

Strategic Direction
for Newhaven College's
Fifth Decade



Hearts & Minds

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Boonwurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the Country we are meeting and learning on today.

We recognise the past, present and continuation of stories, traditions and living cultures of our First Nations peoples and thank them for protecting this island. We respect the land, waters and sea of Millowl. As a community committed to continual learning and growth, Newhaven College will draw on the wisdom and strength inherent in this special space and commit to building a brighter future together. Always was and always will be.

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At the core of our Strategic Direction is **'Hearts & Minds'**. It speaks to our relentless aspiration to positively impact the wellbeing and educational outcomes of the young people in our care.

The Newhaven College Strategic Direction, 'Hearts & Minds', will guide our school into its Golden Jubilee year of 2030.

The aim is to build upon the College's established traditions of support, inclusion and authentic connections with world-class educational practices to ensure every one of our students thrives.

At the core of our Strategic Direction is 'Hearts & Minds'. It speaks to our relentless aspiration to positively impact the wellbeing and educational outcomes of the young people in our care. Identifying and implementing the learning and pastoral care opportunities is a journey of considered reflection and improvement.

We have developed our Strategic Direction through the lens of five Keys: Learning, Care, Community, Sustainability and Innovation. We will weigh decision making across each Key, and against the impact on the education and wellbeing of our students.

Each Key is in turn supported by a series of detailed implementation plans, translating the strategies and priorities into action.

These detailed implementation plans will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure a flexible and adaptable response to the changing environment of the College community and broader society.



Tony Corr,
PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL MOTTO

In Quietness
and Confidence
Shall Be Your
Strength

(Isaiah 30:15)



OUR SCHOOL SONG

Heart and Mind

Words and Music written by S.K. Phillips

Newhaven College our school by the sea
Where we strive to be true and live free
Newhaven College can teach us to see
All through life, heart and mind hold the key.

CHORUS

And the Lord, He is here
Every day of the year.
He's in me, He's in you, as each day's born anew.
Live our lives to the full
Share our joys, have no fear
'Cause we hold friendship dear in our school.

Improving knowledge is never enough
If we don't live and share caringly.
Newhaven College can teach us to see
All through life, heart and mind hold the key.

CHORUS

May inner peace and our confidence be
Both our strength and our source of belief
Newhaven College can teach us to see
All through life, heart and mind hold the key

CHORUS

Inspire young people with knowledge, empathy and curiosity to engage in their world with confidence and a sense of purpose.



To be a thriving learning community where young people are thoughtful, caring, and courageous.

We strive to provide personalised learning experiences which stem from authentic relationships and a deep connection to our unique environment. In doing so we aim to instil high expectations, promote innovation and encourage critical thinking.



Respect

Honesty

Empathy

Responsibility

Excellence



Learning

Care

Community

Sustainability

Innovation



Learning

Learning has always been at the heart of what we do and learning success will continue to be prioritised through access to a range of targeted teaching strategies in a community that values, knows and understands the needs of every student.

Newhaven graduates value **learning** and bring a considered, curious and creative mindset to their ongoing pursuit of personal **excellence**.

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:

1. Prioritising a learning culture that is inclusive, emphasises personal wellbeing and is established on trust.
 2. Implementing high-calibre and evidence-based teaching practices.
 3. Enhancing collaborative opportunities and learning progression for all
 4. Providing a personalised approach to learning, enabling every student to flourish.
 5. Creating meaningful learning experiences that recognise the changing nature of our world.
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Care

Newhaven College has long facilitated a strong culture of care for all members of the school community.

We aspire to ensure students experience high levels of academic and pastoral care within a safe culture of trust, support, and authentic relationships. A range of immersive strategies will continue to be used to cultivate a commitment to physical, social and emotional wellbeing, enabling students to experience a meaningful sense of belonging.

Newhaven graduates **care** deeply for others and themselves. They are equipped to pursue lives of passion, **empathy** and integrity.

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:

1. Ensuring that the care and safety of children is central to the actions of all staff.
 2. Advocating for students and empowering their voices.
 3. Creating a familial, secure and supportive environment, where every student is known, via the College's House system.
 4. Embedding inclusive practices within and across the school.
 5. Establishing a series of standards and expectations that reflect Newhaven College's values.
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Community

Newhaven College was built by our community. From its foundation in 1979, the College has been defined by a spirit of shared endeavour and genuine, personalised care. We aim to keep our fees affordable for as many families as possible to ensure the diversity of our students reflects our community. This diversity helps make all Newhaven students well rounded, empathetic, and effective graduates.

Building upon the pillars of support, connection and inclusion, and learning from the traditional owners of the land, we aspire to ensure the College's mission, values and vision are not only visible, but embedded in action.

Newhaven graduates build **respectful** relationships and create a sense of belonging in whichever **community** they find themselves - both locally and globally.

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:

1. Frequently communicating and collaborating with parents, alumni, past parents and friends of the College.
2. Recognising, respecting and learning from the traditional owners of the land: the Boonwurrung /Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation.
3. Contributing to local and global communities via active participation, research and service.
4. Strengthening and tending to our community partnerships.
5. Promoting and supporting charitable causes through student-led initiatives and activities.



Sustainability

Environmental sustainability is at the forefront of educational practices in the school's unique location. Situated on 33 hectares, with a dedicated Year 9 Environmental Centre and surrounded by world-renowned ecosystems, Newhaven College fosters a deep appreciation and understanding of the environment, which acts as a teacher to us all.

Newhaven College aspires to empower young people to understand the complexities of their environment and advocates for sustainable practices to be prioritised for future generations.

Newhaven graduates show a sense of **responsibility** to their environment; they seek **sustainability** in systems and relationships, enabling diversity to thrive.

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:

1. Integrating the College's extraordinary local environment into learning opportunities across all year levels.
2. Enhancing student wellbeing by embracing outdoor learning activities in a range of contexts.
3. Embedding environmental initiatives and sustainability practices into all College business and infrastructure decision-making processes.
4. Inspiring students to nurture, sustain and protect the environment for future generations.
5. Pledging Newhaven College will be a carbon neutral community by 2030.



Innovation

Newhaven College has always focused on meeting the future needs of our community.

With a commitment to research and inquiry, the school seeks to set the standard for world-class innovation in education. Via evidence-based practices and learning spaces incorporating best-practice design and powered by renewable energy, the College aims to address present and emerging needs in ways that inspire innovative outcomes.

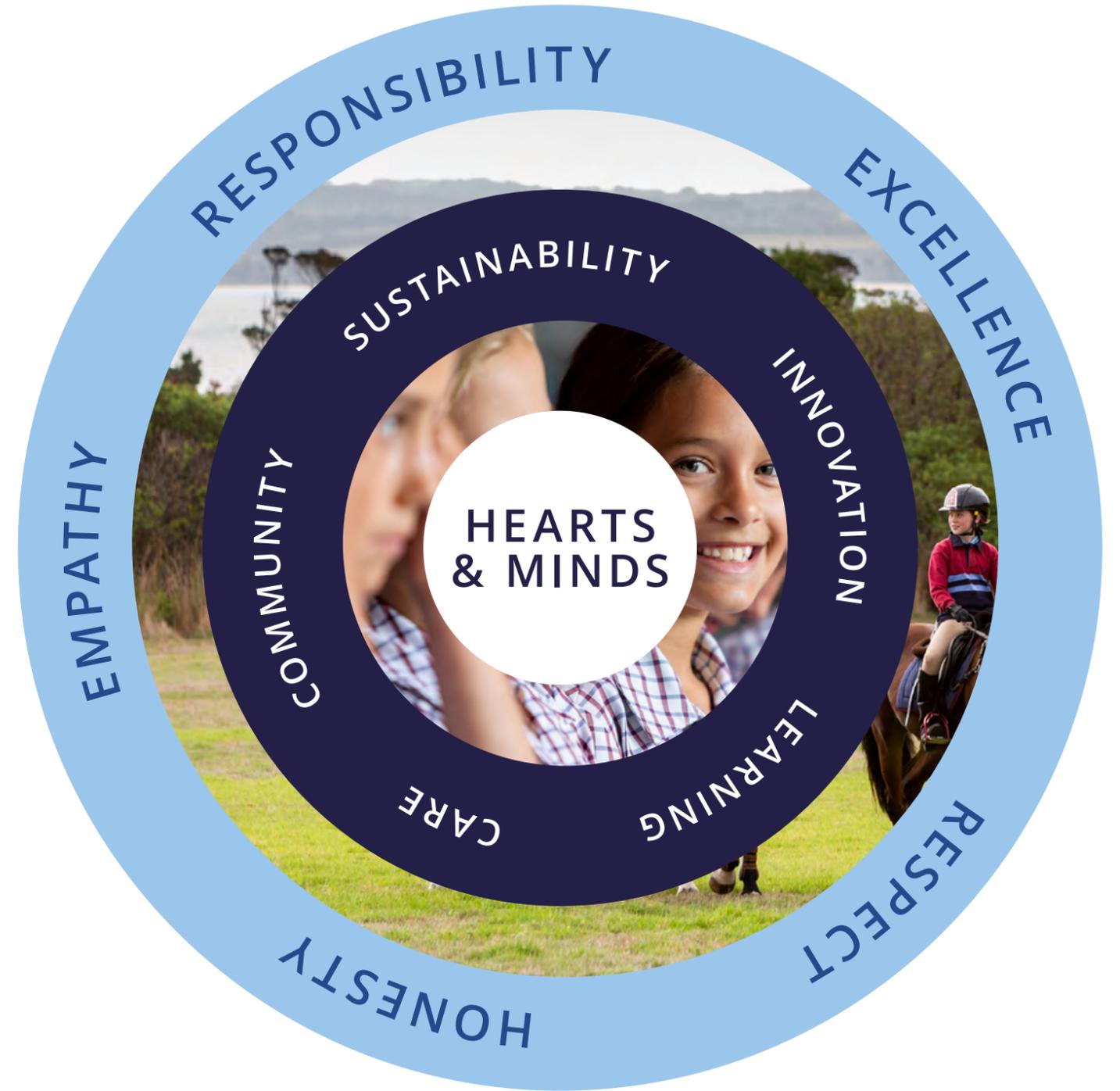
Newhaven graduates embrace truth, **honesty** and contributing **innovative** ideas to a rapidly changing world - greeting new experiences with open hearts and minds.

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:

1. Adopting innovative and evidence-based approaches to learning and teaching excellence.
 2. Utilising information technology to improve learning, communication and relationships.
 3. Implementing dynamic structures and contemporary ways of working in both physical and virtual spaces.
 4. Encouraging creative and imaginative solutions via artistic expression.
 5. Nurturing student innovation and forward-thinking ideas.
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The Newhaven College Ecosystem recognises that no part of our strategic direction exists in isolation. Rather each area interconnects to provide a means of strengthening our capacity to deliver on our strategic direction.







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about the College's vision,
mission and values, and
the implementation of the
strategic direction for
Newhaven College's Fifth
Decade - Hearts & Minds

