



Through  
Endeavour,  
Success.

**AUSTRALIND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
Prospectus

The staff and students of Australind Senior High School acknowledge that we meet daily on the traditional lands of the Wardandi people and recognise their strength and resilience.

We respect the continuing culture and contribution that the Wardandi people make to the life of this region.

We offer our respect to the Elders past and present and recognise the challenges that future leaders face.

As a school community we will raise awareness and make a commitment to supporting present and future leaders in this important journey.



As a parent, I understand the great importance of choosing the right school for your child. I invite you to explore Australind Senior High School, one of the fastest growing and successful Independent Public Schools in Western Australia.

As the largest regional senior high school, our school is alive-increasing potential and possibilities which is the strength of a big school setting. As an Independent Public School, we pride ourselves on a continuing tradition of excellence in academic, vocational, cultural and sporting pursuits.

At Australind, we believe the greatest gift we can give your child is the power of independent learning, through a unique and personalised education. We have a very clear focus on meeting the needs of all our students through a diverse range of quality curriculum opportunities. We set high standards for your child.

The Australind community will support your child while they are at school. Our goal is for our students to enjoy a positive school experience through our enriched curricular and co-curricular programs that continue to emerge as we plan for the future of our students in our region and across Western Australia.

Our staff are experienced and skilled in their work and take great pride in our school as they deliver outstanding educational programs that support each student's journey.

We believe that our youth are our future and our actions around our school motto 'Growing remarkable people' reflects this belief.

We provide our students with the opportunities, encouragement and support to be extraordinary in whatever they choose to do in life. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our vibrant school community.

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Principal





# Our values

We will all be: RESPECTFUL – KIND – RESPONSIBLE

Our staff will demonstrate THEIR professionalism  
and service to our school community through:

TRANSPARENCY  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
INCLUSION  
COLLABORATION  
EQUITY  
DIVERSITY  
RELEVANCE  
SUSTAINABILITY  
RESPECT  
INTEGRITY

# Why Australind Senior High School?

## **COMMUNITY**

We welcome you to join our community, as parents, in a partnership that will lead to your child forging a successful future with confidence and purpose. As you walk into our school you can feel the sense of community – a warm and welcoming feeling which just feels right. Students have the experience of being part of a vibrant, growing community where they are encouraged to explore their talents and interests, and contribute positively to the world around them.

## **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Australind Senior High School's long history in the service of its local community is marked with excellence. The school has a reputation for providing students extraordinary pathways with outstanding teachers guiding the way. Student achievement is at the core of everything we do and we believe the best measure of our commitment is student performance. Our graduates consistently go on to become successful and contributing members of the community.

## **STUDENT CARE AND SUPPORT**

Our students' wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us. We are a community, and like any community we have a range of services in place to ensure our students are happy, healthy, feel safe and able to learn effectively. Our teachers are supported by a team of specialists who make up our comprehensive student services team which includes, a Student Wellbeing Manager, nurse, psychologist, AIEO and Student Support Officers. Our mission is to create a place where students are comfortable, and have a desire to learn.

## **HIGH QUALITY TEACHING**

At Australind, our staff are our most valuable resource. We have a passionate, experienced team who recognise the unique strengths and qualities of each student. We nurture a learning culture and focus on professionally developing all our staff, seeking and using feedback to improve performance, and to implement contemporary practices and skills. Our professional standards are deeply embedded in worldwide research and best practice, and we work collaboratively with other schools and learning institutions in the region to ensure our teachers are sharing and learning skills every day.

## **FACILITIES**

Our school provides a first-class contemporary learning facility designed around the needs of students and staff. In every facet of school life – from general classrooms to laboratories, a performing arts theatre, sporting grounds, technology and enterprise workshops to commercial kitchens – our students have all the physical resources and support required to discover, extend, and explore. Our vast grounds make the most of our stunning natural environment which is incorporated into many learning activities. In addition, our information technology facilities allow students to investigate and learn with hands-on access to the latest devices and link to STEM activities associated with our latest building program. The school has the capacity to support all students in their journey through and beyond school.

## **STARTING YEAR 7 AT AUSTRALIND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

A happy child enjoys school and learns well. That's why we have established a wonderful home specifically for our Year 7 students. We provide dynamic and inspiring learning experiences and the wellbeing support appropriate for this formative stage of their lives. Together these ensure your child has a smooth transition from primary school to secondary school.

Our specialist Year 7 facilities provide:

- wonderful open spaces for collaborative learning
- state of the art classroom and break out facilities
- home rooms with dedicated teachers
- the latest technology
- flexible learning classrooms
- a unique Year 7 learning environment supporting positive connection.

Dedicated literacy and numeracy support is provided for students who need a little extra help along the way. For example, our MacLit program is designed to help younger students who are finding their literacy and reading skills challenging.

We work hard to provide opportunities for your child to build their self-esteem, be resilient, foster positive relationships with others and look after their health and wellbeing. Our care includes:

- Student Support Officers
- AIEO staff to provide support to our Indigenous students
- peer support programs
- personal, social and emotional development across the curriculum

A dedicated Year 7 leadership team assists your child with the transition from primary school to secondary school. They work closely with each primary school staff and parents, and Year 7 teachers to provide an engaging and well informed transition process.

## **YEARS 8 TO 10**

During this time students are guided to develop into young people that are determined in all aspects of their schooling. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for active participation in their learning and are provided with opportunities to expand their horizons to achieve their best in both curricular and co-curricular areas. A broad range of enrichment activities are included in these middle years which connect students to the outside world and highlight the possibilities that are available to them.

## **YEARS 11 AND 12**

Building on the strong foundation of lower school, our Year 11 and 12 students have the independence and sense of belonging needed to succeed in these important years of their schooling. Year 11 and 12 students work collaboratively with school staff to achieve their goals. Supported, guided and challenged along the way, each student links with a personalised education pathway program designed to help them reach their potential.





## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, THE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS: STEAM**

Learning for new and emerging future careers is our focus linked to our unique community, university and Vocational training partnerships. We are committed to preparing students with the skills they will need to be adaptable and employable in emerging opportunities.

STEAM integrates these essential areas supporting problem solving, creativity and essential General Capabilities into a cohesive learning model based on real-world scenarios. What separates STEAM from traditional education programs is the blended learning environment that allows students to discover how scientific method can be applied to everyday life. It teaches students the importance of the real-world applications of problem solving. Students are already participating in classes focused on engineering, critical problem solving, coding and gaming skills, and other worldwide connections. This continues to be an exciting and emerging area of engagement and growth for our school as we partner with many unique stakeholders.

## **OUR GROWING SCHOOL**

We are one of the fastest growing and most consistently successful Independent Public Schools in Western Australia. Our school has a very clear focus on meeting the needs of all our students. We offer flexibility and opportunities not available in other schools through a diverse range of quality curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities that comes as a benefit of being a big school. Our size also means that we have a diverse community of intelligent, interesting, engaging people – both staff and students – it's nearly impossible not to learn and grow from those around us. There is always something exciting and engaging going on at ASHS that supports the growth of our students.

We provide a wide variety of classes, programs, events and services for students. We have the capacity to offer more specialised programs for students with specific talents and those experiencing some disadvantaged barriers. We offer a varied curriculum and activities that make it possible for all our students to find their place in the world.

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)**

Positive Behaviour Support, or PBS for short, is an evidence-based framework approach used to establish a positive, proactive school wide focus on improving student academic and behaviour outcomes. PBS aims to identify positive expected behaviours in and around the school. The expected behaviours are defined, taught and modelled to ensure a whole school understanding. School community members are acknowledged consistently for displaying these expected behaviours.

The focus of PBS is on ensuring students and staff understand what these expected behaviours are and how to consistently show them. It allows school community members more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. PBS ensures instances of problem behaviour become opportunities to learn and practice the expected behaviour. The purpose of PBS is to establish a school climate in which appropriate behaviour is the norm. Positive behaviours will be explicitly taught and consistently modelled, and when students demonstrate these behaviours, rewards will be provided.

## **LESCHENAULT ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

We are dedicated to the partnership that has been forged with our local primary schools through the Leschenault Alliance of Public Schools (LAPS). Working with our local primary schools allows us to better understand our future students and to work closely with them before they join us when transitioning to Year 7. It enables us to share knowledge and expertise with the professionals working in the primary schools and to prepare and plan for a successful start to high school through our K to 12 alignment.

## **PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS**

Offering Media, Dance, Drama and Visual Art

Our specialist staffs' knowledge, enthusiasm and professionalism allows students to learn, develop and refine their skills and techniques in the performing and visual arts. Concerts, musical productions, exhibitions, excursions and tours provide students with enrichment and extension and the opportunity to perform and display their wide range of talents.

## **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), Australind SHS is in a unique position to provide students with a range of programs which develop skills, knowledge and interest to successfully work and respond within a rapidly changing world.

Providing access to a broad certificate offering the school is able to ensure that students have access to emerging trades while also supporting a range of interests.

Our students benefit from a range of specialist facilities, including a commercial-standard kitchen, design and technology engineering workshops to name a few.

Unique access to accredited staff and industry professionals provides students with inspiration and opportunities that are highly relevant to a career in a range of industries.

Strong partnerships with local industry have enabled a highly successful Work Place Learning program. Students are placed with employers and spend time learning and working in a real-life environment. The success of the program is evidenced by many students being offered further training and employment with our industry and business partners following their placements.

Being an RTO means we offer a range of nationally recognised qualifications – at school, on our campus. Through our counselling your child may also choose to access TAFE or another private training provider to achieve a qualification if they choose or they can train with us, which saves important time in busy schedules and money.





## **SPECIALIST PROGRAMS**

### **• MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY**

The only one of its kind in Western Australia, our Mathematics and Philosophy academic specialist program is designed to expose students to the richness of philosophical debate and problem solving in a context centered on a deep understanding of mathematics. A selective academic program, MAPs combines philosophical concepts, critical and creative thinking and problem solving which are then embedded across the curriculum to engage and support learning in all core subject areas.

Students work in the same group from Years 7 to 10 and the curiosity and imagination of these gifted students is supported by a school curriculum which fosters success beyond school.

### **• JAZZ MUSIC**

Our acclaimed jazz music program provides a wonderfully passionate learning environment for students who are interested, talented or who are recognised as having potential. The learning incorporates workshops, studio work, enrichment opportunities and mentoring sessions by visiting professionals who provide real insight into the life of the artistic professional. Walk into the music halls at any given time and students and teachers are honing their craft and having a truly unique schooling experience.

## **LANGUAGES**

Offering Japanese and French

Learning a language helps children 'learn to learn'. Through the study of modern languages our students continue their path to becoming global citizens. Japanese and French have been an important part of the Australind curriculum and over time international partnerships have helped enrich the language program. Classroom learning is supported by a range of cultural tours, exchanges and hosting opportunities. One of the highlights of studying a language are the international opportunities that can emerge from this interest and experience.

## **SPORT AND ACTIVITIES**

Australind SHS understands the importance of a balanced education. As such we offer a wide range of competitive and non-competitive sporting activities, both in class and co-curricular, for every level of ability. We aim to provide all our students with a sporting experience that fosters an appreciation of the benefits of competition and the spirit of fair play, the pursuit of excellence and fulfilment of individual potential.

We have a long and proud tradition participating and competing in Country Week. Each year we bring together a large team of around 150 students across 12 different sports/vocations to compete in Country Week. The students love the competition and gain so much from the experience of being in a team and traveling to compete alongside their peers.

Teams also participate in winter carnivals:

Year 7/8 Participation Carnival (AFL, Netball, Basket Ball, Hockey, Soccer)

Year 9/10 Carnival (AFL, Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Volleyball, Touch Rugby, Basket Ball)

In addition, we compete in local interschool sports carnivals in athletics, swimming and cross country.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES CADET UNIT**

Cadet programs in schools have a long history of preparing young people from all walks of life and encouraging active involvement in their local communities. They encourage valuable personal attributes, help to build skills and foster confidence, self-reliance, initiative, loyalty and a sense of service to others.

For many this improves their educational attendance and attainment, as well as their engagement and ambition. Cadet programs improve young people's life chances and prepare them for the challenges and responsibilities of employment and adult life.

Our Emergency Services Cadet Unit has been in operation since 1999 and has developed a proud tradition over time. The unit is part of the Cadets WA program and our host organisation is the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). Our training is based around Volunteer Bush Fire, Fire and Rescue, State Emergency Service and Sea Rescue.

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

We are committed to providing our students with a range of leadership opportunities. Our Excel: Sport and Leadership program is one such program that promotes peer mentoring, coaching and confidence. The Year 7 Parliament and Student Executive provide opportunities for advocating for students' fellow peers, developing collaborative learning skills, public speaking and teamwork. This prepares our students to be confident contributors to our community.

The school draws upon its many talented students each year to nominate to be a school captain

## **YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY BEGINS**

Now that you have read about the opportunities for your child at Australind Senior High School, we invite you and your family to visit and experience our school for yourself.

We make the strongest of commitments to cater to all children in the local intake area. We also invite children outside local intake to audition for the Jazz Music Specialist Program or sit the entrance test for the Mathematics and Philosophy Academic Specialist Program. In special circumstances there is the opportunity to place mainstream students from outside the local intake, depending on enrolment numbers and specific circumstances.

Our academic standards are high, and it is our desire to see students of all abilities discover and develop their own strengths and make the most of their potential.

We invite you to take a personal tour with one of leadership team – so you can feel the warmth and sense of success and community for yourself.

To learn more about Australind Senior High School or to arrange a tour please contact:

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