



Melville Senior High School

<http://www.melville.wa.edu.au>

School Overview

When you visit our school, it has a fantastic aura where the energy, creativity and joy for learning are hidden inside. Come on a school tour to see for yourself.

Melville Senior High School is a highly successful, comprehensive Independent Public School with a student population of around 1,400 and over 170 teaching and support staff.

It is a vibrant cosmopolitan school, which aims to provide students with a world-class educational experience. This is achieved through the provision of opportunities for intellectual, physical, creative and social development, with high quality teaching and strong pastoral care relationships.

At Melville Senior High School students have access to our highly regarded programs including:

- * a state selected Gifted and Talented Academic Program in the humanities, mathematics and sciences
- * State accredited Approved 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.

Our school has been a 'top public school' award winner every year since 2006 and strives to improve academically each year. The most recent Independent Public School review has given Melville Senior High School a glowing report and affirmed our strategic direction. Our latest achievements and the review are summarised on the school's website.

In Years 11 and 12 there is a large selection of both academic (ATAR) subjects and vocationally focused certificate courses. Through all these broad and challenging curriculum pathways, students will be guided and supported by their classroom teachers and our dedicated student services team. Our fantastic ATAR results are also outlined on our website.

The school is proactive with the use of technology and all students start Year 7 with an iPad, which, along with Connect, becomes a major link, enhancing teacher, parent and student communication.

To further enrich your child's experience at Melville Senior High School, we offer an expansive range of extracurricular programs that have traditionally incorporated over 30 interschool sporting teams, musical productions, dance and band festivals, debating, outdoor pursuits, camps and wilderness expeditions, State Emergency Services Cadets, academic challenges, and orientation and extension camps.

The school also enjoys the support of a talented School Board, a highly motivated Parents and Citizens Association and parent support groups for our specialist programs.

Our primary focus has and always will be the enthusiasm, engagement and learning requirements of our students. At Melville Senior High School we pride ourselves on treating each child as an individual and continually strive to meet their academic, cultural, sporting, citizenship and pastoral needs as we prepare them to meet the challenges of the future.



School Management

Principal
Phillip White

Vice / Deputy Principals
Evan Floyd
Stephanie Mcdonald
Alanna Sherwood
Paul Cooke

Manager Corporate Services
Bruce Winfield

School Details

School Code: 4034
Commencement Date: 01/01/1960
Education Region: SOUTH METRO
Statistical Local Area: MELVILLE (C)
State Electorate: BICTON
Commonwealth Electorate: TANGNEY
Independent Public School: 2012
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	222	251	248	268	231	194		1414

Programs

Department Endorsed Programs

- Gifted and Talented Education - Academic Talent Program Maths/Science

Specialist Programs

- Aviation
- Graphic Design Media
- Netball

School-Based Programs

- Academic Extension Course
- Music in Focus

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- **Gifted and Talented Education - Academic Talent Program Maths/Science**

The Gifted and Talented Education program is offered for the purpose of providing gifted and talented students entering Year 8 in public schools access to a range of programs that meet their specific talents.

As well as the extension and enrichment work in a special program area; students follow a normal course of study in secondary schooling.

The mathematics and science program features regular participation in national and international competitions and these efforts have been rewarded with many trophies over the years. Each school has links to universities. The study program matches each student's interests and academic strengths. The learning environment is intellectually stimulating and rigorous.

Specialist Programs

- **Aviation**

The aviation course caters for the needs of all seeking a career in aviation, science or engineering. Students have the opportunity to experience flights with 2 flying instructors at the school.

Specialist classes are offered from Years 7 to 10 and then Senior School Aviation Studies courses are available in Years 11 and 12. The course caters for the learning needs of all students, from those seeking a career in aviation, science or engineering to other aviation-related pursuits. Many former students have found employment in the aviation industry.

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

We are currently the only school within Western Australia that can boast two full-motion flight simulators, which students can access from the beginning of the course. The addition of the flight simulators to the aviation program has further enhanced Melville SHS's reputation as a leader within this field of study.

More information can be found on the Melville SHS web-site: <http://www.melville.wa.edu.au/>

- **Graphic Design Media**

Graphic Design Media has been in high demand since starting as a Specialist Program in 2012. Students have highly experienced teachers utilising excellent facilities and industry standard hardware such as iMacs, interactive tablets, the Adobe CC Suite and 3D printers. Our specialist teaching staff have established excellent networks with a wide range of institutions including Murdoch, Curtin and Edith Cowan Universities and the Black Swan Theatre.

Throughout Years 7 to 10 the Graphic Design Media students are offered Master Class opportunities where professionals from the industry work with individuals and groups to extend and enhance their learning experience. These professional designers and media makers constantly visit, lecture and hold workshops during the program, coming from fields as diverse as fashion, printmaking, animation, architecture, interior design, illustration, photography, film making and industrial design to name a few.

Year 7s attend two sessions a week doubling to four sessions from Years 8 to 10. Projects are drawn from exercises aimed at increasing core skills as well as giving relevant industry context. Over the course of the year, students would normally undertake one major project from each of the four major contexts, which are spatial design, 2 dimensional design, film and time based media and interactive/ photographic media. The projects are diverse and aim to build upon the skills and understandings learned during the previous year.

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- **Netball**

Our Specialist Program in Netball offers your child the opportunity to excel at their chosen sport.

Our netball coaches have all had substantial coaching and playing experience both at a state and national level. This representative experience will assist your child to understand the level of commitment required to achieve success.

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 coaching staff have a proven track record in taking teams from the program on tour. These tours introduce a range of new and exciting experiences for the students. Tours in the past have included:

the annual South West tour, a tour to the Gold Coast in Queensland and the Singapore tour for a select group of students from our High Performance Program (Years 7 to 10 students).

Through our association with Netball WA we have access to exclusive high performance coaching clinics held at various times throughout the year. An exciting feature of this course is the coaching clinics conducted by renowned international coaches along with current Australian players.

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School-Based Programs

- **Academic Extension Course**

Academic Extension Course (AEC)

The Academic Extension Course at Melville Senior High School offers students from Years 7 to 10 a diverse range of extended academic opportunities. The Program has two streams, Mathematics and Science and English and the Humanities & Social Science. Students can be accepted into one or both streams.

The course differs from the Gifted and Talented Selective academic program in that students are often talented in humanities subjects or Science and Maths but not necessarily both. AEC is a school-based program and students are selected in a school-run test, whereas the Gifted and Talented program is selected by the Education Department on a statewide basis. Some parents prefer the AEC program seeing it as less pressured for their child.

Academic Extension students make up the top mainstream class(s) 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 (ATAR) subjects. Many Specialist Program students are also in this AEC stream.

- **Music in Focus**

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 to four hours of classroom music each week throughout their six years of schooling, in addition to receiving instrumental lessons with an Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) teacher.

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

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