

## A look inside Summer Hill

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The Exclusive Brethren run Summer Hill School in Orange has expanded on its current site and, with nearby property acquisitions, now takes up around two hectares.

Recent additions to the school include four nearby houses converted to classrooms, installation of a demountable building where music, art and a staff common room is located and a purpose built facility for industrial arts incorporating a gymnasium.

A ball court has been built on the school grounds in an area formerly part of a neighbouring yard.

Students are taught all the core Higher School Certificate subjects and are offered other subjects including music, art, legal studies , business studies courses, information technology, woodwork and metal work and Italian.

Students are taken on annual excursions to parliament in Canberra and Sydney, even though Brethren members don't vote.

"It is part of our civic studies program and students know how the system works," said curriculum coordinator Jennifer Lacey.

The students have also recently gone on excursions to Jenolan Caves, Lake Burrendong, the War Memorial in Canberra, and the Jewish Museum in Sydney.

Computers and video equipment are used in the school but DVDs and videos have to be approved by the school's chief executive officer Colin Pascoe.

The school now teaches the theory of evolution and sex education as part of its board of studies curriculum.

The school has a canteen operated by parents and has its own P & F.

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