



Kennedy
Baptist College

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Discover Kennedy

Welcome to Kennedy Baptist College, a vibrant and caring Christian community – where great people grow.

It is my honour to lead this dynamic co-educational school, where every student is known and encouraged to strive for personal excellence in all that they do, and where individual journeys are strengthened by our exceptional Pastoral Care Program.

Kennedy Baptist College was formed in 2013 to provide quality Christian secondary education that nurtures students' confidence and strength of character. The College proudly honours the boldness and passion of its namesake, William Kennedy, a pioneer of the Baptist movement in Western Australia.



*William Kennedy
(Image sourced from Gomm, L.J. (1935)
Blazing the Western Trails, J.A. Packer, Sydney)*

Kennedy was renowned as a man of integrity and fearless courage, whose spirit of determination and values saw him overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to establish churches along WA's Great Southern Railway, the Goldfields and Eastern Hills. He was selfless and merciful, yet bold in his defence of right and unrelenting in speaking out against wrong.

It is this legacy of courage and belief that underpins our College values and inspires our students to 'strive today, conquer tomorrow'. Our Christian faith is at the heart of who we are. Kennedy Baptist College students view challenges as opportunities to prepare themselves for a bold future.

I thank you for your interest in Kennedy Baptist College and encourage you to consider the advantages of a school that empowers your child to recognise life's opportunities as theirs to seize. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you in nurturing your child's journey of growth to greatness!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Ashby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Ashby
Principal



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Your child will learn integrity, respect and to think of others, in a safe and caring environment.



Conquer Tomorrow

Our Purpose
Strength of character is integral to greatness. The spirit of William Kennedy – whose character was built of determination and service – underpins our College purpose and inspires our students to ‘strive today, conquer tomorrow’. Kennedy Baptist College exists to know and nurture the strength of character in every student.

Vision

To be recognised as the State’s leading Christian College providing students with holistic educational excellence through continuous best practice.

Mission

To provide educational opportunities of excellence in a Christian context, addressing the needs of individuals for lifelong learning.

Values

- **Faith** – The Christian faith lies at the heart of all College activities.
- **Integrity** – To always be honest, show respect and deliver on promises.
- **Boldness** – In seizing every opportunity with the ambition and perseverance to succeed.
- **Growth** – Nurturing unique gifts and talents and seeing challenges as obstacles to overcome.
- **Service** – To serve and care for others within the College, local, national and international communities.

Why Kennedy is the Right Choice

Kennedy Baptist College is a vibrant community, where your child will be known, inspired and encouraged to excel. It is a place where great people grow. Our outstanding College team delivers holistic learning, reinforced by our exceptional Pastoral Care Program and behavioural standards. Our students develop the ambition to succeed and the determination to persevere, all in the pursuit of personal excellence.

Our Christian faith is at the heart of our school, guiding students to view challenges as opportunities that prepare them for a bold future. Your child will learn integrity, respect and to think of others in a safe and caring environment.

Our Christian Education Program is non-denominational and centred around the teachings and character of Jesus Christ. This gives students the opportunity to explore and develop spiritually, while nurturing personal integrity, ethical awareness and life skills. Students are exposed to the values, morals, ethics and

beliefs of the Christian faith, guiding them to respect others regardless of background, social status, race or culture. Our students are armed with strength of character and Christian values to view challenges as opportunities and prepare for a bold future.

Kennedy Baptist College engages students in service activities within our community and abroad. These experiences help your child to truly understand and practice humility and grace, while encouraging them to see the world for the better, with all its possibilities.

Along their journey, students are presented with a wide range of opportunities including extracurricular activities, enrichment and extension programs, specialist sport and music programs. We know that engaging in an activity of interest does so much more than develop skills or nurture talent. It teaches teamwork, collaboration and communication skills and generates friendships – all vital skills in preparing your child for a bold future.



The Kennedy Journey

At Kennedy Baptist College, our students are on an important journey. One that requires support, encouragement and guidance. A journey at Kennedy is an education in turning life's challenges into opportunities for greatness.

Kennedy students are welcomed from all cultures to a safe and caring Christian community. The College provides an environment that nurtures confidence and character, where students pursue personal excellence.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care goal is to create and maintain an engaged and supportive community where students thrive academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually on their individual journeys.

Our team is passionate and dedicated to working with families to support a holistic approach to education. We know students achieve their best when they are known, safe, supported and inspired.

To achieve an exceptional level of student wellbeing, Kennedy Baptist College has developed four pillars of Pastoral Care:

Wellness

A nurturing environment is vital for student success. Under our Wellness pillar are our Pastoral Care Team — including our Counsellor, Psychologist and Chaplain, and programs covering Transition and Protective Behaviours. Our dynamic Wellness activities are woven through every day, reinforcing life skills and developing school spirit to strengthen each student's sense of identity and belonging.

Outreach

The College operates a strategic and targeted Community Outreach Program, which provides the opportunity for Kennedy students to serve the wider community in a range of areas.

- **The Community Service Program**
This program gives students the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, while also developing their own skills and awareness.
- **Mission Trips**
Kennedy students can also participate in annual tours to Cambodia, in partnership with Transform Cambodia, and remote areas in Australia to assist local communities. This immersive experience allows students to be actively involved in local building projects, teaching English, caring for children and the elderly, and supporting local workers.





Leadership

At Kennedy Baptist College, every student is known and encouraged to excel. The Leadership Program at Kennedy is designed to provide opportunities for students to live out the College values and build community. Opportunities for leadership include:

- Student Executive positions
- Student Council
- House Captains
- 11/7s Mentors

Kennedy Baptist College invests necessary resources in training, developing and encouraging our student leaders. A wide range of activities and specialised programs are offered, and the valuable contributions of our student leaders are recognised individually and collectively within the College community.

Discipline

Kennedy Baptist College ensures that our students embody and display our high behavioural standards, as they strive for personal excellence and grow to be great people. Our Discipline Policy promotes healthy social interaction. General conduct for the entire College community flows from our firm belief in our purpose and mission. Ultimately, Kennedy students learn integrity, to think of others and be responsible for their own actions to maintain a safe and caring environment.

Learning at Kennedy

Kennedy students are expected to strive for personal excellence in all that they do. Our goal is to offer students a wide range of opportunities to develop their understanding and knowledge of the world around them and to foster their talents and abilities.

We provide a broad-based, holistic and relevant curriculum that ensures our graduates are prepared for a rapidly changing world. A Kennedy Baptist College education is designed to encourage creativity, flexibility, problem solving and collaboration.

Students are encouraged to actively engage in their learning, with the option to choose the skills and areas they are interested in. This creates an inspiring and rewarding learning journey where students are self-motivated to achieve their best as they grow into great, well-rounded people.

A diverse range of courses are offered under Learning Areas including:

- English
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Arts (Visual, Dance, Drama, Design, Media and Music)
- Christian Education
- LOTE (French and Chinese)
- Physical and Health Education
- Technologies
- Co-Curricular
- Research and Study

Students in Years 7 to 10 follow the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline and are given the opportunity to choose from an exceptional range of elective subjects. Students in Years 11 and 12 work towards the Western Australian Certificate of Education either through university entry or vocational pathways.





Kennedy Extension and Enrichment Program (KEEP)

KEEP provides an environment where academically advanced students can be challenged and extended. Students are supported to attain the highest levels of excellence alongside peers who share similar aspirations, abilities and interests. Extension involves deepening the students’ understanding and skills. Enrichment broadens the curriculum to develop knowledge and application to greater levels of complexity.

All students enrolled for Year 7 can participate in testing for KEEP. This occurs the year prior to Year 7 entry. Students selected will participate in the full Year 7 Program, and study Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities with their KEEP peers.

Streaming and Support

Kennedy Baptist College has a dedicated team of support specialists who provide high quality programs that ensure every student is known and encouraged to excel. Classes are streamed across Learning Areas to ensure every student has access to programs that match their individual journey and abilities. There are four stream levels:

- **Extension** – aimed at students demonstrating a very high capacity and potential. The pace of curriculum delivery is fast, utilising higher order cognitive development within subject context.

- **Advanced** – delivers the curriculum with some extension at a quickened pace.
- **General** – explores the curriculum at a pace that develops and reinforces key concepts and skills.
- **Foundation** – focuses on essential knowledge and core skills of the curriculum.

Learning Support

Our dedicated Learning Support team endeavour to address the needs of individuals with a focus on building literacy and numeracy skills.

Study Skills

A study skills and strategies program is taught in Year 7, and across other year groups or individually as required.

Tutoring

Kennedy Baptist College students are encouraged to take advantage of small group tutoring opportunities offered in many subject areas after school during the week. This is provided by the College teaching staff free of charge.

Homework

Students are expected to do homework every school evening, ranging from an hour in Year 7, to at least three hours in Year 12. This includes work provided by the teacher, a review of the day’s work and general revision.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

The College utilises high-capacity internet services and wireless infrastructure to effectively create, communicate, problem solve and work collaboratively in all Learning Areas. With personalised support from our ICT team, we promote a Bring Your Own Device Program where students can choose the device that will best suit their personal learning style.

Behaviour Management in Classroom

Our outstanding College team strives to maintain a caring and safe environment for learning. Kennedy’s Discipline Policy ensures each student embodies the College’s high behavioural standards with healthy social interaction while striving for personal excellence. Ultimately, it encourages students to be self-disciplined and accountable for their own actions.

Learning Pathways

At Kennedy Baptist College, students develop the ambition to succeed and the determination to persevere, all in the pursuit of personal excellence.

Year 7

With the exception of those joining KEEP, students entering the College in Year 7 transition through general courses that give each student the opportunity to make a fresh start from their primary schooling. This includes options to sample different electives and work to the best of their ability before classes are streamed in Year 8.

The Year 7 program includes:

- Christian Education
- English
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education
- Health Education
- Computing
- Language (French or Chinese)
- Elective courses (Arts and Technologies)

Students also participate in a weekly program in Semester One that explores a range of topics including Cyber Safety, Rights and Responsibilities, Emotional Literacy, Digital Citizenship, Personal Strengths and Positive Coping.

In their first term, Year 7 students participate in a Study Skills Program (SMARTS) once a week. The program encourages a growth mindset and effective organisational skills for study, establishing sound practices right from the start.

Year 8

In Year 8, students are streamed for Mathematics, Science, Humanities and English classes with an opportunity to extend their capabilities within the Learning Area. Individual streaming levels are reassessed after examinations at the end of each semester.

Years 9 and 10

As students extend their understanding of concepts, individual streaming continues in the Mathematics, Science, Humanities and English classes. These are reviewed at the end of each semester and changes are made where necessary. Any change to a class group is shared with the student's parents or guardians.



Years 11 and 12

Senior school students can combine a variety of courses and programs to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Senior school pathway options include ATAR (for university entry), General, Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications and Workplace Learning.

In striving to achieve the WACE, students complete one of two options:

1. WACE courses to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to enter university.
2. A program incorporating WACE courses, Vocational Education and Training or Workplace Learning to enter university, TAFE or the work force.

Kennedy Baptist College offers approximately 35 WACE courses, with VET qualifications catering for a vast range of interests and abilities. Every senior school student is given the opportunity to excel in a program of their choosing as they prepare themselves for a bold future.

For more details, please see the Learning Pathways page on our website.



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Beyond the Classroom

Kennedy students have many opportunities to enhance their learning within their lessons and beyond. All programs beyond the classroom have been established to provide your child with the opportunity, ability and confidence to challenge themselves in a nurturing environment.

Students enjoy many cultural events and activities throughout the year, hosted by the Student Executive Leadership Team, Student Councillors and through the College House System. Our students also have the opportunity to go on mission trips and some students complete community services project outside of school hours.



Performing Arts

Recognising in each student their unique talents and abilities, we nurture these gifts so your child can excel in creativity and performance. Whether it be on stage, in the studio or behind the scenes, Kennedy's cutting-edge facilities allow students to shine.

The College hosts many performances and productions incorporating Music, Singing, Dance and Drama. These include special

events, assemblies, a biennial School Production, Music Nights, Orchestras and Music Ensembles.

Instrumental Music Program

Nurturing a love of music, Kennedy students have the opportunity to learn one or more instruments during College hours. Our highly trained and experienced music tutors will support your child throughout the development of their musicianship, encouraging them to excel in their chosen field.

Ensembles

All students enrolled in the Instrumental Program will join an ensemble of their choice as they reach the appropriate level of performance. There are many opportunities for students to perform and showcase their talents alongside their peers.

A detailed list of instruments and ensemble can be found on our website.



Sports

Specialist Basketball and Cricket Programs

Our Specialist Sports Programs have been established to assist talented student athletes to achieve at the highest level of performance in Basketball or Cricket.

Discover more under the Specialist Programs page on our website.

School and Representative Sports or Sporting Opportunities

A variety of sporting opportunities and team sports are available to students, (during and out of school hours) including but not limited to:

- AFL
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Handball
- Indoor Beach and Hardcourt Volleyball
- Netball
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Ultimate Frisbee

Students are involved in Kennedy's annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Interhouse Carnivals with qualifying students competing at Interschool Carnivals. We also compete in other Interschool Sports with ACC and SSWA.

Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC) Sport

As a member of the Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC) Junior and Senior Interschool Sports Competition, students compete in a variety of sports offering fitness, fun, friendship and competitive spirit.

Year 11 and 12 students can compete in the Southern Associated School (SAS) sports during school hours, once a week, whilst the lower school students compete one afternoon a week, out of school hours. This program provides extensive opportunities for students to be involved in sport at a higher level.

Clubs and activities

Participating in activities outside the classroom builds students' confidence and self-esteem while also nurturing their passions and goals. They boost collaboration, encourage friendships and develop a spirit of healthy competition, which is an essential skill as students progress into adulthood, further study and the workforce.

Kennedy organises a variety of clubs that students can participate in to extend their interest and talent

beyond the classroom. We provide students with the opportunity to discover new interests and build positive relationships with others.

Interest group changes from time to time, please check our website for more information.

Camps and Study Tours

One of the most valuable experiences offered at Kennedy is cultural immersion. Travel adventures expose students to a bigger world and encourage them to explore new cultures alongside their teachers and peers.

Students enjoy a year group camp in Years 8 and 11. These camps promote teamwork, identity, respect, friendship and personal development in a fun context.

Optional recreational, mission or study tours are offered across all Learning Areas. These may include:

- Ski Trip
- Interstate Study Tour
- Overseas Study Tour
- Language Tours
- Mission trips to support our Community Services Program



Location and Facilities

Set amid stunning natural bushland surrounds, Kennedy Baptist College is located on the southern side of the Murdoch University grounds.

The College provides exceptional learning environments, inspiring students to explore and excel, to 'strive today, conquer tomorrow'.

The facilities on our campus are testament to this. An extensive and ongoing Building and Refurbishment Program means we are constantly evolving and modernising to give our students and teachers the environment they need to achieve their best.

Our current facilities include but are not limited to:

- Arts Centre
- Auditorium
- Research and Study Centre
- Science Labs and Environmental Centre
- Sports Centre
- Technologies Centre
- Food and Textiles Centre
- Beedawong cafeteria and seating area
- Health Centre
- Careers Hub

Arts Centre

The Arts Centre is a hub for our creative students, with modern equipment and technology to create, engage and be inspired. These include:

- Visual art rooms – including ceramics and fashion classes.
- Media rooms – with up-to-date technology, computer and photography labs, a green room and a sound recording room.
- Dance and drama studios.
- Music rooms – providing soundproof areas for music practice.

Research and Study Centre

Kennedy's Research and Study Centre is a friendly space where students come to read, research, study, play games, complete homework, or attend tutoring sessions. The Centre's extensive range of resources and experienced team reflects the College's strong commitment in this area.

A study skills and strategies program is taught in Year 7, and across other year groups or individually as required. Other activities are also offered during breaks and after school, such as Book Club, Chess Club, study skills tuition and Makerspace workshops. The Centre's opening hours extend before and after school.

Sports Centre

Our state-of-the-art sports facility includes two basketball courts that also cater for netball, volleyball and badminton. The Centre features a main show court with retractable seating, a gymnasium and changerooms.

The well-equipped Sports Centre forms a vital part of the strength and conditioning programs for all students as part of Physical Education as well as Specialist Program participants. These exceptional facilities are integral to the ongoing success of our Specialist Basketball Program. Participants in the College's Specialist Cricket Program also benefit from the Centre and equipment.

Technologies Centre

The Kennedy Technologies Centre is a dedicated STEM facility that provides an excellent opportunity for woodwork, metalwork, engineering and CAD studies. The modern classrooms and workrooms are complemented by a breakout space on the first floor. This Centre is a wonderful facility for our students to engage in leading technologies and explore creative, innovative solutions for their STEM studies.

Getting to Kennedy

Transperth buses stop at the College from Murdoch and Cockburn Central train stations and Spearwood. Kennedy also operates bus services (independent of Transperth) as an additional travel option for families. Please see the website for details.



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How to Enrol

Kennedy Baptist College has a non-discriminatory, open enrolment policy, welcoming all applications regardless of race, gender, religion or ability. Affiliation with a church is not a prerequisite for enrolment, however, students and parents must recognise that the College teaches the required curriculum while maintaining a Christian ethos, and accept that teachers have the right to interpret knowledge from a Christian perspective.



We warmly welcome all registrations of interest and have established a Five Step Guide to help you through the enrolment process.

Our Five Step Guide



Step 1: Registration

Complete our online registration form.

The registration fee of \$50 per student places the student on the waitlist for the requested year of enrolment.



Step 2: Submit Documents for Interview

An interview with the Principal (or delegate) will be arranged during the year the eldest registered child is in Year 5.



Step 3: Enrolment Interview

The student being enrolled attends an interview with their parent/s or guardian/s.



Step 4: Offer of Enrolment Place

If you are offered an enrolment contract post interview, you have officially been offered a placement.



Step 5: Confirmation of Enrolment

Upon receipt of the enrolment contract and deposit, your child's place at the College will be confirmed.

International Students

Kennedy Baptist College welcomes international students. Please refer to our website for more information.

Enrolments Queries

Please contact the Kennedy Registrar at **enrolment@kennedy.wa.edu.au** or phone **+61 8 9314 7722**.

Fees

Please check our website for the current year's fees.

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Opening Hours

7.45am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.



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Next Steps

Start Your Kennedy Journey

We invite you to join us at Kennedy Baptist College to see how a Kennedy education can benefit your child.

We offer personalised tours, group morning tours, twilight tours and an annual Community Open Day. We encourage you and your family to attend so that you can speak with our friendly staff and discover how we prepare our students for a bold future.

Please visit our website to book a tour, or email

enrolment@kennedy.wa.edu.au
for further enrolment information.

But in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:37



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