

Junior School - Curriculum

Students at Years 7 & 8 complete courses in the eight Key Learning Areas set out in DEECD Australian Curriculum for Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS).

The key learning areas for Years 7 and 8 are :

- Mathematics
- Science
- English
- Humanities
- Languages
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Design Technology
- Physical Education, Sport and Health

In Languages students can study either Italian or French

Key Learning Area	Lessons per Week	Years 7 & 8
English	5	We aim to have the same teacher take English and Humanities.
Humanities	4	
Languages	3	Students study either Italian or French.

Students who have recently arrived in Australia and are not English speakers, will be withdrawn from English and some other classes for intensive language instruction with a trained teacher of English as a Second Language.

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Visual Arts Performing Arts Design Technology	6	Students will study two subjects from Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Design Technology Studies for a semester. Over a three semester rotation the fourth semester will be elective based.
Physical Education, Sport and Health	4	Students study two periods of Sport and two periods of Physical Education per week. (One period of Health is taught in Term 3).

The school is fortunate to have its own centre in the country, Mirimbah, located at the foot of Mt Buller.

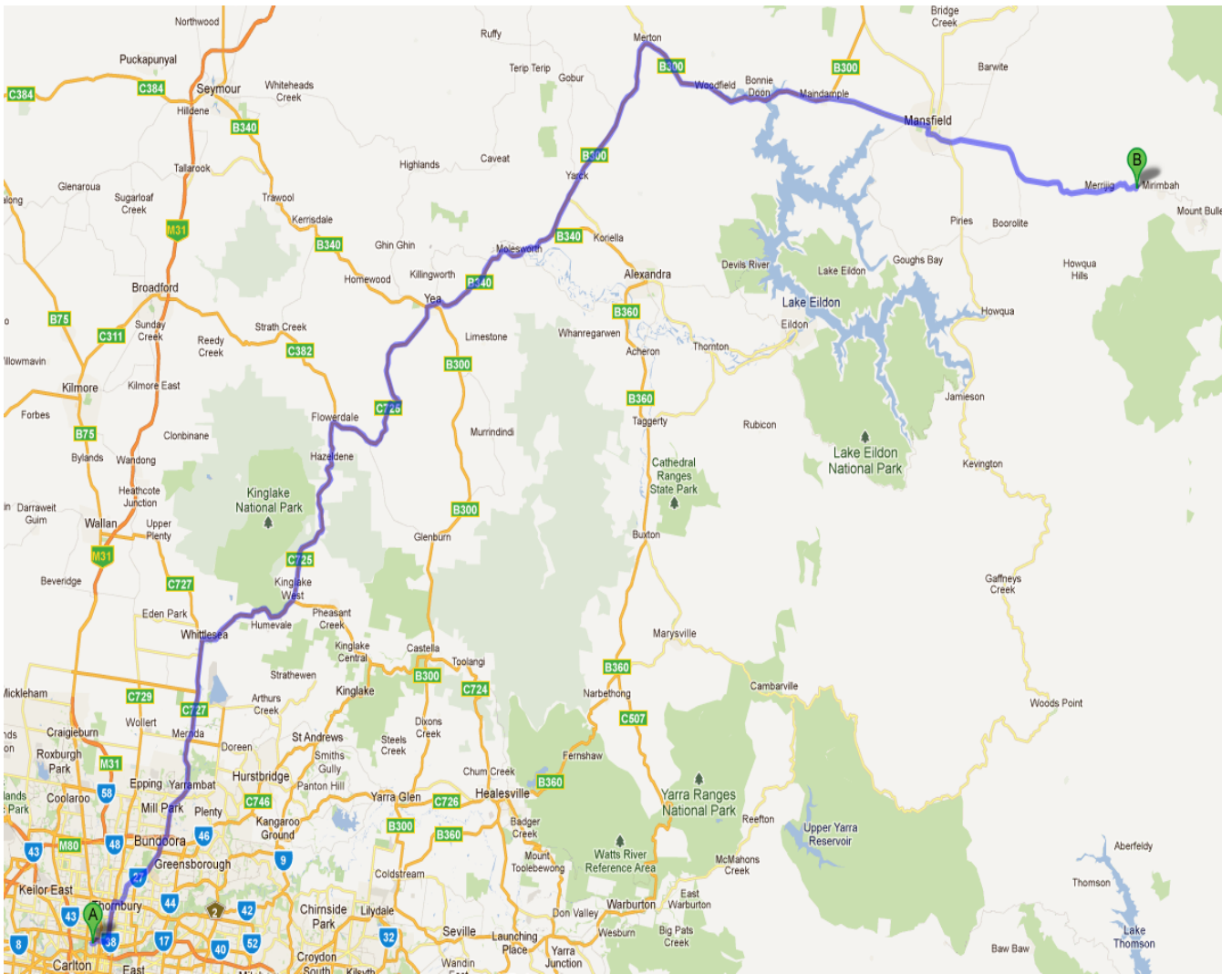


Figure 1 - Mirimbah location



Figure 2 - Mirimbah Country Centre

During Term 1, a Year 7 Orientation Camp is held at. As this is a valuable way for Year 7 students to begin to establish friends and to get to know their teachers, every student is encouraged to attend.

Year 8 students have the opportunity to participate in a Cross-country ski camp held during Term 3.

Students and parents should view camps as an integral part of the College curriculum. All students should attend. Some financial assistance is available where cost may otherwise prevent participation in the camp.