Upper Secondary School Information
Year 10 to 12

Grow with confidence at our School!
The Lake Joondalup Baptist College was established to provide a high standard of education within the context of the Christian faith. The Pre Kindergarten to Year 12 College provides for students from the age of four to seventeen years and provides continuity for students during their primary and secondary studies.

A sense of warmth, care and energy pervades the College, which is renowned for its high expectations and exceptional pastoral care. LJBC provides an education with high academic standards, tailored to the developmental needs of childhood and adolescence, and designed to encourage diverse interests and talents. LJBC supports students across all levels of learning ability, and provides a positive and challenging learning environment. Students flourish at LJBC. It is a caring community - a place of teaching and learning, fun and friendship, a great place to come to school, a place to grow with confidence.

Daryl Pollard

College Principal

Our Mission

To build a Christian learning community that is strong in its relationships, firm in its beliefs and dedicated to the education of every child.

College Motto

Our Motto: Seek Wisdom Act Justly Love Mercy

Our Christian environment

The College is a ministry of the Lake Joondalup Baptist Church and there is a close relationship between the LJB Church and the College. Church Pastors work on site and the Church Youth Worker offers after hours activities. The College Chaplaincy team teach the Christian education program, runs lunchtime activities, weekend camps and also provides ministry to students and families at important times in their lives.

Staff members of the College are committed Christians involved in their local churches in a variety of denominations. Teaching staff are selected for their high standards of training, their dedication to teaching and their personal Christian faith.

Students entering the College are not required to have a commitment to or involvement with the Christian faith; however, all students must participate fully in the Christian program of the College. This includes a weekly Christian Education lesson which includes Bible teaching and the application of the Bible to daily life. Bible readings, devotions and prayer are features of the daily Connect time and College gatherings such as House and Secondary Assemblies. Christian values and a relationships-fun-grow-explore-contribute-values-achieve
Biblical viewpoint are incorporated into all aspects of the life of the College, including the curriculum. Students who are practising Christians or who wish to explore the Christian faith in greater detail enjoy the well-attended lunchtime social gatherings offered by the Chaplaincy.

## College expectations and parental obligations

The College provides a positive, caring and supportive environment for students. LJBC is highly regarded in the local and educational community because of its high standards of academic performance, pastoral care, uniform and discipline.

Before deciding to enrol your child at LJBC, you need to be sure that you agree with, and will support, College policies and procedures. Some of which are published on the College website and others can be found in the annual Student Planner issued to students or in our booklet entitled ‘Extract from Student Planner – Policies and Guidelines’. Contact the College if you would like a copy. Parents should study this document carefully before applying for enrolment. When you enrol your child at LJBC you are endorsing College policies, procedures and expectations and you are committing to ensuring that your children comply with these. For example, parents are responsible for ensuring that their child is fully compliant with College uniform and appearance standards before the student arrives at school each day. If staff need to regularly address issues with a student’s uniform or appearance, then parents are not meeting their obligations. The College is strict in applying its carefully considered policies and procedures, and if parents are not in full agreement with these, then they should not proceed with enrolment. The College will not compromise its standards and it is the expectation of the College parent community to maintain these standards.

LJBC is a school where staff, parents and students become well known to each other and where there is mutual respect and affection. The College enjoys excellent working relationships with parents and students. It is our experience that the work we do as a College is most successful when it is a true partnership between the home and the College, with parents supporting and reinforcing the standards and values that we hold as a College. The warm and supportive working relationship which the College enjoys with parents and students confirms our view that most parents are eager to embrace the high standards which the College works so hard to protect. Indeed, the high standards the College upholds is one of the reasons why enrolment places at the College are in such demand.
The Curriculum

The curriculum at LJBC complies with the requirements of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority for Kindergarten to Year 12 education.

The College’s rich curriculum is the total of all activities, both formal and informal, which take place inside and outside the classroom, and before and after the hours of normal instruction. The curriculum is rigorous, challenging and enjoyable, has high academic standards, aims to motivate and stimulate all students and is competitive in preparing students for entry to employment, Polytechnic (formerly TAFE) and University. The College endeavours to support every student in their learning and encourages each student to set realistic academic goals.

Secondary Curriculum

For Senior Secondary students, the College’s curriculum provides a wide range of educational possibilities, culminating in Secondary Graduation (The Western Australian Certificate of Education). As well as the full range of courses leading to University studies, the College provides a highly successful Vocational Education and Training program enabling Year 11 and 12 students to participate in on and off the job training for one day a week, while still pursuing a full school program. The following Courses of Study are illustrative of the range of Courses on offer, but these will vary from year to year.

Year 10 is our pivotal year for rigorous preparations for Years 11 and 12.

Senior Secondary Curriculum: Years 10, 11, 12

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**Communication**

Communication between parents and teachers is an important aspect of life at LJBC. Throughout the academic year, parents will receive details of course outlines, assessment programs, test and assignment results. The Student Planner is used to communicate information, such as commending students, or advising that homework has not been completed. Numerous parent information evenings provide briefings and background information for parents. If required, parents are encouraged to make appointments to speak with teachers. An Interim Report is issued at the end of Term 1 and parent-teacher-student interviews are held during the year. Semester 1 and 2 Reports provide information about overall academic progress. Information is also easily accessible about students’ curriculum and progress through our online learning management platform.

**Co-curricular activities**

The College offers an extensive co-curricular program. During the average school week, up to 50 after school clubs and activities are available to students. These will vary from year to year but will generally include summer and winter sporting teams, subject clubs (homework help and tutoring), drama, music, debating, chess, radio, culture, and student Christian groups.

College life is enriched by special events such as drama productions, concerts, music performances and Inter House events. The Year 11 River Cruise and the Year 12 Ball are highlights for senior students. The College Calendar features excursions, camps, interstate and overseas trips.

**Music program**

In addition to an outstanding Music Curriculum, more than twenty groups make music together before and after school. Music students are involved in concerts, competitions, community performances and music tours. A number of Music Tuition Scholarships are available in a range of instruments. The Private Instrumental Tuition Program allows students to have individual or small group tuition during the school day. Students who elect to take private lessons, at a nominal fee, are expected to participate in at least one of the many ensembles, choirs or bands.

**Co-curricular sport**

The Coastal Associated Sport Competition (CAS) sees students competing in a range of inter school sporting teams including basketball, cricket, tennis, softball, soccer and indoor beach volleyball. Parents are encouraged to be involved and to

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volunteer to coach and umpire teams. The Champion Schools Sport Competition allows students to compete in rugby, badminton, soccer, football and golf, to name just a few. The Fitness and Swimming Clubs are very popular before and after school activities. The College fields competitive teams in a range of inter school competitions, including swimming, cross country and athletics.

**Tutoring**
A number of Learning Areas, in particular, Science, Maths and English, offer students an after school tutoring program. Sessions are structured to provide extra assistance to students who may be finding the course difficult or who have fallen behind due to absence.

**Student achievement**
The College encourages and recognises achievement and personal effort across a wide range of activities. Awards, medals and certificates celebrating excellence, high achievement and endeavour are presented at College and House assemblies and at the annual Year 7-11 Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation Evenings. Commendation stamps in the Student Planner provide encouragement and positive feedback. Students with good behaviour records receive various treats and outings. Senior Students aspire to be awarded College Colours and College Honours. Students who represent the state or Australia in sport are included on the Sporting Wall of Fame. Graduates from LJBC are commemorated on plaques in Graduation Walk. Student successes are celebrated at LJBC!
Facilities

LJBC students have access to excellent information technology facilities, and each student has an email account and space on the College Portal, which is accessible from anywhere in the world. All classroom computers are upgraded every three years and the College licensing agreement gives the College access to the latest software. Students also participate in the Bring Your Own Laptop program.

In addition to modern classrooms, the College has a state of the art 3,600 square metre Sports Centre offering facilities and equipment for sport, health and wellbeing. The College offers a Technology & Enterprise Centre with specialist facilities for Foods, Woodwork, Metals, Fabrics, Technical Graphics and Computing. The purpose built Science Building provides excellent facilities for the study of the physical and biological sciences. The Arts facilities include specialist rooms for Media Studies, Radio, Visual Art, Class Music, Music Tutorial rooms, and a Performing Arts teaching area that is also used for public performances. Other facilities include an Auditorium, a Library, a Canteen, a Hall, a playing field and oval, Basketball and Tennis Courts and a Uniform Shop. All classrooms are air conditioned and well equipped.

Pastoral care and discipline

The College provides a positive, caring and supportive environment for students. A personal interest is taken in each student, and high standards of discipline are maintained. LJBC is a school where staff and students become well known to each other and where there is mutual respect and affection. Our Wings pastoral care program is based on the tenets of positive education and positive psychology.

Students who exhibit inappropriate behaviour may receive an after school or lunch time detention or suspension from classes or from attendance at the College. A student’s enrolment will be withdrawn for inappropriate, negative or oppositional attitude and conduct on the part of a student or parent; for disrespect or defiance towards staff; if a student has an association with alcohol, drugs or tobacco; for verbal or physical abuse; for fighting, theft, vandalism and graffiti; for inappropriate use of online technologies such as social networking sites and mobile phones; for bullying; for a pattern of disciplinary issues; for bringing the College into disrepute or for any matter deemed by the Principal to warrant withdrawal of a student’s enrolment privilege. In addition, a student’s enrolment may be withdrawn if parents do not support the College, policies and procedures.

The House System

LJBC has a flourishing House system, with a Head of House for each of the six Houses. Heads of House are responsible for the pastoral care, discipline and welfare of the students in their House. House spirit is strong, with a healthy rivalry and competition between Houses. House Captains and House Councillors assist with the running of many House activities, celebrations and events. The College Calendar is filled with a variety of Inter House competitions – swimming, athletics, cross country, chess, public speaking and music, to mention just a few. Each House meets regularly at House Assemblies. Connect groups are House and year based.
Uniform
Students have a very smart uniform and it is a condition of enrolment that students wear the uniform at the required standard and that they conform to College regulations regarding grooming, jewellery, piercing, tattoos etc. All uniform items, except shoes, can be purchased from the College Uniform Shop. The uniform includes a summer and winter uniform and a sports uniform. The College blazer is a compulsory item of the winter uniform for all Secondary students. Senior Secondary students enjoy wearing uniform items which differentiate them from Lower Secondary students.

Bookshop
Books and stationery are supplied through a local agent and online ordering is available.
Canteen facility

The Canteen, the LJ Café, is open at recess and lunchtime and also offers a nutritious breakfast menu. A range of healthy snacks and lunches can be purchased.

Parent Participation Program

Parental help is of great importance in any school community. At LJBC, participation in the Parent Participation Program (PPP), or payment of a levy in lieu, is a condition of enrolment. Each family is required to contribute a minimum of 10 hours of voluntary work per year, for the period their child attends the College from Kindergarten through to Year 11. This is regardless of the number of children attending the College: 1 child = 10 hours, 3 children = 10 hours. There is no maximum; every hour worked is of benefit to the College community. A description of the tasks and a nomination sheet are circulated to parents, enabling them to contribute in a chosen area of interest or an area of competence.

Overseas students

Lake Joondalup Baptist College is registered to accept Full Fee-Paying Overseas students, provided they are able to arrange their own accommodation. Details of Tuition Fees & Charges for full-fee paying students may be obtained by contacting Enrolment staff.

Transport

Public Transport authorities provide services to and from the College bus bay or adjacent bus stops. Bike racks are provided for students who choose to cycle to school.

Admission and conditions of enrolment

Admission to the College is dependent on a satisfactory behaviour report from the child’s previous school and evidence of academic and social readiness for the year of entry. Conditions of enrolment include the prompt payment of fees; an active commitment by parents and students to College behaviour, uniform standards and discipline policies; respect for and full participation in the Christian program of the College; and completion of Parent Participation Program (PPP) obligations.

Fees

Lake Joondalup Baptist College is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to provide a Christian, independent education. Tuition fees are reviewed each year and set as an annual fee after establishing the year’s total anticipated operating income and costs. Tuition Fees are invoiced at the commencement of each semester and must be paid by the end of the first week of that semester or by Direct Debit arrangements. Subject levies are in addition to Tuition Fees and these costs will vary according to the subjects selected. Subject/course levies are billed at the end of Term 1. Credit card payment facilities are available. A student’s placement at the College is reviewed if fees fall into arrears. Sibling discounts apply if more than one child from a family attends the College at any one time.
Enrolment procedure

Generally there are waiting lists for entry to the College, although vacancies may sometimes be available for immediate entry. To be entered on the waiting lists, a non-refundable Registration Fee is charged. Places are offered first to siblings of current or past students of the College; however, these offers are subject to the student (or sibling/s) having consistently met College behaviour standards and to parents having given full support to College policies and standards. Any remaining vacancies are offered to new families in order of registration, subject to academic readiness and good behaviour reports. Religious affiliation is not a factor. When an offer of place is accepted by the family, a non-refundable and non-transferable enrolment fee and a bond are payable. This enrolment fee and bond will not be refunded should a student not commence studies at LJBC.

Further Information

You are encouraged to visit the LJBC website <http://www.ljbc.wa.edu.au> and our LinkedIn company page. Further information, including dates of monthly tours of the College facilities, can be obtained by contacting our Enrolments Registrar at the College on 9300 7444 or email <enrolments@ljbc.wa.edu.au>.

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