

TRARALGON COLLEGE

LIKE MINDS

What is Like Minds?

At Traralgon College, we believe that regardless of income or educational background, every child not only has the ability, but also the right to learn at high levels. Traralgon College strives for all students to achieve high learning growth.

As part of this, Traralgon College offers students the opportunity to be involved in our Like Minds extension and enrichment program, which for many years has successfully operated to cater for students who exhibit outstanding aptitude and talent in the core learning areas.

This program is designed to meet the educational learning needs of gifted and talented students in a safe, but challenging learning environment with 'like minded' peers who share similar interests, aspirations and abilities.

There is one Like Minds class per year level from Years 7-10, who remain as a group for all their core subjects. Students have the opportunity to work with students outside the program during electives and other programs.

Aims

The aims of the program are to develop:

- Students with strong academic performance, achieving their full learning potential
- Students who are confident to take risks with their learning and have a growth mindset
- Students who are independent and collaborative learners
- Students who are critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers
- Students who are passionate lifelong learners
- Students who enjoy coming to school and are engaged in their learning
- Students who have maximum choices when pursuing their future pathways
- Students with strong 'like-minded' friendships





Suitable Students

Students encouraged to apply for the Like Minds program are those who:

- Typically achieve above the expected level, especially in English and Maths
- Demonstrate gifted or talented learning behaviours; exceptional memory, fast pace of learning, intensely curious, high order questioning, imaginative or creative
- Approach their learning with a positive attitude, diligence, adaptability and enthusiasm
- Thrive on a challenge and strive to maximise learning growth, regardless of their starting point
- Take responsibility for their individual learning and seek assistance when required
- Work productively and collaboratively with their peers in team situations
- Complete and submit all set learning tasks and homework within specified deadlines

Selection Process

- 1** Parents fill out and lodge an Application Form at the Shakespeare Street Campus Office by Friday 12th May, and pay the \$20 application fee.
- 2** Students complete the required testing.
- 3** Short listed students and parents will be invited to complete an interview. Candidates will be required to bring documents to discuss at the interview.
- 4** Parents notified of final outcome before the end of term 2.
- 5** Successful students and parents are required to sign a Like Minds Agreement which outlines expectations and review policies.

Year 7 Information Evening – 1st May 2023

Testing – Thursday 18th May 4.00pm or

Saturday 20th May 9.00am 2023