



## Overview of Middle School

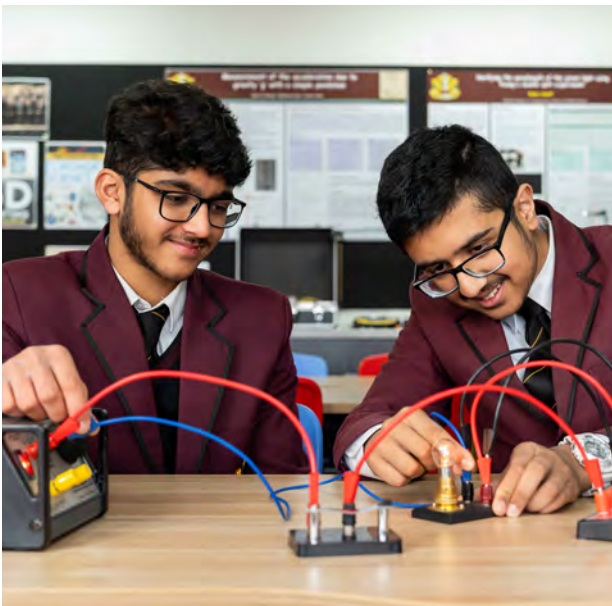
### Introduction

The Middle School years are a time of change and transition for students from Year 7 and Year 9. Compelled to learn from their own experiences rather than conform to the expectations of others, students challenge themselves and social norms in order to explore and strengthen their self-identity. While in the past, feedback from parents and teachers may have been sufficient for encouragement and self-confidence, Middle School students become increasingly perceptive of judgement and acceptance from their peers. These changes as well as physical development create an exciting, and often tumultuous time of change for Middle School students and their families.



### Our Approach

Middle School students require a supportive environment that allows them to explore themselves and the world safely and respectfully. Students are guided to self-reflect and to consider the influence they have on others. Encouragement to try new experiences provides an opportunity to explore new passions and develop resilience through perseverance in the face of challenge. Our Wellbeing program provides students the skills and resources to develop a healthy sense of self that will assist them navigate important life choices in a way which is aligned to our Islamic beliefs and values. Middle School provides students a range of experiences to explore their identity, values and interests. Internally defined sense of purpose and personal strengths prepares students for the choices required as they transition to Senior School.

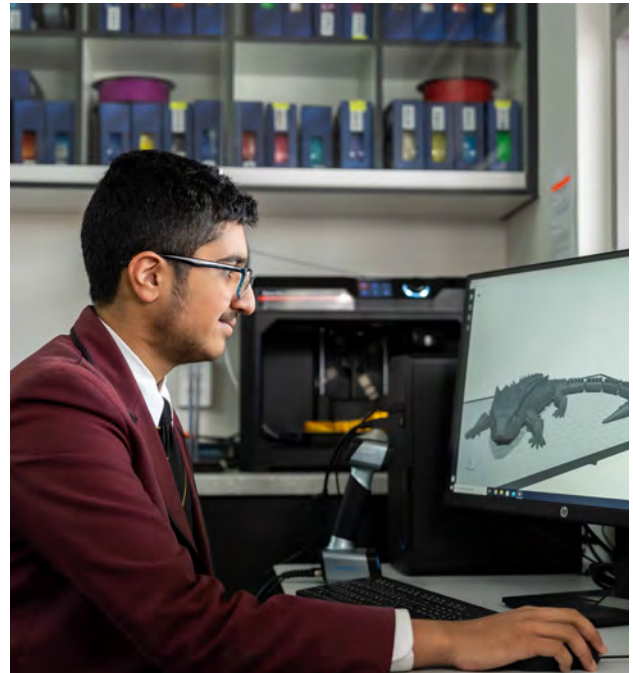


## Our Curriculum

At Minaret College, Middle School students continue to study core subjects within the Victorian Curriculum, including English, Math, Science, Art, Humanities, Health and Physical Education. Students also continue to deepen their knowledge in Islamic Studies, Qur'an and Arabic language.

During this important stage, students are prompted to explore their personal interests and how these may be pursued in later years of study, or even as a career after school and/or tertiary studies. Students have the opportunity to select electives which will assist them refine their study choices heading into Senior School.

Minaret College aims to combine academic excellence and co-curricular activities to shape the leaders of tomorrow: pioneers who are firmly grounded in Islamic principles of excellence and service. By participating in sporting teams, Minaret College students have the opportunity to compete with other local schools or even in regional or state finals. Students have many opportunities to demonstrate leadership roles through formal roles such as school or class captains or as part of the student representative council. Whatever their area of pursuit, Minaret College students are encouraged to embrace each new opportunity with sincerity and excellence.



## Our Approach to Learning

Minaret College's approach to learning throughout a child's schooling years is rooted in Islamic values and principles. It nurtures the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of each student.

Schools are dedicated to specific year levels and address the needs of children as they journey through life's unique development stages. Our curriculum and approach provide opportunities for all students to explore their interests and develop skills, all within a supportive and respectful learning environment.

