



# PROSPECTIVE --- PARENT HANDBOOK







# CREATING FUTURES

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At Canning Vale College, we are committed to "Creating Futures." We support every student to engage, progress and develop throughout their time at our College so that they can transition to their chosen post school option and contribute responsibly and positively to their community.

We aim to be the school of choice in our local area. In 2021 we were proudly awarded a finalist position in the WA Secondary School of the Year Education Awards. We are a large, comprehensive and modern secondary school catering for children from Years 7 to 12. Our focus is to provide a safe and inclusive environment in which students can grow and be successful in all aspects of their lives. We provide strong pastoral care as well as high quality teaching and learning.

With an enrolment of approximately 1400 students from the local Canning Vale community, we have built and maintain a connection to our community and local networks, enabling us to provide a rounded education to all students.

While most students will find the shift to high school exciting, it can be a nervous time for both yourself and your child. We consider a successful transition from Primary to High School to be a joint effort, a partnership between us and you, the parent. Our Student Engagement team includes Youth Support officers (Yr 7-9), Year Coordinators (Yr 10-12), Associate Principals, Managers, Nurse, Psychologist and Chaplain. The Student Engagement team coordinate a variety of external support agencies for students, and organise many inclusive events and activities including Breakfast Club, R U OK Day, Harmony Day, Wear it Purple Day, World Greatest Shave and much much more!

We welcome you to visit our school. Tours are conducted throughout the year and can be booked via our website.

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## THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE

# THE HIGH SCHOOL DIFFERENCE

A Year 7 student's week includes 25 hours of class time per week split up with:

- 4 hours each of English, Maths, Science & HASS (total 16 hours)
- 2 hours of Physical Education
- 2 hours of Language (Italian or Indonesian)
- 1 hour of Health Education
- 4 hours of Technology/Arts

## OTHER KEY DIFFERENCES

- Up to 10 different teachers not one main teacher, so your individual printed timetable is KEY (put a copy on the fridge at home)
- The physical size of the school is much larger than Primary School
- The number of students - we typically have over 200 students in each year group
- Play space and time change – new people – new break times

## YOU CAN HELP BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS BY

- Practical – Allowing your child to undertake more practical skills such as making their own lunch and breakfast, washing and ironing their own uniforms and general chores around the house
- Social – You can help support their resiliency by understanding that setbacks are a learning experience, that they will be required to take turns, say 'hello' and use appropriate manners
- Academic – Ensure that they have a study area – encourage them to learn and use teachers' names

## THE TRANSITION PROCESS

- Transition/Orientation Day (Week 3 Term 4 in Year 6)
- Youth Leader appointed to mentor Yr7 students
- Discussions with Primary School teachers
- Parents are welcome to discuss their child's individual needs with a Transition Coordinator prior to commencing with us
- Tours are conducted throughout the year ([book here](#))
- A parent information night is held in Term 1 and 4



TRANSITION TO  
HIGH SCHOOL



The focus of schooling in Years 7 to 10 is to continue to develop broad and comprehensive educational knowledge and skills. The Western Australian curriculum is year specific and is the same at every secondary school (private and public) in the state.

Curriculum delivery is supported by our Learning Support team who support students who have learning difficulties or disabilities as well as mainstream students who are not achieving the national achievement benchmarks. The Learning Support team work with teachers in their classes or may engage separate classes for groups of students with similar needs.

## SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

A specialist program at any school is about exposing a student to a specialist teacher for a small percentage of their school work. A specialist program may involve hours both in and out of school class instruction. For the rest of their education the student is part of the regular cohort. Further information on our 5 specialist program can be found on our website.

- Specialist Music
- STEM Specialist Program
- Academic Extension Program
- Specialist Visual Art
- Language Specialist Program

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A variety of teams and clubs are on offer for students before and after school such as:

Sporting  
Dance  
Drama  
Music groups  
Robotics teams

Craft club  
Writing club  
Circus troupe  
Media club  
Chess club



CURRICULUM  
OVERVIEW

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The local intake area for the College contains all or part of the local intake areas of the following primary schools (enrolment application forms are delivered to your child's Year 6 teacher during Term 1 the year before enrolment, however you are welcome to contact us directly for an enrolment form):

- Canning Vale Primary
- Caladenia Primary
- Ranford Primary
- Campbell Primary
- Excelsior Primary

Our Approved Specialist Program are also open to students outside of our local catchment area.

Enrolment forms can be accepted in person, by post or email.

## PARENT FUNDED ONE TO ONE BYO DEVICE

The benefits of our Parent Funded 1:1 Program include:

- Enabling students to use the same device at home and school
- Allowing students to access information according to their needs
- Giving teachers the ability to improve how they teach a concept
- Building student organisation skills and sense of responsibility
- Allowing learning to be more engaging

An iPad is the device of choice for Year 7-9 students. Further information on device requirements can be found on our website here: [cvc.wa.edu.au/ict](http://cvc.wa.edu.au/ict)



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hours of 8AM - 3:30PM