



GENAZZANO
FCJ COLLEGE

Ready to
take on
tomorrow.



Prospectus

We offer students a holistic education that prepares them to become resilient, adaptable and confident women. Ready to take on tomorrow.

Our values

Companionship

The enjoyment and value of working alongside each other in relationships of support, encouragement and service.

Dignity

Our students are respected by themselves and others.

Excellence

The quality we empower in each student to strive to reach their potential.

Gentleness

The quality of doing things in a quiet, humble and careful way.

Hope

An encouraging experience, where as individuals, we form a community and embrace the possibilities of what tomorrow brings.

Justice

A vision of our students to change the world for the better.

Welcome to Genazzano.

Welcome to Genazzano FCJ College, a Catholic day and boarding school, founded in 1889. Genazzano is very proud of its past and present students as well as its inspiring educators and wider College community.



At Genazzano, we share in a future oriented and distinctive learning culture guided by reflection, wisdom and service. We empower young women to transform the world with faithfulness, courage and confidence.

We live this vision through embracing the talents, potential and dignity of each person.

We achieve this by:

- Appreciating the unique giftedness of each other
- Confidently innovating and adapting to embrace a changing world
- Engaging with others with a positive, loving attitude; and
- Energising ourselves through high expectations.

Our hope is that through God's grace working in us all, each young person grows into their best self, with a zest for life and the generosity and confidence to use their talents and gifts in the service of others.

We are an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and delivers a balanced approach to learning and growth, from ELC right through to Year 12. Our ability to innovate and adapt to a changing world allows students to grow academically and personally.

In partnership with parents and carers, we work to create a learning environment enriched by the traditions of our Catholic faith and Charism of the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus informed by Ignatian spirituality.

Our all-girls' environment from Prep to Year 12 encourages each student to take intellectual risks and focus on achieving personal success across a wide range of subjects and co-curricular pursuits. Our distinctive learning approaches are based on cross disciplinary, student centred thinking and a commitment to excellence. These transformational learning experiences focus on soft skill acquisition not just content; and our high performance culture promotes independence, self-belief and professional practice across the entire school.

Our academic results are a testament to the professionalism, expertise and care of our teachers and the dedication of our students to achieving their best.

Our parents and carers are a key part of the College community and their involvement and support is invaluable. Parents and carers are encouraged to join our Fathers' and Mothers' Associations and be actively involved in their child's learning.

At Genazzano, your child will join a strong learning culture where students at all levels actively engage with each other and their teachers. It is our teaching staff that inspire this love of learning and empower students to grow, challenge themselves and embrace the changing world we live in.

Genazzano is renowned for providing a variety of opportunities across both its academic curriculum and comprehensive Co-curricular Program. The activities, including sport, music, art, drama, science, technology, mathematics, creative writing, languages and social justice, cater for students' diverse abilities and offer the chance to form lifelong interests outside the academic arena.

The College creates a caring atmosphere where all students find their place and feel at home. This is reflected by our FCJ Charism which encourages all students to view the world with kindness and curiosity. With a real and meaningful commitment to sharing the importance of social justice, Genazzano prepares students for the world beyond the College gates as valuable members of the community; both local and global.

A Genazzano education is a wonderful gift and we invite you and your child to join our vibrant community.

Loretta Wholley
— Principal

We specialise in girls' education from Prep to Year 12 and provide an environment to inspire and nurture your daughter's learning. At Genazzano, we recognise that students learn in different ways and understand the value of an all-female classroom where girls can develop the confidence and skills they need to take risks and achieve their learning goals. With benefits such as academic advantages, equal opportunities and strong role models, our College is the ideal place for your daughter to thrive and excel.



“Genazzano women are educated in the traditions of the Faithful Companions of Jesus.”

Throughout the Genazzano learning journey, students are exposed to strong female role models from student leaders including College Captains, Prefects and Class Representatives to the College Principal and Genazzano Alumnae. At every level, students are challenged, motivated and supported by each other, and a highly qualified teaching body.

Young women at Genazzano enjoy not only equal opportunity, but every opportunity. In an all-girl classroom, they take on all the roles in the group, and learn in an atmosphere where they are confident to participate and lead.

Our all-girls environment from Prep to Year 12 promotes and celebrates the achievements of young women and offers a community where all girls feel supported and encouraged to be themselves. There is a greater sense of connectedness as girls learn to listen and accept others' points of view, feel comfortable within themselves and develop their own perspectives



“Role modelling in a girls’ school is a natural occurrence and every Genazzano student benefits from seeing in the older girls the kind of young woman that she will become.”

Founded on Faith

Over 130 years of tradition.

Marie Madeleine d'Houët lived her own life with courage and confidence, and her example continues to provide inspiration for all who pass through the College.

The Faithful Companions of Jesus is a Society of Catholic Sisters founded by the Blessed Marie Madeleine d'Houët in France, 1820. A woman for our time, Marie Madeleine was a daughter, sister, friend, wife and mother whose life was defined by a restless commitment and willingness to assist those in need, despite her own hardships.

Genazzano FCJ College is situated at the top of Cotham Road hill in Kew, the original site secured by the twelve founding FCJ Sisters who set sail from England in 1882.

This one-time pastoral land now comprises more than seven hectares and features striking buildings, both classical and modern, surrounded by beautiful and pristine gardens.

The College is dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The name Genazzano is taken from a small town outside Rome, Italy, where a famous picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel has been honoured since 1467.





“Incursions and excursions promote curiosity and ignite and support a passion for learning.”

Faith and Mission

Our source of inspiration.



Faith and Mission

The particular emphasis on faith and mission at Genazzano flows from a strong sense of Catholic identity and the FCJ Charism. Our faith education is informed by three core principles: a passion for life, a love of learning and the courage and confidence to lead and to serve others.

The College is committed to supporting the important work of the FCJ Sisters in Australia and Asia, as well as Catholic organisations including CatholicCare and St Vincent de Paul. Religious education is taught from ELC to Year 12.

Prayer and liturgy are integral components of Genazzano life, providing all students with the chance to reflect upon and develop their spirituality. The College Chapel, a beautiful light-filled sacred space, is always open for those who wish to stop for a moment to reflect and pray.



Companionship and Social Justice

Companionship is central to the FCJ philosophy of education, being expressed through faithfulness, gentleness and respect. In the Ignatian tradition, the College encourages students to find God in all things – teaching an active attentiveness and prompt responsiveness to God, who is constantly in our lives. Genazzano seeks to be a nurturer of life and a joyful messenger of hope and love, preparing students for a life of leadership in the wider community.

Our Social Justice programs are designed to create awareness and understanding of broader community issues and allow students to contribute, share their faith and make a difference to the world they live in. By participating in these programs students experience what it is to be a faithful companion of Jesus.

Informed by Catholic social justice teaching, there are no boundaries around the causes and issues students are willing to address. The College shares a long-running exchange with St Mary's College Broome, a school in Western Australia's Kimberley region. Annually, selected students from each school are given the chance to discover life within communities very different from their own.

The program provides an opportunity to nurture young Australian advocates for social justice and reconciliation while building confidence, self-esteem and the ability to appreciate and interact with people from all cultures.

Further afield, students have been challenged and energised by the school's Timor-Leste (East Timor) program. Fulfilling, demanding and confronting, students return with a deeper first-hand sense of what it is like to live in a culture that is profoundly faithful but without the economic prosperity of their own country.

From environmental sustainability to International Women's Day, students are constantly immersing themselves in important social issues.

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Our College Community

Connected and united.

Parent associations and committees are an important part of the Genazzano community, ensuring students are supported and given every opportunity to shine.

The College benefits from both the Genazzano Mothers' Association and Genazzano Fathers' Association, in recognition of the different but equally important roles played by parents in the upbringing and education of their children.

The associations offer tremendous support to the College while providing parents a ready-made network of friendship, professional connections and shared parental experiences.

At the start of each school year, the Mothers' and Fathers' Associations collaborate with the College for the GenWelcomes event, where hundreds of current parents and community members welcome newcomers to the College.

Celebrating the new school year, this spectacular gathering is held around Circular Drive outside the Wardell Building.

One of the oldest and strongest associations in Australia, the Alumnae Association has brought Genazzano women together for more than 130 years and comprises over 10,000 members.

Parents and carers support the overall health and wellbeing of girls through physical activity regardless of social, cultural, economic and physical backgrounds.

The Genazzano Rowing Program, supported by our Genazzano Parents Rowing Committee provides students with the chance to compete at the annual Head of the Schoolgirls' Regatta and many other Regatta competitions.

The College's swimming pool is home to GenAquatic, a club dedicated to the development of competitive swimmers.

Another valued group in the College is the Friends of Hopetoun Hall, who actively support the many events connected with our boarding house.

Genazzano Mothers' Association





◀ Genazzano Fathers' Association

“The Genazzano family is incredibly diverse. This extends to the wide variety of associations that provide parents, friends and past students the chance to be involved with, or remain connected to the College.”



◀ Dr Philomene Joshua Tenni,
Outstanding Alumna for 2022

Learning and Teaching

Be the best you can be.

At Genazzano we think it's important to know each student personally. Every student undertakes independent diagnostic testing upon entry to the College and at key development stages.

Gifted and talented students are given the chance to engage at a higher level of learning via specialist programs and events with high achievers from other schools.

Educating For Tomorrow

Genazzano believes in providing students with limitless opportunities to excel academically. For example, GenTech offers girls enriched experiences in technology, maths, and science so they are better equipped to pursue these areas during their tertiary study.

The College uses a Learning Management System, GenConnect to communicate with students and parents. GenConnect provides online resources, ongoing feedback and assessment, and is a more accessible and flexible way of learning.





◀ Students enjoy learning nutritious recipes and cooking skills that prepare them for life.

“At every level of a girl’s learning, she will be challenged, stimulated and supported by a highly qualified teaching body.”

Leading By Example: The Teaching Body

Genazzano is immensely proud of its teaching staff—a dedicated group of professionals who commit to long hours and are always willing to spend extra time outside of class to support students individually.

Our vibrant and enthusiastic teachers possess deep levels of expertise in specialist areas which they use to inspire and motivate students.

The College works on a curriculum and wellbeing model that immerses students in their learning and benefits their welfare.

The philosophy underpinning this model is that if the learning and teaching program engages, challenges and promotes learning, it will also meet the pastoral needs of students. So too, if wellbeing needs are met, optimal learning experiences will follow.

Teachers are integral to bringing the model to life and fostering an environment where learning and wellbeing are united.

The curriculum reflects the latest pedagogy and is designed to suit the learning needs of all students. Individual differences are provided for in the classroom by teachers, and supported by a dedicated Learning Enhancement team and qualified psychologists.

Incursions and excursions promote curiosity and ignite and support a passion for learning both in and out of the classroom.



Stages of Learning

A unique feature of a Genazzano education is the structured Stages of Learning. Students are able to chart and celebrate their achievements as they progress through the various levels of education. At each stage students participate in programs that are stage and age-appropriate.

- ELC (Kindergarten) Prep to Year 4
- Years 5 and 6
- Years 7 and 8
- Years 9 to 12

The learning and teaching programs at Genazzano are designed to give students the opportunity to grow, develop and excel. The College believes that learning should be engaging, challenging, interesting and above all – fun. Students are encouraged to dream big, be confident in everything they do and most importantly allow their passion for learning to grow and develop at every opportunity.

The Early Learning Centre's (ELC) 3 and 4 Year-Old Co-educational Kindergarten Program

The ELC is a place of wonder, where children can be observed engaging in learning that stimulates, challenges and provokes thinking and curiosity. In partnership with families, the ELC team supports each child to gain a greater understanding of themselves and their world; becoming competent, compassionate and confident young learners.

Junior School (Prep to Year 6)

The Junior School (Prep to Year 6) is a time when girls are given the freedom and guidance to grow, develop and understand the world around them. Grange Hill, the magnificently restored Victorian mansion is home to our Prep to Year 6 girls and resourced with the latest learning technologies, modern classrooms and library. Each student is provided an iPad for use in the classroom, which is digitally rich with interactive LCD TVs, and video streaming to engage and stimulate learning.

Our Junior School is where we lay a strong foundation for learning, building confidence, accepting challenges and developing strong bonds of friendship and teamwork. We focus on the core competencies of literacy and numeracy with Learning Coaches to support students in their learning growth. We offer a variety of specialist subjects including languages, science, physical education, art, music, drama and information literacy.

There are also multiple opportunities for leadership across the Junior School.

Senior School (Years 7 and 8)

The Senior School (Years 7 and 8) provide a rich and challenging academic, social and spiritual learning environment that encourages students to strive for individual excellence. Learning programs in the Senior School are developed using the Victorian Curriculum centering on building deep levels of understanding where students are supported to ask and answer their own questions, think creatively and take risks in their learning.





**“At all stages,
learning must
be relevant
and authentic.”**

Senior School (Years 9 to 12)

The Senior School (Years 9 to 12) encourage students to make decisions about their own learning pathways. They have the opportunity to explore new areas of study and select electives from a variety of disciplines. It is also a time for students to strengthen their social skills and develop positive relationships with their peers and adults, both within the College and the wider community.

The College's dynamic Year 9 program, Making Connections – Journeying Beyond the Gates for Learning, engages students in a diverse and challenging range of learning experiences that promote self reflection. Students are able to become independent and informed learners as they apply what they have learnt in class in the real world.

At Year 10, the curriculum is relevant and purposeful, designed to allow students to explore issues related to health, welfare and ethics within the context of their core studies. Students are guided and encouraged to be independent learners and establish sound work habits in their homeroom and other classes. Students are urged to self-monitor to identify their skills and understanding and in consultation with their teachers, continue on an appropriate learning pathway.

A process of personal, academic and careers exploration assists students to make informed choices for their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

Students are required to make important decisions about their future when selecting the VCE program for their remaining two years of secondary education. After being provided with a comprehensive curriculum in Years 7 to 10, involving a range of core and elective studies, students entering VCE begin the earnest process of refining their options and considering their tertiary pathways and future career.

Within each year level, all programs reflect best practice in terms of sound educational research and theory. At each level within the curriculum there is the scope for teachers to individualise programs and provide for the different learning needs of their students.

This tailored approach continues with the Learning Enhancement Department who work with classroom teachers to ensure that all students receive the support they need to achieve their best. This department also provides a unique enrichment program to explore studied topics with greater depth and complexity.

Co-curricular activities

Beyond the classroom.



Genazzano are leaders in co-curricular opportunities for girls, with over 130 activities available for Years 5 to 12 students.

The wide range of activities include social justice, the arts, music and sport, as well a range of interest based clubs and programs.

From the Brain Sciences Club to the Mini Vinnies groups that are working towards creating a better future, our co-curricular activities celebrate diversity and add richness to each student's education.

Co-curricular activities are held before, during and after school, or on weekends, with student participation acknowledged with a transcript and College colour bands each year.

The Co-curricular Program celebrates learning and performance and helps to establish strong friendships, a sense of belonging and promote a profound connectedness to the College community. At Genazzano, your daughter will have every opportunity to flourish, no matter where her interests or talents may lie.

Exploring New Horizons

Co-curricular opportunities include Girls Schools Victoria (GSV) Sport, where girls have the opportunity to compete against other girls schools in Victoria.

The College also has a rich musical and choral tradition, with more than 30 music ensembles for students to discover the joy of music by learning an instrument of their choice.





▲ National choir competitions

◀ Various opportunities to perform each year



▲ Over 20 sports teams

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Supporting our Students

Leading in learning.

Genazzano's innovative Performance Psychology Centre employs the world's best practice to promote wellness, resilience, development and optimal functioning for our students.

Staffed by specialist educational and development psychologists, the Centre focuses on building skills that assist students to achieve their personal best. This free, confidential service is available to all Genazzano students.

The College also offers a fortnightly whole-school wellbeing program - GenSTAR.

Aligned with students' age and stage of development, GenSTAR is about developing resilience and life skills, such as relaxation, managing emotions, goal setting, increasing motivation and confidence, positive body image, respect for self and others, teamwork and coping strategies. The Program supports the Genazzano vision and mission to promote and celebrate the 'whole person' and encourages students to embrace difference and diversity.

Genazzano's Companionship Program provides a vehicle for students to connect with members of the wider community to offer assistance and gain a deeper appreciation of their needs.

Regular national and overseas tours are also available providing students a broad range of immersive language and cultural experiences, as well as creative arts, music and international sporting tour opportunities.

“Not every girl is aware of the capacity she has. Our ‘personal best’ model aims to identify the capacity of each girl and encourage her to set her sights even higher.”



Boarding at Genazzano

A grand tradition.

Victoria's only Catholic girls' boarding school, Genazzano has a long and proud history of educating and nurturing the wellbeing of its students for well over a century.

Our Hopetoun Hall Boarding House accepts students from Year 7 upwards and offers a safe and welcoming community where girls are fully supported by their teachers and peers.

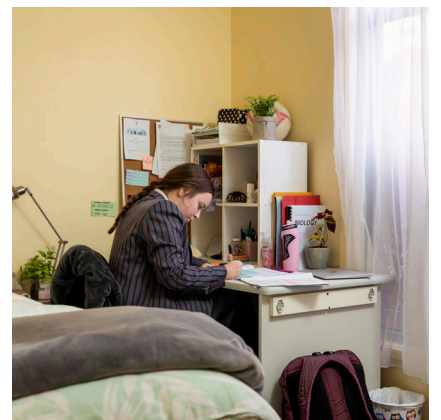
Hopetoun Hall is a period house in Camberwell located three kilometres from the College. With a welcoming, homely feel, it is a place where girls can relax away from school and develop lifelong friendships.

Within Hopetoun Hall, boarders are involved in social activities, study routines and specific educational programs, including tutoring; as well as transition activities to welcome new girls early in the school year.

Boarders are well represented within the College community as prefects, house captains, performers, members of sporting teams and recipients of academic honours. They are responsible for organising themselves and managing their time, just as they would in their own homes. These responsibilities assist our boarders to develop independent life skills and prepare them for life beyond the College.

Our Boarding House is
led by Lauren Kennedy,
Director of Boarding. ►





▲ Year 12 boarders have their own room. Each room is equipped with a study desk.

Inspirational learning spaces

A school in a park.

With its expansive green lawns, mature gardens and beautifully landscaped grounds, Genazzano is often referred to as, 'the school in a park'.

The College places significant emphasis on the learning environment. Glass panelled walls bring the outside world in and open spaces create collegial learning experiences. There are areas for quiet times and listening, and integrated spaces that facilitate social relationships and collaboration.

First Class Facilities

The historic Wardell Building stands at the heart of Genazzano and houses classrooms, reception, administration, staff offices and the College Chapel. Designed by celebrated nineteenth century architect William Wardell, the building is a Melbourne landmark and a spectacular example of Gothic Revivalism.

The d'Houet Building features library and technology facilities, state-of-the-art science laboratories and preparation areas, a modern careers centre, classrooms and Year 5 and 6 learning spaces.

The d'Houet Building is also home to the Performance Psychology Centre, the Learning Enhancement Area and the Sports and Fitness Centre.

The charming Grange Hill Building and its surrounds feature light-filled contemporary learning spaces created to support the College's rich and varied curriculum for the ELC to Year 4 students.

A stunning central library interfaces with communal piazzas and outdoor areas where students have the opportunity to construct, research and reflect.

The Madeleine Centre for Music and the Performing Arts is a superb 450-seat venue complete with orchestra pit, classrooms, tuition rooms, exhibition spaces, catering facilities and more. The Centre provides exceptional performance and learning spaces for students and the community.

The sporting facilities at Genazzano are of the highest quality. From dedicated, state-of-the-art tennis courts to Centenary Hall, which features a full gymnasium and heated indoor swimming pool, the College's sporting facilities enable students to develop their skills in inspiring surroundings.

The College places great store in its physical environment in a belief that it stimulates a girl's imagination, learning and creativity, while also providing her with a place to which she will long to return.



Genazzano FCJ College

About us.

Genazzano FCJ College is a Catholic day and boarding school in Kew, offering a co-educational Early Learning Centre and all-girls environment from Prep to Year 12.

The College was founded in 1889 by the Catholic Order of Sisters, the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), who established the College to educate young women to go confidently into the world.

Today, the Genazzano all-girls environment from Prep to Year 12 continues to promote and celebrate the achievements of young women and offers a community where all girls feel supported and encouraged to be themselves.

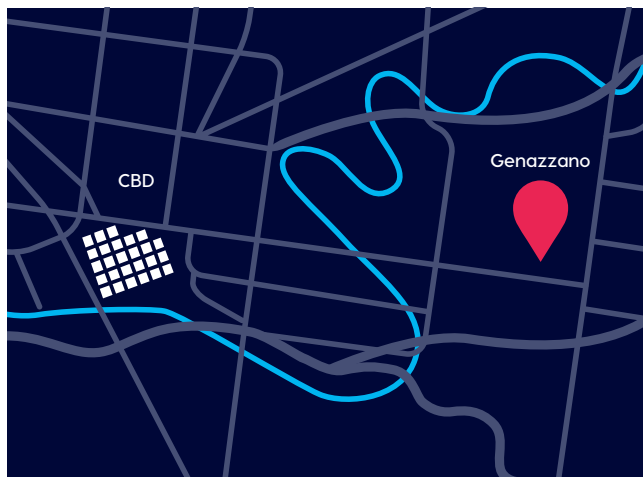
Where to find us

The Genazzano FCJ College campus is situated on Cotham Road, Kew, just west of its junction with Burke Road, and is easily accessed from many suburbs. A private bus service operating for Genazzano students is now available for the northern and eastern suburbs.

The College is located within magnificent grounds surrounded by lush green trees and flourishing garden beds. This beautiful environment provides many spaces for students to explore and discover.

You can contact the College on **+61 3 8862 1000**.

We invite you to come and experience the Genazzano FCJ College difference. Book now for a Personal Tour or attend one of our Open Mornings. Visit genazzano.vic.edu.au/book-tour



Genazzano Alumnae

Our past students remain deeply attached to the place where their education and values were shaped. Many return years later with their own daughters, confident about the school life their daughters will enjoy.

One of the oldest and strongest associations in Australia, the Alumnae Association has brought Genazzano women together for more than 100 years and comprises over 10,000 members. They celebrate their connection and continue to support the College community through various fundraising activities.




Visit us online

genazzano.vic.edu.au/our-community/Genazzano-alumnae-association



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