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CHRIST-CENTRED, STUDENT-FOCUSED AND COMMUNITY-BASED

Welcome From our Principal, Mrs Donella Beare

Thank you for your interest in St Stephen's School.

I understand the combination of nerves and excitement that comes with choosing a school for your child. My daughter graduated from St Stephen's School in 2010 and as an educator and past parent, I know that St Stephen's School provides an outstanding education for children.

Ours is a vibrant and inclusive community, welcoming people from all faiths and backgrounds, nurturing a sense of responsibility, service and an appreciation of the world and our place in it. Put simply, we care for every aspect of our students' growth and wellbeing - **mind, spirit, character.**

Our academic environment challenges and inspires, giving your child opportunities to explore their passions and potential. We work in partnership with each student and their family to find the right pathway, whether it is a direct examination pathway (ATAR), a Vocational Education and Training (VET) route, workplace opportunities or traineeships.

This journey begins in the early years, with our littlest ones making sense of the world through inquiry programs including bush school. Our primary students are inspired to question and find their voice through a

range of class and extracurricular opportunities while our secondary students are encouraged to try a range of courses to discover their talents and passions, positioning themselves for success beyond school walls.

Our renowned Service Learning program is an important part of life at St Stephen's School and is one way we live our school motto: "Serve God. Serve One Another." Our students, staff and community members take part in service opportunities, both locally and abroad, which foster a life-long, deep sense of compassion in the hearts of those who participate.

Finally, beyond our three metropolitan sites, the St Stephen's School community is fortunate to have access to the Kaadadjan Centre - our rural property in Dwellingup. Kaadadjan provides our community a place for connection, reflection and learning.

I trust that the information in this brochure will help inform the decision about your child's education. If you would like any further information, please get in touch. Our passionate and dedicated staff would love to discuss what awaits your child at St Stephen's School.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Donella Beare
Principal



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Early Years (Pre-Kindergarten – Year 2)

Early years students have a natural curiosity when it comes to learning, wanting to discover their world and all it has to offer. We support this stage of development with structured play-based learning opportunities where students can explore their environment and expand their knowledge.

With an emphasis on hands-on learning, the early years curriculum includes activities which encourage our young learners to develop and use their motor skills as they learn new concepts.

We use the Australian Government Department of Education and Training early years framework *Belonging, Being and Becoming*, so a key focus for us is providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing learning environment for students to try new things and form positive relationships.

Classrooms are our students' base for learning, though our little ones also create and discover in the outdoors, using our nature play areas, bush school settings and other areas across our campuses to learn in an open-air environment.

Early years education at St Stephen's School creates a strong educational foundation for your child, introducing concepts and skills that continue to develop throughout their schooling.



Primary (Year 3-6)

Primary students are offered a wide range of learning experiences, where they can discover new concepts, pursue their interests and explore their potential.

They are challenged using an inquiry-based approach, which develops their inner thinking, encouraging research, questioning and debate as part of the learning process. This approach helps our students become resilient, confident learners who are equipped with skills needed throughout their school journey and beyond.

The main subjects at primary level are English, Mathematics, Science, French, Health and Physical Education, The Arts, Biblical Studies, Library Studies and Digital Learning.

Digital technologies are integrated into every subject, enabling students to learn key digital skills in the context of all academic disciplines. Specialist Digital Learning mentors and our *iDigital* program promote mature digital citizenship and responsible use of technology.

Primary Physical Education caters for a variety of interests and abilities - from swimming to surfing, athletics and cross-country. Students are encouraged to participate, try new things and give their best individually and alongside teammates.

Creativity, confidence and performance skills are on show in the primary arts program, with students learning to use their artistic expression on stage in Performing Arts and Music. In the specialised art room they learn about great artists throughout history, designing and creating their own artworks in a range of media.



Secondary (Year 7-12)

We understand the pathway to success is different for every student, so we design personalised learning programs to guide our secondary students toward their goals.

Our vast subject choices and extra-curricular programs provide students with access to learning opportunities that set them up for success in their post-school study and career choices. Every year we delight in watching students achieve above average results, whatever their chosen pathway.

Students in Years 7-10 are taught under the guidance of the Australian Curriculum and the *K-10 Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline*. Every student studies English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education and Biblical Studies.

In the first two years of secondary schooling, students gain experience in a range of elective subjects including French, Music, Visual Art, Drama, Sport, Computing, Food and Textiles, and Digital Technologies. In Years 9 and 10, students use their experiences of these subjects to determine which electives they want to pursue in more depth, with a choice of Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering, Drama, Materials, Outdoor Education, Design and Digital Technologies, French and Economics.

A St Stephen's School secondary education also integrates key skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) across the curriculum.



Year 11 and 12 students plan their pathway and subject selection over a two-year period, preparing them for life beyond school. Whether they choose an ATAR, Vocational Education and Training pathway, undertake an apprenticeship or go straight into employment, students define their path to success and choose appropriate subjects to achieve their goals.

Biblical Studies and English or Literature are compulsory subjects in Year 11 and 12. Other subjects offered in the senior years cater for diverse learning styles and include Marine and Maritime Studies, Design, Modern History, Media Production and Analysis, and Politics and Law. A full list of the subjects on offer can be obtained from our friendly enrolments team.

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Care

Our pastoral care program is centred on the holistic wellbeing of each and every child. We understand the importance that wellbeing plays in a student's learning and development, so we foster a supportive network of staff to provide students with services and care that cater to their individual needs.

Our primary students take part in learning programs designed to build confidence, resilience and other important life skills such as respect, empathy and relationship development. They build their knowledge as they progress through their life at St Stephen's School, developing self-confidence and a sense of belonging to a caring community.

Our House system in Years 7 – 12 provides students with a base for their learning journey - a place to literally call home when they're at school. A student's House is somewhere to develop friendships and find support academically and personally from Deans, teachers and other staff. Deans work closely with families to support a student's learning, working to meet any social and emotional needs, giving the student the best opportunity to excel at our school.

Our care team consists of Deputy Heads of Care, Deans, Assistant Deans, Nurses and Psychologists.



Specialties

Our specialist subjects allow students to further immerse themselves in their interests and develop their talents with access to specialist teachers right from the early years through to secondary.

Our staff include award-winning educators, industry leaders and doctorates among a rich cohort of administrators who create the best opportunities to develop our students.

The Arts

Students with a flair for The Arts have a range of specialties to explore at St Stephen's School.

In Visual Art, the emphasis is both in-depth enquiry and preparation, as well as the outcome of the creative process. Students learn a range of techniques including drawing, oil and watercolour painting, laser cut mixed-media design, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics. Inspiration is drawn from artists throughout history as well as today's working artists who visit our classrooms, providing insights into their inspiration as well as contemporary artistic methods.

The appeal of life on stage is embraced by our Performing Arts program, offering theatrical students the chance to practice and hone their performance skills. We produce campus-specific primary productions and cross-campus secondary productions, showcasing the amazing musical and performance talents of our students. Students audition for these highly anticipated productions and commit to rehearsal schedules in the lead up to show week. The enthusiasm of performers in rehearsals and strong friendships formed in the process culminate on stage in spectacular performances for our community to enjoy.

Those with a love of dance can audition to join the St Stephen's School Dance Company. The program is for secondary students at both campuses and involves learning choreography, performing, and participating in competitions.

Students of The Arts are also able to join the Arts Tour held every two years, which involves a ten-day visit to Melbourne and Sydney visiting venues like the National Gallery of Victoria and the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art with opportunities to participate in experiences such as workshops at NIDA and attending large scale productions.



Music

Our Music program caters for the diverse talents of our budding musicians, offering students a host of opportunities to develop their music skills, practice with others and perform on stage.

We offer an instrumental tuition program, individual tuition, instrument hire and a specialist program tailored to the skills and interests of our music students.

Performance is a key aspect of learning music that we embrace, allowing students to experience the thrill of showcasing their skills to a live audience, building their confidence and performance skills every time they take to the stage.

Primary and secondary musicians can join a number of choirs, ensembles and bands at St Stephen's School, which perform at school and community events.

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Sport

We aim to develop the sporting talents of all students at every level through in-class training, specialist programs and participation in competitions.

Students can represent St Stephen's School in Australian rules football, soccer, basketball, netball, volleyball, tennis, rugby and cricket. They can also be part of athletics, swimming and cross-country teams competing at inter-school carnivals.

Students who excel in their chosen sport and compete at an advanced level, can apply to be part of the Athlete Development Program in the early secondary years, opening up opportunities for students to experience real-world development. This program is offered in partnership with leading industry partner *Athletic Institute* who specialise in mindset, growth and movement principles.

Senior secondary students who qualify for our Elite Athlete Program are further developed through training and workshops and supported to balance the demands of their studies and their sporting career with flexible study and assessment options.

[To find out more about these programs please click here >](#)

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Outdoor Education

In our Outdoor Education program students find adventure in diverse natural landscapes, learning key survival and life skills, whilst building respect for sustainable environmental practices.

Students build on their skills as they progress through the Outdoor Education program, gaining confidence and experience in unfamiliar environments while learning practical skills to navigate and safely explore their surroundings. Students are exposed to practical and theory-based learning from snorkelling local beaches and studying the ocean environment, to abseiling and acquiring climbing safety basics.

First aid and water rescue techniques are also part of the learning program so that students can safely practice their newly developed skills, test out their abilities and enjoy their natural surroundings with calculated risk.

Surfing, sailing, climbing, hiking and camping are all elements of our Outdoor Education program, exposing students to a diverse range of outdoor-based activities.

There is a strong focus on the 'leave no trace' principle across our learning program, aiming to equip students with skills and values to minimise human impact on the environments they visit.

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Mathematics & Sciences

Through the study of Mathematics and Science subjects, we challenge our students to be creative thinkers, problem solvers and to learn the mathematic, scientific and technical skills required for further study and life beyond school.

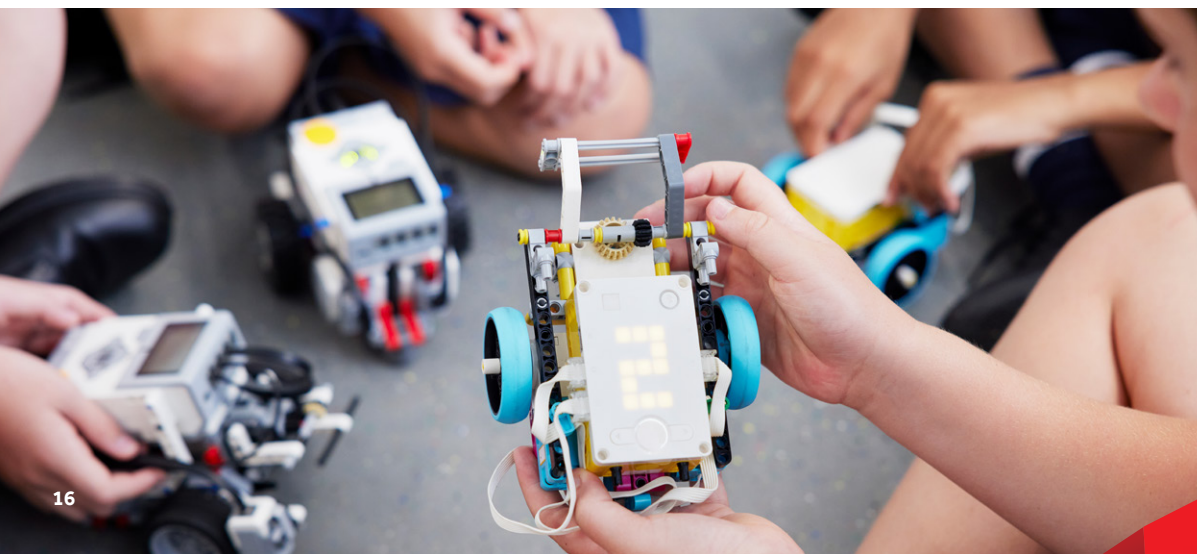
Our Science program focusses on practical learning, with students participating in hands-on learning activities that are realistic and relevant to their lives. Students' understanding of scientific concepts and sustainability is developed as they progress through the primary years and into secondary schooling, enabling them to experience science in its many contexts and see how the concepts relate to daily life.

Secondary Science subjects include traditional areas of Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Psychology and Physics as well as specialties such as Marine and Maritime Studies, digital learning and robotics courses.

In Mathematics, students learn to use ideas about number, space, measurement, chance and data, and mathematical ways of representing patterns and relationships to describe, interpret and reason about their social and physical world.

We believe that Mathematics helps learning across the curriculum, so students are given work at a level appropriate to their understanding with extension or support to help them realise their true mathematical potential.

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Vocational Education and Training & Careers

We guide our students to choose a pathway that not only complements who they are as individuals but also guarantees them a successful transition to whatever lies ahead after school.

In our Vocational Education and Training (VET) program students gain Certificate level qualifications delivered through a blended model where students undertake some learning with teachers at school as well as offsite at a range of training organisations and workplaces to learn on the job.

We are also proud to offer at school, a suite of business qualifications including a Certificate IV in Business as well as laboratory skills, engineering, hospitality, IT and other sport related qualifications.

Students can take part in VET programs from as early as Year 9, with most qualifications offered at Certificate II or above. We offer VET qualifications in a diverse range of fields including the emerging industries of remote pilot and cyber security as well as automotive, beauty, media, music, health, building and construction, and education (early childhood and education support).

Students have access to our specialist Career Advisors, our alumni and school community through a number of careers events during the year. Here students can access individual help with information about industries, study pathways or insights into possible future occupations.



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Humanities & Social Sciences

The Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) learning area includes a range of disciplines including Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography, History and Politics and Law. Our students develop independence in critical thinking and skill application by questioning, researching, analysing, evaluating and reflecting on their learning experiences across these subject areas.

Providing learning opportunities which are relevant and timely encourages student engagement as they research and question key issues affecting the world in which they live. From learning about Australia's political and legal systems to topography of landscapes and historical events, students participate in programs that provide them with opportunities to discover more about the world, form their own perspectives and explore solutions to local and global issues.

Every year we offer a HASS Tour where Year 9 students participate in a 10-day educational tour to Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra. This is a wonderful opportunity to build connections with students from across both campuses, while visiting iconic Australian locations like the MCG, Sydney Opera House, the old Parliament and current Parliament Houses, Questacon, the National Museum, the High Court, the National War Memorial and the Australian Institute of Sport.

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Technologies

Creativity takes many forms in our Technologies space, from Digital Technologies, Materials Technology and Applied Engineering Systems to Textiles Design, Food Science and Commercial Design.

Students design and create in state-of-the-art facilities in each of these subjects, using industry-standard equipment and techniques to complete their projects. This practical approach to teaching Technologies motivates students and engages them in learning experiences that are transferable from the classroom to the home, their community, and their future world of work.

We value the enriching impact technologies have on our lives and integrate technology across the curriculum so that students develop skill and confidence in using different devices and applications. These learning experiences foster curiosity, confidence, innovation, creativity and cooperation.

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English & Languages

Our English and Languages subject areas embrace the beauty and impact of language. From Years 7 to 12, students are taught to place importance on the words they use, to heed the power they hold over others and to value the power of a burgeoning vocabulary. Our students graduate from St Stephen's School with the knowledge and understanding to use their words carefully, ethically and precisely.

We offer English courses for a variety of interests and levels including English General, English ATAR and Literature ATAR.

Students learn French from Pre-Primary to Year 8 and can continue studying it as an elective in the upper secondary years.

The Language program involves learning in a range of contexts using conversation, media and practical activities to gain an appreciation of the French language and culture. By cooking traditional dishes using French language recipes or experiencing French culture at the cinema, students are immersed in the language and become equipped with the skills and confidence to use their knowledge in future study, at work or abroad.

Every third year our Year 11 French students have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to France for an immersive, three-week tour visiting cities like Nice, Monaco, and Paris which enhances both cultural knowledge and practical language skills.

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Service

The traits our students learn such as teamwork, humility, leadership and compassion go beyond the classroom.

Year groups, homerooms and individuals take part in Service Learning initiatives throughout the school year, which may see them making meals for Perth's homeless, participating in food collection drives or spending time with elderly residents at a local aged care home.

On a larger scale, students can participate in regional and international tours to locations including our State's Kimberley region, Vietnam and Indonesia. Experiencing different cultures, environments and people around the world, helps to mould our students into more compassionate people through life experiences before they have even graduated.

Our international and regional Service Learning opportunities ensure our graduates have high levels of intercultural awareness, a relationship-centred approach to global issues, are creative and innovative in their approach to challenges, and have a heart for service in their local community and around the world.

Each student is encouraged to embrace service of others to connect with communities and offer their skills and ideas to help where needed.

Faith

Our school motto, "Serve God. Serve One Another" underpins each student's education, along with our values of faith, learning, service, care and community. We welcome families from all faiths and backgrounds who share these values.

All our students participate in Biblical Studies classes, developing their own faith and understanding of religion by studying both the Old and New Testaments and a range of world religions. We encourage all students to explore Bible teachings and adopt the core values in their daily lives.

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Transition programs

We understand the move from primary to secondary school and into upper secondary school can be daunting for young people, so we have a range of strategies in place to support students and foster positive relationships.

We have a "buddy" system in place, where older students regularly meet with their younger "buddies" to read stories, teach basic skills or simply go for a bush walk together. This not only fosters kindness in our older students, but it also breaks down barriers and creates a level of comfort with the transition from year to year for our younger students.

Deans, coordinators, teachers and support staff provide students with ongoing opportunities to develop positive connections with fellow classmates, staff and the wider student population. Students also take part in age-appropriate learning activities designed to teach practical skills such as organisation and time-management, as well as social skills to nurture their emotional wellbeing.

Our Year 9 students take part in a personal-development program to support their transition from adolescence to young adulthood. This program acknowledges and celebrates each young person's journey into adulthood, offering experiences to encourage deep-thinking, self-reflection, independence, resilience and self-awareness. This includes a camp at the Kaadadjan Centre, our rural property near Dwellingup, where students disconnect from day-to-day life, experience nature at its best and reflect on their journey so far, and their future pathway.

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Extension & Enrichment

We see each student as an individual, with their own talents and interests to nurture and develop. We offer programs designed to support and extend students, to assist them on their learning journey and discover their passion.

Students identified as academically gifted and talented are offered the opportunity to learn in an enriched environment, supporting them to reach their full potential. Students in the Gifted and Talented program take part in specialist lessons in creativity, critical thinking and philosophy, whilst also focusing on their interests and needs. They are also given the opportunity to work with university and industry mentors in areas of interest and expertise to further build on their knowledge and skills.

Our Learning Enrichment program provides developmentally appropriate interventions based on the individual interests and needs of students. Teachers work closely with students and families to monitor progress and development, personalise learning strategies within mainstream classrooms and allow students to get the best from a St Stephen's School education.

Amongst other external extension programs, we enter the FIRST LEGO League tournament each year - a worldwide competition where students aim to solve world issues through coding, research, robotics and presentation. Our teams have won awards in this competition every year we've taken part, showcasing cutting-edge thinking skills cultivated through school.

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Clubs

Students can join clubs to learn something new or further develop their skills. The range of clubs on offer enable our primary and secondary students to explore a host of different hobbies and interests beyond the classroom environment and are offered either during lunch time or after school at various times throughout the year.

Clubs vary from year to year and include Chess, Debating, Robotics, LEGO, Dance, Public Speaking, Mathematics, Visual Arts, Language, Music, Knitting, Reading, Social Justice, Drama, Sports Development and Mock Trials.



Libraries at St Stephen's School

We have four libraries located at Duncraig, Carramar and our Early Learning Centre – each named “Collinson Library” after one of our former Principals, Reverend Dr Gavin Collinson. These are community spaces where everyone is welcome.

Our libraries are an activity space for inquiry and learning; a quiet space for reading and reflection and a thinking space for problem solving and invention.

All our libraries open at 8am Monday to Friday, so families can share in the joy of reading and borrowing books before school starts. We also maintain a digital library that provides online access to eBooks, Lib Guides and educational databases.

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The Kaadadjan Centre

The Kaadadjan Centre is the School's sprawling 100-acre property in the Darling Range just outside the Dwellingup township.

Our students use the property for various learning opportunities including orienteering, camping and kayaking. Community members are welcome to book camping trips to the Centre.

[For more information on the Kaadadjan Centre please click here >](#)



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Fee Structure

We understand that families need to plan their finances ahead of time, which is why our fee structure is all inclusive and covers all experiences appropriate to the child's year level.

Our fee includes tuition, camps, sports, library and excursions, as well as school publications, a capital levy and resource fee.

[To see our current Fee Schedule please click here >](#)

Application Process

If you've made the decision that St Stephen's School is the right fit for your child and family, then we welcome you to formally register your interest.

We accept enrolment applications for all year groups across our campuses.

Our intake years for welcoming new students into our community are Kindergarten, Year 5 (Duncraig only) and Year 7. Our enrolment process for intake years begins two years ahead of commencement date. Please note that places in some year groups are limited, and your child may be placed in a wait pool.

You are welcome to confirm availability prior to registration by phoning our friendly enrolments team on **9243 2108** or by sending the team an email: **enrol@ststephens.wa.edu.au**

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