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Future-readying our young people

In the VUCA* world young people will inherit, All Saints' College (ASC) believes one of its core responsibilities is to equip its young people with the ability to step confidently towards change and uncertainty.

"To do so requires a skillset and a mindset that include initiative and enterprise, creativity and collaboration and a passion for problem-finding and problem-solving," ASC Principal Belinda Provis said.

"Because we want to ensure our students 'know what to do when they don't know what to do' in these exciting though rapidly changing times, we are also keen that they have a strong moral compass.

"Our students know that, when faced with uncertainty, they can ask ERIC – our college values of empathy, respect, integrity and courage – for a clear sense of guidance."

Adding to its values-driven philosophy, the coeducational college adopts its signature ATAR Plus approach which recognises that while the vast majority of its students strive to achieve the highest possible ATAR, it must also cater for those pursuing a general pathway, an enterprise pathway and/or a hybrid pathway.

"This approach emphasises the richness of the learning that takes place in ASC's broad co-curricular program, whether that be in Propeller Industries (its Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship) and Runway, its pop-up shop which features students' goods and services, or in more traditional clubs and

activities," Ms Provis said.

In 2020, the college's ATAR Plus approach will evolve further with the introduction of a timetable structure that supports personalisable learning pathways designed to empower students to take control of their learning, developing their agency and efficacy.

Enriching its young people's exposure to entrepreneurialism, problem-finding and problem-solving is The Agency, ASC's employment agency for its students. While students volunteer their time and skills in an array of service opportunities, The Agency offers the opportunity to develop contemporary workplace skills while applying their passions, skills and talents in authentic contexts, and being remunerated for it.

Underpinning the college's pedagogy is Djoowak: The Beyond Boundaries Institute (BBI). Launched in 2018, BBI comprises a team of college staff working alongside partners from the wider educational community and from industry.

"This 'think-tank' explores and implements new and flexible structures and practices for learning that recognise and are focused on our diverse student cohort's interests, abilities, passions and skills, and that are directed to nurturing future-capable young people," Ms Provis said.

*VUCA: *volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous*

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