



MELVILLE
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS



OUR SCHOOL

Melville SHS is a vibrant multicultural school which provides students with a world-class education. This is achieved through the provision of opportunities for development in the intellectual, physical, creative and social domains combined with high-quality teaching and strong pastoral care.

We are a comprehensive Independent Public School with a student population of around 1400 and over 180 teaching and support staff. Located overlooking the Swan River between Perth and Fremantle, the school's convenient location and the ready availability of public transport allows us to welcome students from the local and wider community into our comprehensive educational program.

At Melville SHS, students have access to our highly regarded programs including:

- a state-wide Gifted and Talented Academic Selection Program in the Humanities and Social Sciences, English, Mathematics and Sciences;
- state accredited Specialist Programs in Aviation Studies, Graphic Design Media and Netball;
- a school-based merit-selected Academic Extension Course (AEC) and a widely acclaimed Music in Focus program.

Acknowledged as a top public school we continually strive to improve student achievement across all domains each year. The most recent Independent Public School (IPS) Review gave Melville SHS an outstanding report and affirmed our strategic direction.

In Years 7 to 9, we offer students access to both an extensive range of challenging mainstream courses and a wide range of electives. In Year 10 students are introduced to more specialised curriculum programs as they begin their transition into Senior School. In Years 11 and 12 there is a large selection of academic (ATAR) subjects and vocationally focused certificate courses to choose from. Through these broad and challenging curriculum pathways, students are guided and supported by their dedicated classroom teachers and our supportive Student Services team while they transition through school and on to post-secondary education or meaningful employment.

The school is a leader in the use of technology, with students expected to commence Year 7 with an electronic device (such as an iPad) which is used by teachers to enhance curriculum engagement and ensure student success.

Melville SHS has an Intensive English Centre (IEC) and welcomes International Fee Paying students who are attracted, in part, to the additional language support that is provided by our dedicated team of English as a Second Language (ESL) and trained mainstream teachers. This leads to benefits for our whole school community by providing the opportunity to engage with an array of talented and highly motivated students from across the world.

To further enrich student experiences, we offer an expansive range of co-curricular programs that includes over 30 inter-school sporting teams, music productions, dance and band festivals, debating, outdoor pursuits, camps and wilderness expeditions, State Emergency Services cadets, academic challenge, orientation and extension camps.

The school is well resourced with facilities that include a 25-metre swimming pool, gymnasium, weights room, a grassed oval and tennis, netball and basketball courts. The school also enjoys the support of a dedicated school board, a committed Parents and Citizens Association and Specialist Program Parent Support Groups.

At Melville SHS we continually improve our facilities and, in addition to over 80 general classrooms, we have an attractive Learning Resource Centre (library), new science laboratories, an Aviation Centre with two flight simulators and an Arts precinct with a Performing Arts Centre, film and television, multi-media and music studios, as well as three visual arts studios and a specialised graphic design laboratory.

Our school takes pride in treating each student as an individual as we strive to meet their academic, cultural, sporting, civic and pastoral needs while preparing them to meet the challenges of the future.

Your Child's Education

At Melville SHS we believe that education should be engaging, challenging and ultimately rewarding for all students and with this in mind, we have an extensive range of courses and programs to suit all students.

In Years 7 to 10, English, Maths, Science and Humanities and Social Sciences are all compulsory and are each studied for four hours a week. There will also be two hours of compulsory Physical Education (Years 7 to 10) and a Language (Years 7 to 8). Students studying Specialist Programs will typically have two hours of contact per week increasing to four hours in Years 9 and 10. Otherwise, students in Years 7 and 8 choose from a wide range of semester-long options from the Arts and Technologies.

In Year 10 students begin to specialise in courses they enjoy and are good at and will generally study these for the whole year. This is to prepare them for Senior School. Further information on courses and subject selection in the Arts and Technologies, Languages, Health and Physical Education is available in the Middle School Handbook on our website.

Additional information relating to Years 11 and 12, along with information regarding non-compulsory courses in other years are available for consideration in the applicable year group handbook on our website.

We are proud to have been granted status as a provider of the state accredited Gifted and Talented program in Mathematics, Science, English and Humanities. Testing and acceptance into the program are through the Department of Education. Please contact them for further information on 9264 4307 or see the school's website: www.melville.wa.edu.au.

Three state-wide Approved Specialist Programs are offered: Aviation, Graphic Design Media and Netball. We also offer two highly acclaimed school-based programs, namely the Academic Extension Course and Music in Focus. Selection into the programs is via school-based testing and/or interview. Testing is done in Years 5 and/or 6 and interviews/auditions are conducted in Year 6. The commitment to Specialist Programs is four years (Years 7 to 10).

Melville SHS has a scholarship program awarded to a limited number of students entering Year 7. The scholarships are granted to the top two students in Gifted and Talented, Aviation, Graphic Design Media, AEC, Netball and Music in Focus Programs.

Melville SHS conducts regular morning tours to give prospective parents and students a first-hand glimpse of our school. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us. Tour dates are available on the school's website.





GIFTED AND TALENTED

Secondary Selective Academic Program

As an experienced provider of Gifted and Talented education, we ensure your child's education is enriched via a range of incursions, excursions and extracurricular activities.

Gifted and Talented teachers are GERRIC trained and attend regular professional development to ensure they are up to date with the latest research into Gifted and Talented education. They are innovative teachers, always looking at ways to enhance your child's learning. Our teachers are specifically trained to understand characteristics of the gifted learner and know how to teach to enable these students to utilise all their talents. Our teachers adopt a team approach to support your child's learning requirements. This collaborative approach is used to offer challenging and engaging learning opportunities, including cross curricular projects each term.

Our Gifted and Talented students foster advanced analytical, critical and creative thinking skills. They follow a program that matches individual learning needs and accelerates learning, by extending their skills with advanced and in-depth study. In Years 7 to 10 students are in one Gifted and Talented class for Maths, Science, English and Humanities and Social Sciences. This enables them to get to know each other well and work together as a team.

Gifted and Talented students take part in a wide range of activities that enrich and enhance their learning. These include a variety of national and international competitions and Olympiads, as well as incursions from and excursions to a variety of universities. Students take part in many extension activities including exciting Scitech workshops and the Robotics competition at Curtin University.

Every year our Gifted and Talented students take part in the Book in a Day competition where they work in teams to write and illustrate their own novel in 12 hours. Their learning in English is

enhanced by the opportunity to take part in workshops run by authors, both face to face and online.

Students applying for the Gifted and Talented Program at Melville SHS can also study up to two Specialist Programs such as Aviation, Netball, Graphic Design Media or Music In Focus.

Please NOTE: If you are applying for Gifted and Talented it is advised you also sit the Specialist Program testing at Melville SHS. They are two separate tests and students often wish to be involved with multiple programs.

In Year 10 students continue in their Gifted and Talented class for Maths, Science, English and Humanities and Social Sciences. We start the transition to Upper School with one period per week spent developing study skills, presentations from external speakers, and individual course counselling in readiness for course selection for upper school.

In Years 11 and 12 Melville SHS's Gifted and Talented students join mainstream classes due to the range and diversity of subject selection offered to students. Our expectation is that our Gifted and Talented students will go on to study an ATAR program. Students are supported via mentoring and additional tutoring on a weekly basis.

All Gifted and Talented students are supported during their time at Melville SHS by our Teacher-in-Charge who is responsible for their pastoral and academic success at school. The Teacher-in-Charge is the first port of call for students and parents. As they follow your child through school, they are able to provide personalised support.

Students can apply for Top Up Testing for other years (entering Years 9, 10 and 11) if a vacancy becomes available.





GRAPHIC DESIGN MEDIA

Approved Specialist Program

Graphic Design Media Specialist Program students take advantage of highly experienced teachers, utilising purpose built facilities and the latest software.

Our exceptional teaching staff have established strong networks with tertiary institutions. These networks provide students with the opportunity to attend specialised workshops and master classes at some of Western Australia's leading universities.

One of the unique benefits of the Graphic Design Media Specialist Program is that, unlike many other secondary schools, we offer this exciting program from Year 7 entry level. This ensures exceptionally creative middle school students are fostered and mentored throughout their entire secondary school life.

The Melville SHS specialist design centre aims to develop and implement an enriched program for students at each year level. Students will be given two sessions a week of design classes, increasing to four sessions in Year 9.

Students in the program are required to create a folio as part of the interview process. They bring their own laptop, which is one of the main tools they will be using over the four year duration of the program (though also a very useful tool in upper school). This replaces the iPad that all students are expected to have from Year 7. Advice on what is required is available to applicants from the Teacher in Charge.

Students in Year 7 and 8 will be taken through the six key units needed to progress into Year 9. These are aimed at building the solid foundations that a good designer needs. Projects within these units can range from animation to cartooning, web to logo design and sculpture to fashion.

Although students will be introduced to a wide range of software (and hardware), the primary focus in Year 7 and 8 is on the thought process that a designer develops in order to explore original and creative ideas.

Drawing forms a core part of the design process and these skills are taught in a wide variety of different ways.

In Year 9, the course increases to four hours per week and students continue to develop their creative skills; however, the focus shifts to looking at longer term projects within the four core areas: print, multimedia, photo-film and spatial design.

In Year 10, students are able to choose their own pathway based on the results of their Year 7 to 9 learning experiences. With four options to choose from, students will in fact specialise in two, based around the WACE Media and/or Design courses. Students can transition into Media Production and Analysis and/or Design Graphics in Senior School.

These subjects are Year 11 and 12 university entrance courses that the Graphic Design Media student is extremely well prepared to study.

Throughout Years 7 to 10, the Graphic Design Media Specialist students will be offered *Master Class* opportunities where professional designers from industry, work with individuals and groups to extend and enhance their learning experience.

Melville SHS has a scholarship program awarded to a limited number of students entering Graphic Design Media. The scholarship testing process will consist of the applicant's Specialist Program test results and folio along with an interview. The interview process constitutes 50% of the selection criteria.





AVIATION

Approved Specialist Program

Melville SHS has long been considered a leader in the field of Aviation Studies. Selected students study the Specialist Aviation program from Years 7 to 10 and this can lead to studies in Years 11 and 12, depending on demand.

The Aviation course caters for the learning needs of all students, from those seeking a career in aviation, science or engineering to others pursuing a keen interest in the subject. A key feature of the Aviation program offered at Melville SHS is the emphasis placed on flight time.

The Aviation course draws from such diverse disciplines as science, business, economics, engineering, management, environmental science, social science, mathematics, English and information technology.

The program encompasses a range of mathematical, technological and humanities concepts and draws together a broad variety of skills, processes, understandings and strategies that promote safe and effective practice in the aviation industry.

Melville SHS is currently the only school in Western Australia with two full motion flight simulators. Our students are incredibly fortunate to be able to incorporate such an effective and dynamic teaching tool into their study program. The simulator forms an integral part of the hands-on approach to the learning experience; one which all students will greatly benefit from as they prepare to take to the skies.

A purpose built Aviation centre within the school houses the majority of the program. The remainder of course time is spent at airports and in the skies above Perth.

As students progress toward their private pilots licence (should they so wish), many hours are spent in group flights with our fully qualified flight instructors.

Melville SHS has two qualified commercial pilots and flight instructors. Both teachers are extremely dedicated to their students and to the field of aviation. All students have the opportunity to learn to fly with their teacher/instructors during school hours, which is another unique and beneficial factor regarding this course.

The Aviation course of study is designed to stimulate and foster intellectual curiosity and promote logical thinking. Students are provided with the opportunity to investigate the importance of aviation to our society, business, defence and tourism.

The course also aims to equip students to become informed citizens, able to participate in discussions on challenging technological, social and environmental issues.

The ability to train, study and fly alongside other like-minded and skilled young people creates a positive environment for the development of the students' flying and academic skills.

Aviation opens up a world of opportunities both within the airline industry and beyond. The skills students learn whilst studying aviation at Melville SHS will stand them in good stead for their future endeavours.

Many of our past students have gone on to have successful careers as airline pilots, RAAF fighter pilots, flight instructors, helicopter pilots and ground crew.

Melville SHS has a scholarship program awarded to a limited number of students entering the Aviation program in Year 7. The scholarship testing process will consist of the applicant's Specialist Program test results together with an interview.

More information and an online application are available on our website.





NETBALL

Approved Specialist Program

Melville Senior High School is one of only five schools that are Tier 1 endorsed by Netball WA. Our Specialist Netball program offers your child the opportunity to excel at their chosen sport. All aspects of the game are taught by committed netball teachers and coaches.

Students gain experience in not only playing netball but also coaching, umpiring, record management and event coordination, all of which open up a host of future study and employment opportunities.

Our coaching staff have a proven track record of taking teams on tours and camps, including team-building at Rottnest, an annual South West tour and the International Youth Sports Challenge in Singapore (for a select group of students every two years).

Through the school's association with Netball WA we have access to exclusive, high performance coaching clinics held at various times throughout the year. Coaching clinics have been conducted by West Coast Fever and Australian Diamond players, as well as experienced high performance coaches - another unique feature designed to give your child the edge.

A comprehensive match schedule is in place to ensure the students are constantly putting their newly acquired skills and experience into competitive practice. The students' performances are all tracked and their outcomes recorded in order for individual programs to be developed and refined as their schooling continues.

Our Netball students enthusiastically participate in many of the school's 30 inter-school sporting teams, greatly adding to the depth of sporting talent.

Netball Specialist classes consist of two sessions a week increasing to four sessions in Year 9 and 10. As well as on-court practice and games, students learn to manage, coach and umpire throughout the program and will be expected to put their experience and knowledge into practice within their club. There will be a practical experience component to the course as part of their assessment. Anticipated outcomes are below.

Program	Year
Develop a Diamond program	Years 7-10
Introduction to umpiring course	Year 8
Role modelling at primary school	Year 9
Foundation umpiring course	Year 9
Umpiring primary school tournaments	Year 9
Ability to coach, manage and umpire teams	Years 9-12
Foundation coaching course	Year 10
Ability to organise all aspects of a netball carnival	Years 11-12
Certificate II in Sports Coaching	Years 11-12
Phys Ed Studies Non-ATAR	Years 11-12
Phys Ed Studies ATAR	Years 11-12

Students who wish to apply for this program will need to take part in a school netball testing trial in Year 5 and/or 6. Melville SHS has a scholarship program awarded to a limited number of Netball Specialist students in Year 7.

More information and an online application are available on our website.





MUSIC IN FOCUS

School Based Program

The Music in Focus Program at Melville Senior High School offers students from Years 7 to 12 a diverse range of musical opportunities. Successful students receive two hours of classroom music each week, increasing to four hours in Year 9 and 10. This is in addition to receiving a weekly instrumental lessons with an Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) teacher.

Students applying for Music in Focus must live in the local intake area or be in an Approved Specialist Programs, namely Gifted and Talented, Aviation, Graphic Design Media or Netball.

Melville SHS Music in Focus offers IMSS lessons for the following instruments: flute, classical guitar, electric and bass guitar, percussion, brass, clarinet and saxophone. There are also limited places in voice.

The Music Department facilitates private lessons for instruments not offered by IMSS. Instrumental lessons are timetabled to rotate each week in order to minimise students missing class time from any one subject.

Other exciting opportunities include musical performances, music tours and camps, school musicals, annual variety shows and social outings.

Auditions for the Music in Focus Program are 15 minutes in duration and students can audition on more than one instrument and/or voice. We are aware that your child may have only commenced learning their IMSS instrument recently and that they are at a beginner level. We encourage them to apply for the Music in Focus Program and book an audition anyway. Please see the school website for more information.

In Year 10, students begin their preparation for upper school music. In Years 11 and 12, they can choose to continue in the examined WACE Music course or the nationally recognised Certificate III in Music Industry course.

Aside from their classroom and instrumental lesson components, students are also required to join the Intermediate Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, Junior Classical Guitar Ensemble, Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble, Contemporary Guitar Ensemble or Melville Vox Vocal Ensemble. All Music students in Year 7 are also required to join the Junior Vocal Ensemble.

Membership of the Swing Band is by audition or invitation only. The band has an excellent reputation in the local community and is frequently invited to perform at local primary schools, tertiary institutions and local businesses.

Bands and ensembles rehearse once a week before or after school. Each band/ensemble is engaged in many performances throughout the year, both in school and within the wider community. Opportunities include a Music Brunch, Performing Arts Variety Shows and Concert by Night events. Students are afforded the opportunity to attend workshops, camps and interstate or overseas tours. The bands also participate in the WA Schools' Concert Band Festival, WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival, WA Schools' Jazz Festival and WA Government Secondary Schools' Choral Festival.





ACADEMIC EXTENSION COURSE

School Based Program

The Academic Extension Course (AEC) at Melville SHS offers students from Years 7 to 10 a diverse range of extended academic opportunities. The AEC classes study Mathematics, Science English and Humanities & Social Science together, where they are either extended to an advanced level and/or given the opportunity to participate in extra activities and incursions.

The AEC Course is a school based program and is offered to students who live in the local intake area or who are in a Specialist Program (ie Aviation, Graphic Design Media or Netball). The students applying for these programs are encouraged to also apply for AEC. The Gifted and Talented class is on at the same time and is separate from these classes. It is recommended that students who sit the Gifted and Talented test also sit the Melville SHS test for AEC and the Specialist Programs to keep their options open.

AEC is a school-based program and students are selected in a school-run test in Years 5 and/or 6, whereas the Gifted and Talented program is selected by the Department of Education on a state-wide basis.

Academic Extension students make up the top mainstream class in each year group. The program aims to extend and stimulate students whilst still progressing with course topics and preparing students for senior school tertiary subjects. Many Specialist Program students are also in the AEC program.

There are currently two AEC classes in each year group and students can move between these and other class groups depending on aptitude and attitude.

The school encourages all students to undertake intellectual, physical, creative and social activities. Melville SHS is a consistent Top Public School Award winner and many sporting and extra curricular activities are available for students to participate in to broaden their horizons.

MELVILLE SHS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please tick the appropriate box/es to denote your programs/courses selection:

Date of Application: __ / __ / 20__

Approved Specialist Program (Students can be from out of area)

- ☐ Graphic Design Media
- ☐ Aviation*
- ☐ Netball*

*Aviation and Netball may clash and you will choose one if you get into both

School Based Programs (Students must live in the local intake area or be successful in an Approved Program)

- ☐ Music In Focus** Instrument(s) _____
- ☐ Academic Extension Course ☐ IMSS Student

**GDM and Music in Focus may clash and music students may need to study Music Appreciation for theory classes. See website for further details.

Student Details

Seeking Entry into Year ____ in the Year 20 ____

Currently in Year ____

Student Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Current Year Group: _____

Current School: _____

Nationality: _____

Does the student mainly speak English at home: Yes / No

Does the student require extra support: Yes / No / Unsure

Other Languages Spoken: _____

Does your child qualify for Education Assistant time?: Yes* / No / Unsure - If so why _____

* This does not preclude enrolment in a Specialist Program - Please indicate if you have documentation of your child's learning difficulties and provide copies of this documentation.

Family Details

Contact 1: Title: _____ Family Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Contact 2: Title: _____ Family Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

- ATTACHED:
- ☐ Copy of most recent School Report
 - ☐ Copy of most recent NAPLAN Report
 - ☐ Learning Difficulties Documentation
 - ☐ Visa Grant Notice

Please attach a copy of all paperwork ticked above and any additional notes or documentation which may support the application (for example: any course related experience, academic awards, current netball club etc).

CONFIRM:

- ☐ The applicant will be enrolled in the program(s) chosen for four years
- ☐ There are additional charges for Specialist Programs
- ☐ Overseas Fee Paying students are normally not considered unless there are exceptional circumstances

Email to: Melville.SHS.Admissions@education.wa.edu.au

Or print and post all documents to Melville SHS, 18 Potts St, Melville, 6156

Melville SHS acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the school stands today and pays its respects to the Whadjuk people, and Elders past, present and emerging.



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