



PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

Exceptional schooling. Exceptional students.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Western Australia's Only Fully Selective Academic School



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New students to Perth Modern School will enter a culture of achievement unmatched in Western Australia. Perth Modern School supports the growth of individual students to their full academic, intellectual, social and physical potential. Students will develop as self motivated, independent learners who will be productive and responsible community members.

RICH IN TRADITION – FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

Perth Modern School first opened its doors to students with strong academic abilities in 1911. The school established a reputation for high achievement and is recognised for the successes of former students who have excelled as leaders throughout the community. Today, Perth Modern School has returned to academically selective schooling and is once again fully committed to developing the skills and abilities of academically gifted students.



Perth Modern School students are part of a community of like-minded, extremely academically able peers. The school is focused on preparing students for the future within a dynamic global environment.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS



Students are challenged by a curriculum that privileges higher order thinking and reasoning, connects with students' preferred learning styles and allows independent enquiring minds to explore concepts at their own pace. The school maintains a commitment to keeping its rigorous curriculum engaging and relevant to the needs of very able students.

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN THE BEST



Perth Modern School meets the needs of curious, imaginative and gifted students who enjoy learning and bring with them a range of diverse abilities and interests. The self-motivation of these students is supported by a school curriculum which fosters success beyond the school environment. Perth Modern School students proceed to tertiary study, are the recipients of prestigious university scholarships and gain places in highly coveted courses of study.

Students receive strong social and academic support and the school facilitates and encourages students to demonstrate consideration of others and accountability for their own actions. A variety of student leadership opportunities are provided and students are encouraged to take responsibility for contributing positively to their own and other people's lives within the Perth Modern School community and beyond.

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY LEADERS



Throughout its history, Perth Modern School has produced an impressive array of achievements. Alumni hold high positions in local, national and international environments and have excelled in the fields of engineering, medicine, industry, law, academia, politics and the arts. Perth Modern School has produced 15 Rhodes Scholars – a reflection of the rich tradition of excellence. Today's students are supported and mentored by this illustrious alumni.



Developing Community Leaders

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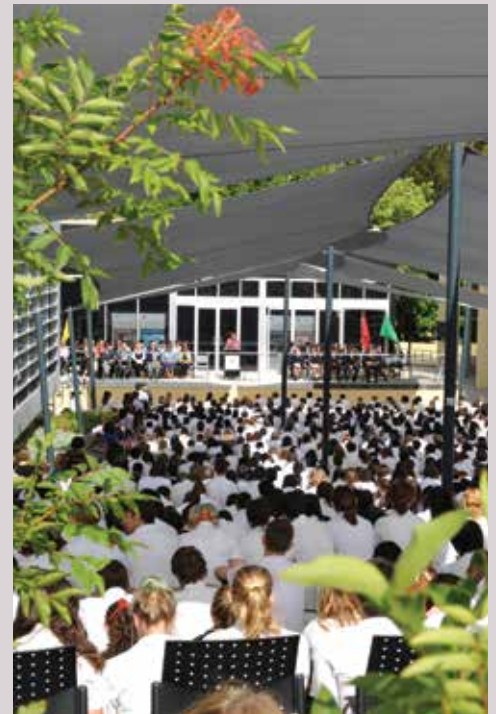


Patron, His Excellency
Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC
former Governor of Western Australia
and Perth Modern School alumni.

Structured leadership and service opportunities are provided for students. Positions of responsibility are available at a variety of levels – from Student Council representatives to captains of sporting and class groups and peer support leaders.

In accepting these opportunities, students will be well placed to lead with courage and serve with conviction. The school views these opportunities as developing students' self esteem and organisational skills. Leadership at Perth Modern School will impact positively on students' preparation for life and will empower them to take their place in an evolving global and democratic community.

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PROVIDING A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



Gifted and talented students work cooperatively in a stimulating, relaxed but structured and secure learning environment. Perth Modern School reflects the extensive body of research identifying the positive effects of selective schools for very able young people and draws on best practices of other selective schools in Australia and overseas.



EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLING

Quality teaching staff have the greatest positive impact on student learning. Perth Modern School recruits, trains and retains the best available teaching staff who possess specialist skills and experience in teaching gifted and talented students. The school equips teaching staff with the most up-to-date information and communication technology and targeted professional learning opportunities. This supports the school's aim to deliver leading edge learning to gifted and talented students.

The teachers have a real passion and deep understanding of their subject area and are committed to extending able students to high levels of achievement. Teachers provide enrichment and acceleration opportunities to carefully identified students and the school has direct links with tertiary institutions to provide outstanding opportunities to challenge and broaden students' intellectual horizons.



PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Teachers approach subjects from complex 'whole' concepts, including generalisations and principles, rather than from the discrete, 'atomised' aspects of a concept. The level and pace of work will match closely with the needs and abilities of students for whom conventional learning programs are not appropriate. Innovative and flexible programs extend on the interests and achievements of each student.

BALANCE

Perth Modern School provides a unique opportunity to achieve excellence in academic, cultural, sporting and civic endeavours in an inclusive environment conducive to learning, teaching and friendship. A range of intellectual, social and life skills is necessary for students to excel at university and in their future work contexts.

In becoming more connected to their school environment, especially in their relationships with friends, teachers and mentors, students will balance their academic achievements alongside appropriate social and community responsibilities.





Balance

The school values the involvement of students in the extensive range of sporting, cultural, social and community activities available to them. The emphasis is always on involvement to facilitate the development of individual and teamwork skills. Extra curricular activities including community service and debating are recognised as providing valuable opportunities for students to develop individual excellence, leadership and responsible citizenship.

Perth Modern School has an international reputation for excellence in performance and music studies. Music students take part in a dynamic program and are taught by highly skilled professional musicians.

Perth Modern School integrates regular health and physical education activities into the curriculum and these are designed to improve students' skill levels, interpersonal abilities and general wellbeing. All students have opportunities to access a selection of sporting activities including athletics, swimming, rowing and team sports.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance

Students wishing to enter Perth Modern School must complete an entrance examination in the year proceeding entry. Application forms for the selection test are available from the Department of Education Gifted and Talented Unit by telephoning 9264 4307 or by email at gate@education.wa.edu.au.

A limited number of students are also admitted to Perth Modern School in Years 9, 10 and 11, by a selection test. Further details are available from Gifted and Talented.

Communications

Parents are encouraged to take an interest in the activities of their children at Perth Modern School. Communication between the school and the home is essential for the effective education of students. Newsletters which capture the many wonderful academic, cultural, music and sporting opportunities available to students at the school are produced once per term. Information Updates with relevant, up-to-date information are emailed to parents twice per term.

Information for parents and students is uploaded daily onto *Connect*. Parent information evenings, progress review days and other sessions provide opportunities for parent and teacher communication. Telephone and email contact is valued and will always lead to a response.

Curriculum and Assessment

The academic program challenges and supports students to develop deep levels of thinking and application through a range of initiatives. The accelerated and differentiated curriculum is tailored to gifted students and is based on international experience and research.

Student progress is assessed regularly through valid and reliable tools (essays, investigations, research, tests and examinations). Standards are monitored by student participation in international testing processes such as those conducted by the University of New South Wales.



Student representation/ Council

Each year group is represented on Student Council. In addition, there are many other opportunities for students to take on leadership roles at class, sporting team, music ensemble, year and house level.

Parent involvement

There are many ways for parents to be involved in Perth Modern School and their participation is welcomed on the Parents & Citizens' committee, School Board and fundraising committees and parent support groups for speciality areas such as music.

Parents are also invited to act as mentors, coaches and volunteers at the school. Interested parents are invited to contact the Associate Principal through school reception.

Student Support Services

The school has on staff a Psychologist, Nurse, Chaplain, Youth Education Officer, Careers Coordinator, Head of Years and Student Services Manager. These highly skilled professionals provide students with counselling, health and wellbeing advice, academic support and monitoring, course and career advice and mentoring.



OTHER INFORMATION

School Tours

Perth Modern School welcomes the parents of prospective students to visit the school. School tours for small groups operate throughout the year. Please call the school reception to make a reservation.

Contributions and Charges

Perth Modern School contributions are consistent with those of other public schools. Parents are requested to pay for students' personal requirements and some cost recovery payments may be required for co curricular activities.

Uniform

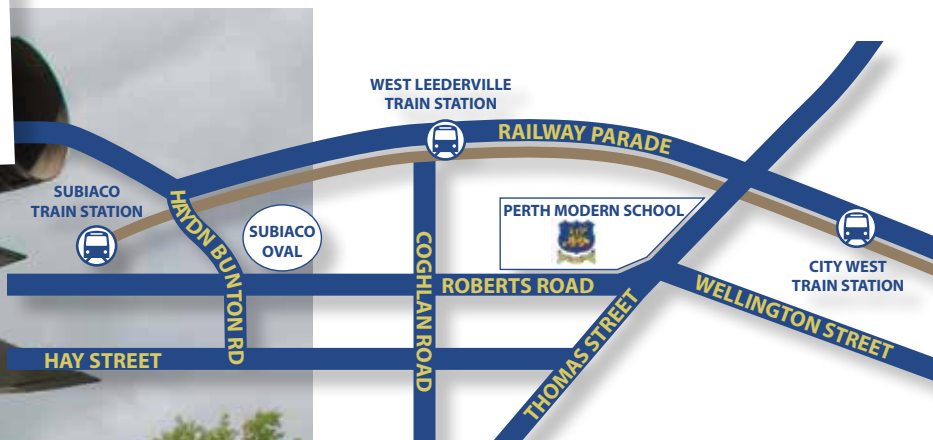
Adherence to uniform dress standard is a condition of enrolment at Perth Modern School. This is an important part of enhancing Perth Modern School's image and position as Western Australia's only selective academic school.

Student Orientation

Once accepted into Perth Modern School, students are included in a comprehensive orientation program. This program includes a range of activities designed to assist in the transition to life at Perth Modern School and to facilitate the development of new friendships.

The annual Pin Ceremony is a celebration of the entry of the new Year 7 students into the school's selective academic program. The ceremony culminates in the awarding of a Sphinx pin to each student in recognition of their achievement.





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