



**YEARS 10-12**

# THE **INSPIRING ME** PROGRAM EXPLAINED

Peninsula Grammar's **Inspiring Me** program (Years 10 to 12) recognises the ever-changing world in which we live and the need for young people to develop the ability to thrive in this environment after they complete their secondary schooling journey. The program is centred on problem finding and problem solving skills inspiring our students to think actively, logically, socially and creatively. With a focus on lifelong learning and effective communication skills, **Inspiring Me** prepares our students for the pathways and opportunities beyond our school gates.



## THE WHAT

The **Inspiring Me** program in Years 10 to 12 prepares our students for the future by focusing on personal growth and student interest. Students are offered a wide range of subjects, beginning in Year 10 with a choice of electives and the Inspiring Me Investigations, both of which allow our students to find their passions and interest. In addition, there is a choice of 33 subjects offered in Years 11 and 12 for the Victorian Certificate of Education. Positive Psychology and a strong focus on pastoral care, health and wellbeing feature in the **Inspiring Me** program, ensuring students are well supported in the Senior Years.

## THE HOW

Using contemporary teaching and learning practices, consultation with experts in key academic disciplines and industry relationships, the **Inspiring Me** program provides students with an environment where they can learn, grow and flourish. Peninsula Grammar invests heavily in the Senior Years to provide exceptional state-of-the-art facilities, a wide range of subjects, expert teaching staff, a well-resourced Careers Centre and a vibrant House-based pastoral care program. Our students are offered every support and valuable guidance during these final critical years of school.

## THE WHY

We know students in this age group need to follow their passions and interests so that they are genuinely excited about their learning. They enjoy choice and they relish the opportunity to find problems and engage in solutions. Critical thinking, communicating effectively, creating meaning and, where appropriate, working collaboratively are skills cultivated by the **Inspiring Me** program. Our students are prepared to tackle the higher order thinking demands of the VCE and they are prepared for a life beyond the classroom.

# YEAR 10 EXPLAINED

The Year 10 program provides students with:

- A strong foundation in preparation for entering the VCE program.
- Opportunities to explore their passions and interests through subjects linked to future pathways.
- A variety of learning experiences and environments that challenges them to develop vital 21st Century learning skills.

## CORE SUBJECTS

Over the course of the year students study the following core subjects:

- Mathematics
- Humanities
- English
- Ethics and Social Justice
- Science
- Physical Education
- Inspiring Me Investigations.

## ELECTIVE BLOCK

In addition, students may select one of the following options:

- A Unit 1 & 2 subject:
  - Biology
  - Business Management
  - Legal Studies
  - Computing
  - Psychology.
- A language
  - Chinese (through VSL)
  - French.
- Two additional electives including:
  - Design and Engineering
  - Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
  - Food Technology
  - International Commerce (Asia and the States)
  - Languages - Chinese VSL
  - Languages - French
  - Media Studies - The Next Big Thing
  - Music Production and Technology - The Music Entrepreneur
  - Photography
  - Product Design Technology
  - Studio Arts
  - Theatre Studies - Live
  - Visual Communication and Design.

## YEAR 10 INSPIRING ME INVESTIGATIONS

If a student is passionate about a subject they will make the most of all opportunities presented and will strive to do their very best in all that they undertake. In Year 10 we know this is particularly important.

The Year 10 **Inspiring Me** Investigations therefore seek to capture the imagination and interest of our Year 10 students. They are centred on problem finding and problem solving skills, inspiring our students to think actively, logically, socially and creatively. It is these four themes that form the structure of our **Inspiring Me** Investigations offering many possibilities for individual growth.

Each term our students will undertake an investigation in one of the four themes. They will be challenged to generate a driving question based on an interest or area of passion and then look to create a solution.



**Active Thinker**  
*Students think like a ...*  
Sports scientist  
Sports journalist  
Sports statistician  
Sports coach  
Health promotion advisor  
Nutritionist  
Elite athlete  
Sports trainer  
Sports manager



**Creative Thinker**  
*Students think like a ...*  
Designer  
Architect  
Photographer  
Theatre designer  
Film company  
Song writer  
Actor  
Artist  
Stylist



**Logical Thinker**  
*Students think like a ...*  
Scientist  
Inventor  
Innovator  
Disrupter  
Futurist  
Mathematician  
Engineer  
Analyst  
Consultant



**Social Thinker**  
*Students think like a ...*  
Historian  
UN ambassador  
Town planner  
Entrepreneur  
Philosopher  
Journalist  
Global leader  
Accountant  
Lawyer

## VCE PREPARATION

Our Year 10 program is focused on preparing our students for their VCE journey. All Pathways in Year 10 lead to the option of studying a Unit 3 & 4 Subject in Year 11. This means that all Year 10 students who attain an overall B average have the option to study one of the available Unit 3 & 4 subjects in Year 11 and will have the skills required to succeed.

In addition, the **Inspiring Me** Investigations will now enable our students to be better prepared for Year 12. VCE study designs now place a stronger focus on problem solving, application of knowledge and self-directed investigations. Our challenging **Inspiring Me** Investigations aim to develop these skills in our students by exposing them to similar forms of assessment and tasks prior to their VCE journey.



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