



Kennedy
Baptist College



prospectus

We seek to fully engage students and equip them to thrive in a world of challenges and opportunities that we cannot yet even imagine.



Seizing Life's Opportunities ...

What drives one to step boldly where no one has gone before – to overcome obstacles and achieve great things – against all odds? Strength of character is integral to greatness - character born from a spirit of determination and values. One's strength of character must be nurtured.

our mission

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

our values

- Faith
- Integrity
- Boldness
- Growth
- Service

It is my privilege to welcome you to Kennedy Baptist College.

Kennedy Baptist College was founded in 2013 to provide quality Christian co-education for Years 7 to 12, and to nurture students' confidence and character.

Kennedy Baptist College students are part of a caring Christian community reinforced by our exceptional Pastoral Care Program.

The College's namesake, WA pioneer Baptist Minister, William Kennedy, overcame seemingly insurmountable challenges to establish churches in Western Australia's remote regional areas in the early 1900s. Kennedy was known as a man of integrity and courage by the communities he served, and his passion and determination inspired and motivated those around him.

It is the spirit of Kennedy's legacy that underpins the College's values

and inspires students to 'strive today, conquer tomorrow'.

At Kennedy, we encourage and support students as they strive for personal excellence in all that they do.

Our mission at Kennedy is to promote a dynamic and holistic educational learning community to equip our teenagers with the strength of character and Christian values needed to make the most of life's opportunities.

I thank you for your interest in Kennedy Baptist College, and encourage you to consider the advantages of a school that enables your child to view life's opportunities as theirs to seize – and obstacles as challenges to overcome. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you in nurturing your child's journey to becoming an outstanding young adult – striving for excellence.

Mark Ashby
Principal

The Kennedy Journey

We welcome students from all denominations and cultures who embrace the Kennedy ethos where every student is part of a safe and caring Christian community. Kennedy provides an environment that nurtures confidence and character. Core to our culture is our exceptional Pastoral Care Program.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care features prominently in all aspects of College life. Our strong pastoral care ethos underpins our commitment to providing a supportive College culture.

The health, wellbeing and safety of our students is measured and managed through a dynamic program embedded within the curriculum and key policies that guide our College operations.

The foundation for pastoral care lies within the Form class and with the Heads of Year. Each Form teacher is accessible on a daily basis for students who may have questions or challenges. The Head of Year is

available to all students within that particular year group and coordinates special programs to monitor students' progress. Students also have access to our Counsellor, Psychologist and Chaplain.

Our caring ethos extends to new students with the College's Mentor Program, which involves select Senior students mentoring Year 7 students during their first term at Kennedy. New students in Years 8 to 12 are assigned a Student Councillor to act as a 'buddy' for their first few days at Kennedy.

Kennedy students benefit from a dedicated weekly Pastoral Care Program which promotes positive relationships and resilience. It reinforces life skills and develops school spirit, increasing the overall sense of identity and belonging within the College community.

Student Leadership

Kennedy Baptist College recognises the vital role of student leadership in developing the life of the community as well as allowing students the

opportunity to develop individual skills and experience.

Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles enabling them to:

- act as effective role models for the student community
- offer responsible service to the College and community
- provide valuable insights and observations from the student body that can influence future planning
- develop leadership skills.

Students in leadership roles become confident, well-organised, responsible and creative adults who are valued members of their professional and social communities.

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



To raise children with character, integrity, selflessness and a desire to serve others we need to be proactive in our parenting. Choosing a school that instils good moral and ethical standards is an important step in this process.

Christian Education

Our Christian Education Program is a non-denominational, Bible-based program centering around the teachings and character of Jesus Christ. Students are exposed to the values, morals, ethics and beliefs of the Christian faith, guiding them to respect others irrespective of background, social status, race or culture.

Fundamental to the College's holistic approach to the development of our students, Christian Education gives students the opportunity to explore and develop spiritually whilst cultivating personal integrity, ethical awareness and life skills.

Community Service

As part of our Christian Education Program, we place great importance on our students' efforts to provide valuable community service. Each year, students participate in our Community Outreach Program, undertaking volunteer work in a range of areas to assist those in the wider community.

Kennedy students can participate in annual tours to developing countries and remote areas in Australia to assist local communities. Students are actively involved in local projects – teaching English, caring for children and the elderly and supporting local workers.

Involvement in the Community Outreach Program cultivates a range of personal core values in students, including self-discipline, maturity, patience, tolerance, appreciation and compassion.

By contributing their talents and time, Kennedy students are demonstrating the core values of our College whilst making a significant contribution to individuals and groups in our society.



Learning at Kennedy

Kennedy students are expected to strive for personal excellence in all that they do. At Kennedy, students learn to see life's opportunities as theirs to seize and obstacles as challenges to overcome.

Education Programs

A diverse range of courses are offered by the following Learning Areas:

- English
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Arts
- Christian Education
- LOTE (French and Indonesian)
- Physical and Health Education
- Technologies
- Co-curricular

For information on specific subjects and electives offered, please refer to our website - www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/learning-at-kennedy.

The Deputy Principal (Curriculum), Director of Studies and Heads of Learning Areas coordinate the curriculum content and assessment processes across the College, within the Australian Curriculum.

Kennedy Extension and Enrichment Program (KEEP)

A number of schools, both private and government, offer talented and gifted programs generally referred to as Academic Extension. Engaging students at their individually assessed levels helps to maintain motivation and prevent disengagement. These programs involve streaming students according to individual performance ability.

Kennedy offers a selective entry academic talent program for Year 7 students. The Kennedy Extension and Enrichment Program (KEEP) provides an environment where academically gifted students can be challenged and extended. Students will cover the core curriculum but will also be engaged in extension and enrichment activities.

Students enrolled for Year 7 will have the opportunity to apply for a position in KEEP. Selection is based on examinations conducted during the year preceding entry into Year 7.

Extension and Streaming

Beyond Year 7, academic extension classes across Learning Areas provide continued extension and enrichment as appropriate.

The majority of students at Kennedy Baptist College enter university at the completion of Year 12. The College has a curriculum that extends and enriches students throughout Years 7 to 10, exposing them to curriculum content above their school year level. This is reinforced through a streaming process where students are placed according to individual performance, into one of four stream levels:

- **Extension** – the academic extension class is aimed at students demonstrating a very high capacity and potential in these areas. The pace of curriculum delivery is fast and above year-level standard, utilising higher order cognitive development within subject context.
- **Advanced** – delivers a curriculum generally at year-level with some extension above standard level and at a quickened pace.
- **General** – the course explores the curriculum at year-level, working at a pace that develops and reinforces key concepts and skills.
- **Foundation** – extra support is provided in this stream focusing on the development of essential core skills.

Year 7

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

Students selected for KEEP participate in the full Year 7 program. This includes Physical Education, Christian Education, French or Indonesian, Computing, Health Education and Electives. KEEP students study Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities with other KEEP peers.

Studying a language other than English (LOTE) is compulsory for Years 7 and 8 students and Kennedy offers a choice of French or Indonesian. Students may wish to continue their LOTE studies through to Year 12 or replace this with another two Electives from Year 9 onwards.

In the first term, all students in Year 7 participate in a Study Skills Program once a week. The program encourages a growth mindset and effective organisational and study skills. It assists students to develop sound practices during their first year of high school.

Year 8

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

Years 9 and 10

As the curriculum builds on prior understanding of concepts, individual streaming continues in the Mathematics, Science, Humanities and English classes. At the end of each semester, these classes are reviewed and changes can be made where necessary. Any change to a class group will be discussed with the student's parents.

Years 11 and 12

Senior school students choose their courses for Years 11 and 12 in accordance with the recommendations provided through the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (an independent statutory authority responsible to the Western Australian Minister for Education).

Students aim to complete their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and continue their education at university or at another State training provider (TAFE). Students will choose from:

- WACE courses to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and enter university
- Programs incorporating WACE courses, Vocational Education and Training (VET) or Workplace Learning.

Kennedy Baptist College offers approximately 35 WACE courses and six VET qualifications, catering for the complete range of academic abilities. Every senior school student is given the opportunity to excel in a program of their choosing. For more details please see – www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/learning-at-kennedy.



Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Advancement in technology is changing the way we process, share, utilise and develop information and technology.

The College utilises high capacity internet services and wireless infrastructure to effectively access, create and communicate information and ideas, as well as solve problems 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.

Research and Study Centre

Kennedy's Research and Study Centre offers students an extensive number of resources and books in a friendly and easily accessible environment. The Centre actively promotes reading and research programs across the College.

A Study Skills and Strategies Program is taught in Year 7 and across other year groups as required. Individual Study Skills tutoring is also available. Various activities are offered after school including Book Club, Coderdojo Coding Club, study skills tuition and craft making. The Centre's opening hours extend before and after school.

Kennedy Sports Centre

Kennedy Sports Centre can be configured to provide multiple basketball, netball and volleyball courts or a single International Basketball Federation (FIBA) certified 'show court' for exhibition games.

The well-equipped Centre forms an integral part of the strength and conditioning programs for all students in their Physical Education classes in addition to specialist program participants. Basketball is a high profile sport at the College and the Sports Centre's facilities are intrinsic for the ongoing success of the Specialist Basketball Program. Participants in the College's Specialist Cricket Program also benefit from the facilities.



“Thank you for all the help, support and opportunities to grow and learn ... You have all helped shape me into who I am today and I am proud to say I am a Kennedy student.” *Jordan – recent graduate*

Homework

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

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.

University Links

We are fortunate enough to share our wider campus with Murdoch University and are constantly looking to strengthen ties between the two organisations.

Currently Kennedy staff and upper school students have access to the Murdoch Library. Science students take advantage of subject-related excursions and expos, and a university representative works with our IT Department to host Coderdojo Coding Club after school for computer programmers.

Behaviour Management

Kennedy’s Discipline Policy serves to provide an environment conducive to learning and promotes healthy social interaction. Ultimately it encourages students to be self-disciplined and accountable for their own actions in a caring environment.

Our students thrive in Kennedy’s positive learning environment where they are required to display high standards of behaviour. General conduct for the entire College community is in accordance with the College motto and mission. All students should ensure they:

- do not disrupt others who are engaged in learning or teaching
- treat all students, teachers and visitors to the College courteously
- do not subject students, teachers or visitors to any form of discrimination or abuse which may offend, intimidate or place at disadvantage.

At Kennedy Baptist College, our Pastoral Care and Behaviour Management Programs are instrumental in nurturing within every student the ability and confidence to seize life’s opportunities and overcome challenges, guided by Christian values.



Beyond the Classroom

Physical Education

Physical Education is an integral part of the curriculum with every student participating in the program two periods a week. Students are involved in Kennedy's annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals with qualifying students competing at Interschool Carnivals.

A variety of sporting opportunities and team sports are available to students – during and out of school hours – including Rugby, Touch Rugby, Tennis, Badminton, Soccer, AFL, Netball, Softball, Handball, Basketball and Cricket.

Physical Education Electives for Years 8, 9 and 10 include Outdoor Recreation, Physical Fitness, Specialist Football, Rugby, Specialist Cricket, Specialist Basketball, and Recreational Sport.

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 ACC Interschool sports during school hours once a week, whilst lower school students compete one afternoon a week, out of school hours. This program provides extensive opportunity for students to be involved in sport at a higher level.



Specialised Sports Programs

In addition to the ACC Interschool programs, Kennedy boasts Specialist Basketball and Cricket Programs. Students involved in Basketball work with professional coaches, whilst the Cricket Program has been formulated in conjunction with the Western Australian Cricket Association.

Co-curricular Activities

Participating in co-curricular activities in a fun atmosphere builds student confidence and self-esteem. It develops teamwork, interpersonal skills and ambition – essential skills as students progress into adulthood, further education and employment.

Kennedy offers a wide range of co-curricular activities including Interschool Sport, Dance, Drama, Mock Trial Competition, Acrogyrn and Music. After-school programs and interest groups include Book Club, Art Club, Female Fitness, Study Skills, Junior SAS (Interschool Sport), Science Club, Board Game Plus, Maker Space (Craft), Community Service Projects and Coderdojo Coding Club. Students also enjoy many cultural events and activities throughout the year.

Camps and Study Tours

Students enjoy a camp during term time in Years 7, 9 and 11. These camps promote teamwork, identity, respect, friendship and personal development in a fun context.

Optional study tours operate across all Learning Areas for students in Years 8 to 11. These currently include:

- Years 8 and 9 Canberra Tour
- Year 10 Ski Trip
- Year 10 and 11 Overseas Study Tour
- Language tours
- Mission trips to support our Community Services Program.



What's Next?

Enrolments

To register your child at Kennedy Baptist College, please complete and submit the registration form on the Kennedy website - www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/registration-form. The registration fee of \$50 per family places your children's names on the preliminary list for the year that they would begin Year 7 at the College.

To avoid disappointment, it is imperative you notify us of a change of address after registering. Undelivered mail is rarely returned to the College for redirection, so it may mean loss of an invitation to enrol.

Enrolment will only be confirmed after satisfactory interviews have been conducted, during the year your child is in Year 5.

International Students

Kennedy Baptist College welcomes international students. Please refer to our website for more information - www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/international-students.

Enrolments Queries

For enrolment queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Kennedy Registrar:

Phone: +61 8 9314 7722

Email: registrar@kennedy.wa.edu.au

For more information, please view our website - www.kennedy.wa.edu.au.

Getting to Kennedy

School Hours

8.15am to 3.15pm

Transport

Transperth runs bus services to and from the College, Murdoch and Cockburn train stations, and Spearwood.

Location:

Farrington Road, Murdoch WA
(South entrance to Murdoch University)

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But in all these things
we are more than conquerors,
through Him who loved us.
Romans 8:37



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