

# Carey Donvale



**Carey**  
Baptist Grammar School

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# Carey's Charter

## What is Carey?

Carey is a leading Christian, co-educational independent school community committed to learning, wellbeing, service and spirituality.

## What does Carey do?

Carey works in partnership with families to develop wise, independent and motivated young people who will engage with and lead in their local, national and global communities.

## Carey values:

Integrity ...	care, honesty, morality, respect
Service ...	altruism, generosity, passion, sustainability
Spirituality ...	communal, contemporary, holistic, inclusive
Teamwork ...	collaboration, communication, initiative, leadership
Thinking ...	creativity, inquisitiveness, intellect, reflection
Wellbeing ...	courage, happiness, health, resilience

## How does Carey distinguish itself?

Learning	At Carey, learning is dynamic, empowering and lifelong. All decisions are taken to improve student learning.
Excellence	At Carey, we strive for excellence across the three Carey pillars: curricular, co-curricular and wellbeing.
Staff	At Carey, our staff are expected to be expert in their fields, collegiate and passionate. They are supported to be the best they can be.
Co-education	At Carey, we nurture a balanced co-educational environment to prepare our students to lead, learn and serve with confidence, capacity and compassion.
Service	At Carey, we actively pursue social justice which is reflective of our Christian ethos.
Innovation	At Carey, we improve through courageous innovation, while respecting our traditions.
Partnerships	At Carey, we build strong relationships based on respect, trust and collaboration.
Positive Learner Attributes	See diagram on page 2.

# Carey Positive Learner Attributes



## THINKING

### Reflection



I reflect on my experiences and strengths, looking for opportunities to grow in my learning.

### Imagination



I use my imagination to form new ideas, visualise and explore possibilities.

### Curiosity



I wonder and ask thoughtful questions.

## RELATIONSHIP

### Communication



I understand and express myself confidently in a variety of ways.

### Connectedness



I always try to build authentic relationships and I demonstrate integrity, empathy, a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect.

### Collaboration



I recognise and respect others' viewpoints and I contribute in a positive way to the work of a team.

## SELF MANAGEMENT

### Knowledge



I search for facts and ideas which help me understand important issues across subjects.

### Courage



I approach uncertainty and am prepared to explore new opportunities, ideas and strategies.

### Resilience



I am able to persevere, sustain effort and bounce back when experiencing setbacks.

## Welcome to Carey Donvale



Carey Donvale caters for students from ELC to Year 6, after which students transfer to the Kew campus.

Our curriculum extends beyond the boundaries of the school in excursions and activities that explore the world. Donvale's magnificent natural bushland environment is rich in local flora and fauna and provides unique opportunities for environmental studies at nearby Mullum Mullum Creek.

At Carey Donvale, we believe in the importance of community. We not only embrace all members of the Carey family but also work closely with a wide range of local community groups.

Every child is special and we recognise that they need to develop at their own pace, so our curriculum is personalised and tailored to be fun, challenging and to cater for each child's needs. Our child-centred programs include Art, Music, Library, LOTE (Chinese) and Physical Education classes all taught by specialist teachers.

## A–Z of Donvale

### **After School Care**

Carey offers a high quality after school care program for primary-aged children, provided by the Outside School Hours Club (OSHC). Designed with working families in mind, this club ensures that parents can work without concern for the safety and care of their children.

The program provides children with a variety of activities including crafts, cooking, dance, sport and plenty of games in a creative, fun-loving, safe and supportive environment. The menu varies daily and is in line with a healthy eating policy that promotes the inclusion of seasonal fruits and wholesome snacks. OSHClub staff are also available to walk children to, and collect them from, any on-campus extra-curricular activity that is scheduled during operational times.





## **Art**

We offer a sequential program in several art forms: drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking and textiles.

The Art program encourages individual creative expression and is developed with an emphasis on working with other curriculum areas. Students also have the opportunity to extend their creative work making sets, props and artwork for Donvale theatre productions. The program provides opportunities for students to work collaboratively and contribute to the city in which they live by working with the broader community to create public works of art throughout the City of Manningham.

## **Camps and outdoor education**

Our Outdoor Education and camps program at Carey is designed to develop students' appreciation and understanding of Australia's diverse natural environments and gradually build their confidence in the wider world, starting with a sleepover on the campus for Year 2 students and culminating in a week at our purpose-built outdoor education facility, Toonalllook, on the Gippsland Lakes. The camp program is also designed to enrich students' appreciation of Australian culture and history with ties to the classroom curriculum. Current camps include: Sleepover at Donvale (Year 2), Portsea (Year 3), Mt Evelyn (Year 4), Canberra (Year 6), Sovereign Hill (Year 5) and Toonalllook (Years 5 and 6).

## **Canteen**

Carey Donvale has a tuckshop for student lunch orders and recess morning tea. Our tuckshop offers healthy food choices and is run by Alliance catering.

## **Community events**

A variety of activities are organised throughout the year by the Carey Donvale Parents Association (CDPA) and the School to foster a positive community

spirit. These activities include the annual Family Welcome Event, Movie Nights, Christmas Carols and various Year Level based activities for parents.

### **Early Learning Centre**

In early childhood, play is a child's way of learning. The Early Learning Centre provides an environment that encourages inquiry, investigation, interaction, observation, negotiation and wonder at the world around them.

Our curriculum is designed to promote the development of the whole child. It celebrates their uniqueness and encourages the development of life skills and competencies, while supporting their experiences within the group. We believe in the strengths, curiosity and capabilities of all children and their interests and ideas often play a large part in shaping their learning experiences.

Integral to the curriculum is the availability of specialist classes such as Library, Art, Music and a Perceptual Motor Program. We are also fortunate to be nestled in a very beautiful outdoor environment so many of our experiences are planned using natural materials, creating play spaces that are sustainable and conducive to the children's learning and development. These all help to deepen the learning experiences for our children.

Documentation and reflection play a large part in our planning and programming. These tools help us to make learning visible for parents, Early Learning Centre staff, the School community and children. They allow learning experiences to become more meaningful for all and allow for evaluation of learning outcomes. All of our staff in the Early Learning Centre have specialist Early Childhood qualifications.

### **Bush Kinder Program**

The Bush Kinder program aims to introduce the 3YO and 4YO ELC children to our natural bush environment at the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park adjacent to Carey Donvale, known as 'the Flat'. This helps to build children's curiosity, care and connections with nature through discovery, wonder and exploration.

### **Excursions and incursions**

Life at Carey Donvale is busy and dynamic with numerous opportunities to extend and enrich students' learning. Excursions and incursions form an important part of our curriculum including: Environment program excursions to Edendale Farm, Eltham (Years 3 and 4), Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary and CERES Environment Park, Brunswick (Prep), Local ANZAC Day Service (Year 4), Swimming Lessons (Prep to Year 6) and tree planting on Mullum Mullum Reserve (Years 3–6).

### **Extension and Enrichment Programs**

Carey Donvale is committed to catering for the individual needs and interests of all students. Opportunities are provided in each section of the School for extension and enrichment.





Students with particular gifts and talents may have different needs from others. They may exhibit a wide range of abilities and interests; be intensely motivated and highly able, creative, divergent or convergent thinkers; demonstrate abilities in diverse or limited fields; or their differences may be due to innate ability, environmental stimulation or deep interest in particular fields.

At Donvale the first and most important strand of extension and enrichment takes place, where possible, within the mainstream classroom where programs include more advanced curriculum content. A differentiated curriculum allows children to be part of a community of learners while at the same time providing challenges that extend their thinking and learning. Specific programs are tailored to the needs of children, which take into account their varying needs at different times of the year.

Students also have opportunities to work in small groups both with and without specialist staff or mentors, in programs that focus on a variety of different fields such as philosophy, literacy, numeracy, eLearning and science, some of which require the children to work together to complete a long-term investigation or project. We also provide a range of after school activities to foster interests in areas such as Chess, Strings, Music Theory and Band.

Students are offered opportunities to participate in Future Problem Solvers, Maths Talent Quest and Science Talent Search competitions. Further information about the enrichment programs can be obtained from the Deputy Head, Student Learning.

## **Library**

The Donvale Library offers timetabled Library classes for all Year Levels, including 3 and 4 year old early childhood groups. Our curriculum covers various forms of literature, incorporates author studies and develops research skills. In addition to timetabled classes we also offer literature enrichment through our Years 4–6 Book Chat program.

The Library is open for borrowing before and after school every day until 4.00pm and is open at lunchtime.

## Learning Development Unit

Learning Development Unit staff work closely with a student's classroom teacher to cater for the student's individual needs. Small group sessions are available for students who are identified as requiring specialist intervention in literacy or numeracy.

## Music

The Music program at Donvale offers a safe and supportive environment in which students are encouraged to express themselves creatively in a wide variety of hands-on activities.

The sequential Music curriculum is based on a combined Kodály/Orff approach in which musical learning evolves through actively participating in performance, composition, improvisation, listening and movement activities. Students learn by doing and through reflecting on their own work and that of others. These experiences develop musical literacy and foster lifelong enjoyment and appreciation of music.

Throughout their time in Junior School, all students are given the opportunity to learn a wide range of musical instruments and participate in ensembles, which complement their general classroom music learning including:

**Lower Primary:** Prep to Year 2 Choir, Year 2 Recorder program

**Middle Primary:** Years 3 and 4 Choir, Year 3 String program

**Upper Primary:** Years 5 and 6 Choir, Year 5 Band program

Students from Prep to Year 6 can also be involved in a musical production every two years. In 2009 students performed *Snugglypot and Cuddlepup*, in 2011 students brought to life Disney's *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, 2013 we told the story



of *Honk Jr.*, in 2015 we embarked on *Dr Dolittle Jr.* and in 2017 we performed *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* 2019 saw us perform *Beauty and the Beast* and 2021 we put on *Seussical Jr.*

Private lessons in a range of musical instruments are available on a rotating basis. The Music program also offers the following co-curricular instrumental groups, which rehearse weekly:

**Auditioned Choirs:** Musique Du Coeur (Years 4–6) and Chamber Choir (Years 5 and 6)

**Concert Band:** Bandit and Mini-Bandit

**Guitar Ensemble**

**String Ensembles :** Wire on Fire, Sforzando Strings and Fiddlesticks Orchestra

### **Pastoral care**

Carey's Pastoral Care is based around a House system. Students are allocated to the one cross-age House from Prep to Year 6 (family members are allocated to the same House). Through this system, students receive a continuity of pastoral care that offers support, guidance and leadership opportunities. House activities include charity fundraising, Chapel Services and Inter-House sporting competitions in swimming, athletics and cross country.

### **Physical Education and Sports**

Carey has its very own sports complex at Bulleen with a gymnasium, swimming and diving pools, tennis courts and sporting ovals. More information about the complex is available on our website [carey.com.au](http://carey.com.au)

The PE program is broken into key areas of learning which include fitness, swimming, games skills, ball handling and movement exploration. All children are encouraged to achieve personal success by continually building on their own levels of performance. The underlying principle of all our activities is for children to have fun and develop a love of physical activity that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Years 5 and 6 participate in interschool sport every Wednesday afternoon with training every Friday afternoon. We compete against other APS schools and aim to provide all children with the opportunity to represent their school in sports including athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross country, football, handball, hockey, netball, softball, swimming, tennis, touch rugby, volleyball, soccer and water polo. Bike Ed is also a component of the Year 5 program.

### **School Nurse**

Carey Donvale has a qualified registered nurse on campus 5 days a week.

### **Swap Shop**

The Carey Swap Shop is located at the Kew Campus. Staffed by parent volunteers, it sells good quality secondhand uniforms for all year levels. The School earns a commission on each sale, the profits from which are used to support various programs.



## Travel

### Free Daily Bus Service

Carey Donvale provides a free bus service for locally attending children for morning pickups and afternoon drop offs. The two routes are as follows:

- Route 1: Eltham/Templestowe (via Reynolds Rd, Church Rd, Williamsons Rd, Bulleen Rd, Thompsons Rd etc.)
- Route 2: Warrandyte (via Tunstall Sq, Blackburn Rd, Jackson Crt Shops, Belmore/Greythorn Roads, North Balwyn, Andersons Creek Rd etc.)

Details of the bus stops for the two bus routes can be obtained from reception.

The following are the requirements and guidelines for the Donvale free bus service:

Children must:

- Be well behaved, correctly seated and well-mannered as they journey to and from school;
- Be at the bus stop in the mornings 5 minutes before the scheduled time and be ready to board the bus promptly to avoid unnecessary delays;
- Sit in the first seat available at the front of the bus (quick entry/quick exit);
- Remain seated at all times during their journey;
- Correctly wear the seatbelts provided;
- Not have food of any description on the bus;
- Keep their voices down to a minimum so that the driver can concentrate on driving safely;
- Stand well clear of the vehicles as they approach or depart drop off points;
- Treat the drivers with respect – be courteous, considerate and say 'thank you';
- Treat all other children with courtesy and consideration;
- Follow the driver's instructions at all time;
- No digital devices to be used on the bus.



Parents are asked to:

- Communicate any transportation changes to the school office at their earliest convenience by emailing [donvaleabsences@carey.com.au](mailto:donvaleabsences@carey.com.au) or telephoning the office on 8877 8500 BEFORE 2.00pm, to ensure that all children are accurately accounted for on the bus routes. Please note that the bus will not be permitted to leave the school grounds until all children on the list have been accounted for;
- Ensure there is an adult waiting at the bus stop to receive their child. Please do not delay as the bus drivers are unable to continue unless a parent has collected a child;
- Complete the consent form permitting access for the bus service. This is essential and can be found on CareyLink;
- Respect that the School reserves the right to withdraw any child from travel on the school buses if it believes that he/she is causing problems for the driver or other children.

### **Travel to Kew for Donvale Students after Year 6**

Carey Donvale students, who need to travel to Carey Kew, can use the School Buses provided by Transdev Melbourne, or catch public transport.

### **Transdev School Buses**

To look up the School Buses to and from Carey Kew, you need to:

- visit the Transdev Melbourne website: [transdevmelbourne.com.au/school-bus-timetables](http://transdevmelbourne.com.au/school-bus-timetables)
- search for the School Buses timetable, and
- select Carey Baptist Grammar School.





The following Kinetic routes currently take students to the Carey Kew campus:

	Route No.	Areas Served
<b>AM</b>	8150	Doncaster East, Doncaster, Bulleen, Kew
	8152	Eltham, Templestowe, Doncaster
	8153	Templestowe, Bulleen, Doncaster
	8154	Doncaster, Templestowe, Bulleen
	8155	Warrandyte, Doncaster, Balwyn
	8157	Donvale, Doncaster
	8158	North Fitzroy, Clifton Hill, Alphington
	8159	Warrandyte, Doncaster, Balwyn
	8160	Park Orchards, Donvale, Doncaster
<b>PM</b>	9150	Doncaster East, Doncaster, Bulleen, Kew
	9152	Eltham, Templestowe, Doncaster
	9153	Templestowe, Bulleen, Doncaster
	9154	Doncaster, Templestowe, Bulleen
	9155	Warrandyte, Doncaster, Balwyn
	9157	Donvale, Doncaster
	9158	North Fitzroy, Clifton Hill, Alphington
	9159	Warrandyte, Doncaster, Balwyn
	9160	Park Orchards, Donvale, Doncaster

### Public Transport Directions

Take bus route 273 to Nunawading Station, where you can catch the train from Nunawading Station to Auburn Station, and then walk 10 minutes to Carey Kew campus (many other students walk this route).

# Donvale Campus



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