



Kalamunda Senior High School

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School Overview

Kalamunda Senior High School is a long established school with proud traditions. We have a strong sense of community stretching across three generations. Kalamunda's values are 'Community' which, along with our other values of 'Respect, Resilience, Love of Learning and Pride', is encompassed in our efforts to achieve our vision of Sharing our Forest of Possibilities. Numerous graduates have excelled in and taken on leadership roles in their chosen fields - notably the arts, education, medicine, engineering, Olympic representation, journalism, entertainment and the public service.



All students are welcome at Kalamunda Senior High School. We offer a high quality education in a positive, nurturing environment.

Kalamunda has a particular focus on the arts and is a selective entry GATE Visual Arts School. These students receive tuition on Saturday mornings to enhance their artistic skills and abilities. Each year the excellence of their work is recognised through winning and gaining places in local, regional and state awards and exhibitions. In addition students have won the ATAR Art Exhibition, the school consistently obtains top 10 school rankings and annual inclusion in Perspectives, Metamorphosis and Young Originals exhibitions.

To complement the art focus Kalamunda has a vibrant music program including an orchestra, numerous ensembles and a choir. Overseas tours have provided students with an opportunity to perform internationally as well as in many local and regional venues and events. Art and music are also complemented by strong dance and drama programs which make use of the excellent 250 seat Performing Arts Centre located next to the school. Students with an interest in the media are encouraged to become involved in running and presenting on the school's radio station. We have a selective Performing Arts Program in dance, drama and music and places in this exciting program are in high demand. In 2017 a specialist music stream was added to the program.

Places at Kalamunda Senior High School are in high demand and this demand reflects the excellent reputation of the school in the arts and academic studies. The school offers an extensive range of courses leading to studies at university and TAFE colleges. Students have achieved outstanding results over many years in university entrance exams, top subjects and student awards and levels of secondary graduation.

Outstanding students are nurtured and extended in the school's Academic Excellence program and excellence in primary schools is acknowledged by the annual presentation of Year 7 Academic Scholarships. An Academic Excellence Scholarship Program is also run for talented Year 5 and 6 students from local primary schools. Attending weekly, the students receive lessons from senior specialist staff in English, Mathematics, Science and Society & Environment. These students gain direct entry into the Year 7 Academic Excellence class.

On the sporting field, school teams enter interschool competitions in volleyball, netball, basketball, cricket, football, boys and girls soccer, swimming and athletics. Recent successes include champion school status in volleyball, the Blackwood Marathon and Avon Descent and as the champion school in Year 8 and Year 12 debating.

For our approved specialist program in Outdoor Education, students are selected into the program in Year 7 and undertake specialist classes throughout Years 7 to 10. Students can continue their Outdoor Education studies in Years 11 and 12, both as a tertiary entrance and as a vocational education course.

Kalamunda offers a welcoming and supportive environment for all students. A strong and committed student services team, including a manager, chaplain, nurse, school psychologist and year coordinators, work together to help each child and their families with learning and other issues which affect teenagers. Our Learning Support Centre, is fully staffed to provide assistance to individual and small groups of students, in class assistance for teachers and professional learning for the whole staff in literacy and numeracy and in enhancing teacher pedagogy.

Year 7 students are part of Learning Teams. In each of the teams the teachers work together on curriculum and student welfare matters to assist students with their transition to high school.

Kalamunda Senior High School also welcomes all students who bring a wonderful multi-cultural dimension to our very Australian school. We also have strong links with our sister schools in Japan and trips and exchanges to Indonesia, Italy and Japan reflect the strong ties to the countries of the three languages taught at Kalamunda.

Kalamunda is a school that lives its vision of Sharing our Forest of Possibilities and reflects our values of Respect, Resilience, Pride, Community and a Love of learning in all we do.

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School Management

Principal
Helen Deacon

Vice / Deputy Principals
David Brady
Mary Morgan

Manager Corporate Services
Jeni Jorritsma

School Details

School Code: 4027

Commencement Date: 01/01/1962

Education Region: SOUTH METRO

Statistical Local Area: KALAMUNDA (S)

State Electorate: KALAMUNDA

Commonwealth Electorate: HASLUCK

Independent Public School: 2011

School year from: Year 7

School year to: Year 12

Student Numbers (as at 2017 Semester 1)

Secondary	Y07	Y08	Y09	Y10	Y11	Y12	USE	Total
Full Time	201	166	212	189	172	158		1098

Programs

Department Endorsed Programs

- Vocational Education and Training in Schools Program

Specialist Programs

- Outdoor Adventure

School-Based Programs

- Academic Excellence Program
- GATE Program- Visual Art
- Languages Other Than English
- Outdoor Adventure Program
- Performing Arts Program

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- **Vocational Education and Training in Schools Program**

Implementation of VET across Australia is in accordance with the set of nationally agreed principles from Principles and Guidelines for Improving Outcomes for Vocational and Technical Education and Training (VTE) in Schools (2005 - 2008).

Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools programs are delivered as part of a broad, general education that combines study towards a senior secondary certificate (i.e. the Western Australian Certificate of Education - the WACE) with a nationally recognised VET qualification within the Australian Qualification Framework.

The specific areas identified as priority areas for VET in Schools for action in the Principles and Guidelines include:

- * the establishment of VET in Schools by schools not previously involved in the delivery of VET in Schools
- * expanding the range and spread of VET in Schools courses offered across industry sectors by schools already involved in the delivery of VET in Schools
- * the establishment of VET in Schools courses in new industry areas and in industry areas currently not well subscribed in VET in Schools
- * increasing participation in VET in Schools by particular student groups that are difficult to reach and/or service, for example, improving access for students in rural and remote areas and for educationally disadvantaged students including Indigenous students and students with a disability,
- * developing strategies to maintain quality standards in VET in Schools including professional development
- * increasing participation in School-Based New Apprenticeships (in WA these are called School Based Traineeships) and other trades related vocational courses which relate to skills shortages, and
- * addressing areas of skills shortage.

Specialist Programs

- **Outdoor Adventure**

The Outdoor adventure program gives children the skills and knowledge to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities. It is for children who have a strong interest in physical activity and learning about our unique environment.

School-Based Programs

- **Academic Excellence Program**

The program was introduced in 2004 to attract top academic students from our feeder primary schools. Student applying undergo ACER testing and the top 25-30 students are offered places in Year 7. The students continue as a discreet class, for English, Mathematics, science and Society and Environment in Years 7, 8 and 9. In Year 10 the top 32 students in each of these four Learning Areas form discrete classes.

- **GATE Program- Visual Art**

Places in this prestigious program, which has been based at Kalamunda for 35 years, are offered after central testing and interviews. Students supplement their art classes with specialized tutoring on Saturday mornings.

- **Languages Other Than English**

The school offers 3 languages - Japanese, Italian and Indonesian to Year 12 level. Annual exchanges occur with our sister schools in Japan, with annual or biennial trips to Malaysia and Italy. Kalamunda is a Language Hub school for Asian languages.

- **Outdoor Adventure Program**

Introduced in 2007 the program is designed to enhance the learning of students across all learning areas in an outdoor education context. Students are selected into the program in Year 7 and continue to Year 12 when students can study Outdoor Education for tertiary entrance.

- **Performing Arts Program**

Kalamunda SHS introduced a selective Performing Arts Program, in Dance, Drama and Music in 2012. The program utilizes the outstanding Performing Arts centre and excellent music facilities. Students are selected by audition into the program for Year 7 to 10. In 2017 a specialist stream in music was added to the program.