

Trinity Grammar School Melbourne

Kew, Australia



Founded by an Anglican parish vestry in 1902, this Kew school pairs single-sex schooling with Ruyton Girls' School co-ed classes.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	73/100
Academic outcomes	74/100
University placement	71/100
Prestige & heritage	75/100
Alumni network	74/100
Facilities	78/100
Transparency	72/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Trinity Grammar School Melbourne occupies a specific niche in the Melbourne market: an Anglican boys' day school in Kew, founded in **1902**, with a clear route from age **3-18** and a structure that mixes single-sex schooling with co-educational classes through its partnership with Ruyton Girls' School. That arrangement is the school's sharpest differentiator. Parents who want the pastoral and social architecture of a boys' school, but do not want an entirely male academic and sixth-form experience, will find this model compelling. Trinity also pushes a broad-school identity hard: Australian curriculum, VCE, outdoor education, sport, music, drama, extension work, counselling and careers support all sit in plain view. The proposition is *deliberate rather than fashionable*, *traditional without being frozen*, and stronger in

structure than in slogans.

What puts Trinity on a shortlist is not novelty but coherence. The school has the institutional weight of an old Melbourne grammar school, APS sport, AHISA membership and a long-established Anglican frame, yet it avoids the closed-world feel that some boys' schools never shake. The Ruyton link matters here. It changes the social texture of the senior years and gives families a middle path between full co-education and full single-sex schooling. Trinity also gives unusual prominence to VCE results on its public face, which signals academic seriousness, and pairs that with visible investment in cocurricular life; the school's music programme, orchestra culture and outdoor education are not decorative extras. This is a school for families who want *a disciplined runway*, *serious adult supervision* and *a full-school experience* rather than a loose or progressive model.

The best fit is a student who thrives with routine, expectations and institutional culture. Boys who enjoy team sport, ensemble music, structured leadership, outdoor programmes and house systems will slot in fast. So will students who want academic stretch inside a mainstream Australian/VCE pathway rather than an experimental curriculum. A child who needs a very informal atmosphere, or who resists uniforms, tradition and explicit pastoral oversight, will find Trinity constraining. A boy who wants *clear standards*, *competitive energy* and a school community with established rituals has a better case for going here.

STRENGTHS

- Consistently strong VCE outcomes, with the Class of 2025 achieving a median ATAR of 89.80 and three students attaining the maximum 99.95.
- Offers a Coordinate Program with neighbouring Ruyton Girls' School, giving boys coeducational contact and shared subjects during senior years despite an otherwise single-sex structure.
- Long-established institution, founded in 1902/1903 as a foundation member of the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria, giving it a settled, century-plus operating history.
- Extends beyond its Kew campus to dedicated outdoor education sites at Lake Nillahcootie and Licola, supporting a structured, multi-year outdoor and camps program.
- High ICSEA rating (reported at 1158 against a national median of 1000) reflecting a socio-educationally advantaged intake and well-resourced setting.

TRADE-OFFS

- Single-sex for boys from Prep to Year 10, with coeducation only introduced in VCE years via the Ruyton partnership, which will not suit families wanting a fully coed environment throughout.
- The school ceased boarding operations at the end of 2022, so it is no longer an option for expat or regional families seeking a boarding placement.
- Fees are substantial for an Australian day school, with 2026 Year 12 tuition reported around AUD 37,820, before compulsory camps, laptop and outdoor education charges.
- The school has, like many long-established Anglican boys' schools in Australia, had to publicly address historic child sexual abuse allegations and now operates under the National Redress Scheme framework.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points span ELC (age 3-4) through to Year 12, with most intake concentrated at ELC, Prep, Year 5 and Year 7. Applications require a non-refundable application fee (historically around AUD 110-165) and an interview, with offers subject to the school's enrolment policy and place availability. Early registration well ahead of the intended start year is typical practice, and popular entry points such as Prep and Year 7 are considered competitive given strong local demand from the eastern Melbourne suburbs feeding the school.

WTS RATING 

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