

Camberwell Grammar School

Canterbury, Melbourne, VIC, Australia



A Canterbury boys' day school since 1886, where VCE cohorts favour the hardest-scaling subjects and still post median ATARs above 90.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	59/100
Academic outcomes	66/100
University placement	64/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	14/100
Facilities	69/100
Transparency	61/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Camberwell Grammar School occupies a clear niche in Melbourne’s independent market: a long-established Anglican boys’ day school in Canterbury with a strong academic centre of gravity and the polish, scale and confidence that come with a school founded in ****1886****. The headline attraction is not novelty. It is consistency. Parents looking for a boys’ school with structure, tradition and a serious view of senior study will find that here. The school’s own presentation pushes campus, facilities, scholarships and its Music and Sports Academies, and the age span of ****5-18**** gives families a full through-school route rather than a pieced-together journey. This is a school for families who value **institutional weight**, **ordered ambition** and a culture that treats schooling as a long game.

What sets Camberwell Grammar apart is the combination of academic seriousness with a distinctly masculine, all-boys setting that still gives real space to co-curricular identity. The editorial tagline gets to the point: VCE cohorts favour hard-scaling subjects and still produce median ATARs above ****90****. That matters. It indicates a student body and teaching culture prepared to take on intellectual risk instead of gaming for easier returns. In market terms, this places Camberwell Grammar among the stronger academic boys' day schools in Melbourne without needing the boarding identity, religious intensity or social theatre that define other schools. The result is **high-pressure competence** with a more contained day-school rhythm. Its Music and Sports Academies add a useful point of difference for boys who want serious training without treating academic work as an afterthought.

The boys who thrive here are disciplined, competitive and comfortable in a school with expectations. This is not the obvious choice for a child who needs a loose structure, a progressive educational philosophy or a strongly co-educational social environment. It is a strong fit for boys who respond to routine, clear standards and the energy of an all-boys campus; boys who want to push in class, then do the same in music, sport or both. Families who want **academic steel**, **traditional confidence** and **a clear sense of purpose** should keep Camberwell Grammar high on the shortlist. Boys who want anonymity or a casual academic culture should look elsewhere.

STRENGTHS

- APS Melbourne boys' day school in Canterbury.
- Australian curriculum taught in English.
- Music department is nationally recognised.
- Sports and Music Academies are named offerings.

TRADE-OFFS

- Boys-only education limits coeducational experience.
- Day school only; no boarding option.
- Religious identity appears inconsistent across sources.

ADMISSIONS

Camberwell Grammar School is a boys' day school in Canterbury serving ages 5-18, so the practical entry points are the start of Junior School and later admissions into Middle or Senior School, subject to vacancies. The school's public-facing material highlights Junior, Middle and Senior School divisions, but does not set out a detailed published admissions calendar in the material provided. Nor does it publicly specify assessment format here, so parents should expect the usual selective independent-school process rather than assume open entry, and confirm current requirements directly with admissions.

The school does, however, make two points clear. First, it runs guided school tours through its Admissions Department, suggesting a fairly structured enrolment pathway. Second, there is evidence of some fee support: its 2026 Giving Day was held in support of the David de Kretser Scholarship program, with funds intended to widen access for students who might not otherwise attend. That indicates scholarship-linked financial assistance exists, though the school does not publish amounts, means-testing arrangements or application deadlines in the source material here.

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