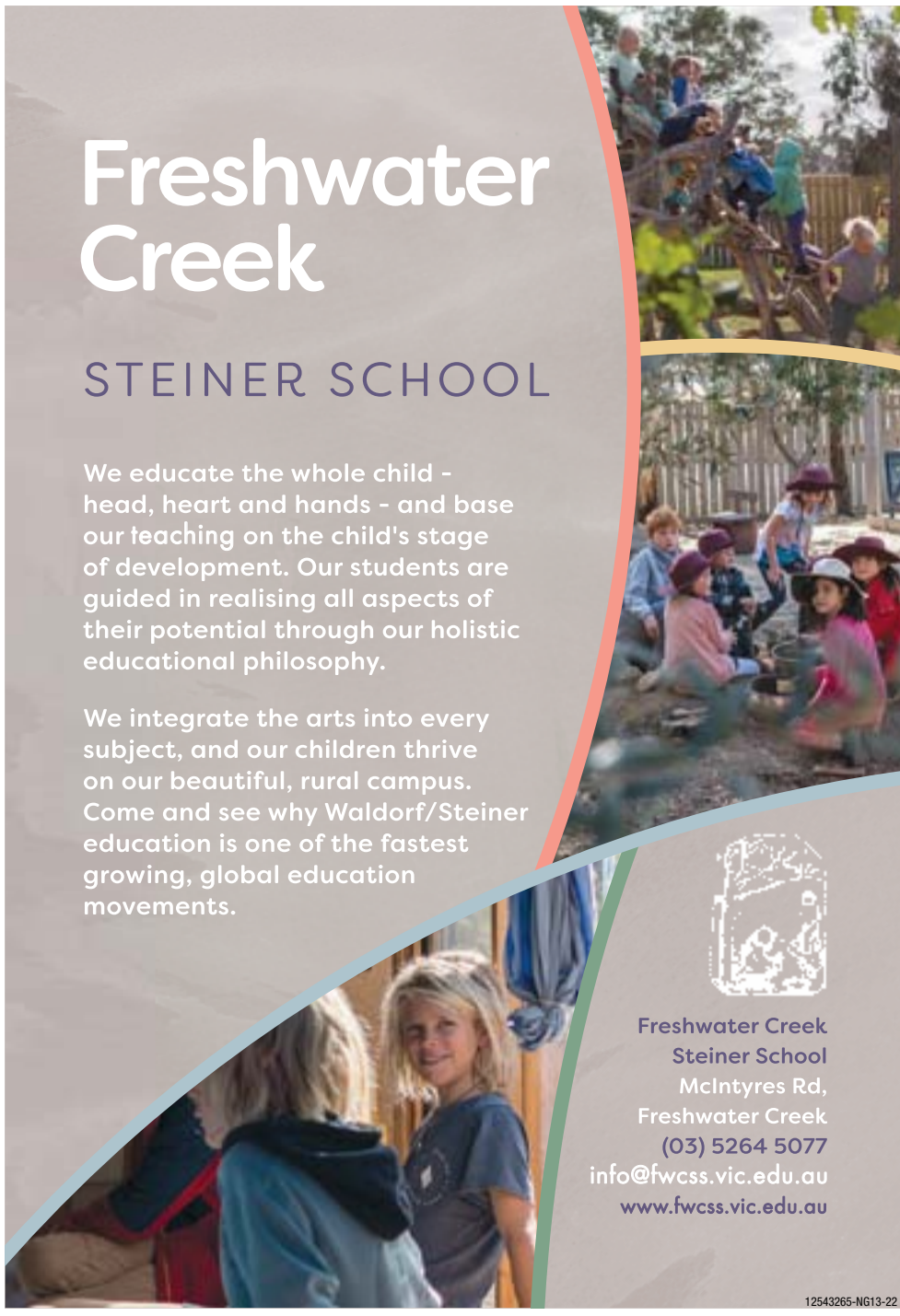
Freshwater Creek Steiner School (FWCSS) was founded by a group of dedicated mums in the late 1980s. Since then, it has evolved into a primary school as well as a kinder and currently has 177 pupils between playgroups, the kindergarten and all the way to year 6.

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," head of school Gabby Brennan says.

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