



St Joseph's College *School of Excellence*

Turning Green Into Gold



Preparing Our Students For A World Beyond

St Joseph's College Echuca aspires to be a place where all people are valued and respected, have equal access to opportunities, and are encouraged to fulfil their talents and potential. In line with this vision, we launched our flagship School of Excellence program in 2025.

Our School of Excellence is a set of educational programs designed to enhance and enrich students' academic experience through a multi-faceted approach focusing on staff and student skills and proficiencies. It is not a replacement for the core curriculum, rather an addition to it. It is about integrating activities that challenge the student academically and physically in the promotion of whole person growth.

Arts Academy

Our Arts Academy caters for aspiring performing and visual artists. It is designed to provide unique opportunities for students who are passionate about the arts and driven by creativity. It focuses on nurturing and generating creativity in students through enrichment learning and performance opportunities designed to foster their curiosity and promote their personal growth and development. This academy will have a direct focus on whole person growth to create outstanding people through their passion and talent for the arts.

Sports Academy

Our Sports Academy aims to enhance our students' athletic ability and nurture their passion through engaging theory and practical-based learning objectives. The academy provides non-traditional approaches to education provision beyond the classic school year, including flexible academic planning, to enable students to achieve their best in dual pathways without compromise to either. The academy focuses directly on whole person growth to create outstanding people through their passion for sport. All that matters in sport, matters in life, and through this program we aim to optimally prepare our student athletes for life.

Academic (Acorn) Academy

The Acorn Academic Academy is an accelerated learning program designed to extend and inspire high-achieving students. Commencing in 2026 for students in Year 7-9, this program provides a faster pace of learning, deeper exploration of the curriculum, and enriched learning opportunities – all supported by strong pastoral care. The Acorn Academy classes follow the Victorian Curriculum but at an increased pace, providing opportunities for deeper exploration, higher-order thinking, and enrichment activities.





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Student Recognition (Colours) Program

Our Student Recognition Colours Program is designed to acknowledge, celebrate and reward student growth, effort, and engagement across all aspects of College life, including:

- Academic Endeavour and Success
- Leadership
- Service and Community
- Co-Curricular Activities
- College Representation
- Ambassadorship

Through affirmation and recognition, we encourage all students to get involved, grow their skills, and make the most of every opportunity the College has to offer.

Student Leadership & Formation Program

The Student Leadership & Formation Program aims to develop young leaders of strength, kindness and purpose through multi-pathway leadership opportunities.

Through the program, students will develop:

- Courageous Leadership
- Social Awareness
- Cultural Understanding
- Environmental Responsibility

Across their leadership journey, students will take part in a range of projects, events, retreats and immersions, learning through awareness, action, advocacy and legacy. They will be guided by mentors including College staff, guest speakers and community partners.

Applications for Year 7 2027 Academies:

Applications for Year 7 2027 Academies open on Wednesday 15 July 2026.
For more information visit www.sje.vic.edu.au/school-of-excellence

