



## LIKE MINDS PROGRAM 2021

*If you have shown that you are a highly effective learner, and are looking for extra opportunities in Year 7 next year, the Like Minds program might be for you*

In 2021, Korumburra Secondary College will run a Like Minds program that includes a select entry form group for students in Year 7 and 8. Students who have nominated to attend Korumburra Secondary College in 2021 may apply to be part of this class. Students will be selected based on their work through primary school, especially their –

***Effective Learner Behaviours*** including ***respect, resilience, lifelong learning, striving for excellence*** and being ***productive members of the community***

Our Year 7/8 Like Minds students will be in class together for English, Maths, Science, Humanities, HPE, LOTE and Art. Teaching and Learning in these classes will be based on our Like Minds Teaching and Learning model. This was written by our Like Minds students and teachers in 2020 –

The Like Minds program focusses on providing students with ***different and challenging work*** while pushing them to ***look deeper in to ideas***. The Like Minds program emphasises ***choice*** in learning and ***working with a range of other people***. Learning is done through ***hands-on/immersive activities*** as well as ***varied and unique extra-curricular activities***

Further to this, our Like Minds students will have the opportunity to develop their Enterprise capabilities. The “Enterprise capabilities” refer to the 13 Personal and Social capabilities that have been shown to have the greatest positive impact on successful transition from formal education to the workforce and ‘real world’. We group the 13 Enterprise Capabilities under four themes, with a focus on one theme per term.

**Values and Identity (Term One)**  
**Project-based Enterprise (Term Two)**  
**Leadership (Term Three)**  
**Civics, Citizenship and Community (Term Four)**

The learning of these capabilities will be embedded throughout the program and will particularly occur through –

- A unique weekly class
- A workshop/camp early in each term to focus on the theme for that term
- External challenges and competitions through the year

For more information please contact John Wilson via email on [john.wilson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:john.wilson@education.vic.gov.au) and please see below for further information on our *Like Minds Application Process*.



## LIKE MINDS APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in applying for the Like Minds program, we invite you to submit an Expression of Interest (below) by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. These forms should be submitted to Tina in the Middle School Office via email to [Tina.VantHof@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tina.VantHof@education.vic.gov.au)

To help us identify the students who are most suited for our Like Minds class in 2021, we will then organize a time to meet/speak with students and parents on 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November. You will be contacted to make a 30 minute time by a member of our administrative staff. The format of this meeting (virtual, phone, in person etc) will be determined closer to the date.

For this meeting, we invite students to bring/have available to discuss:

- a recent exemplar piece of work that you are proud of. You will be invited to discuss how you approached the task, the learning which occurred as a result of undertaking the task, and how it demonstrates your approach to learning.
- A copy of your most recent report

The meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss students' interests, preferred learning styles and goals for 2021 and beyond.

As part of our transition process for all students, we speak with the Grade 6 teachers from our local schools in November each year. As part of these conversations, we will also get feedback from the Grade 6 teachers about suitability of all students who applied for our Like Minds program.

Students (and parents) will be advised of the outcome by Friday 19th November.

I am interested in joining the Like Minds class for 2021 and would like you to contact me for an interview.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_