

ELLENBROOK SECONDARY COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS

Engagement Success Community



Ellenbrook
Secondary College

Welcome

Ellenbrook Secondary College, strategically located near the Ellenbrook trainline, is a place for all students to achieve personal success through engagement with their learning in a safe and inclusive environment. We strive for high quality teaching and differentiated opportunities that empower students to become productive members of the community.

Our College has three main priorities:

-  Excellence in Teaching
-  School for Everyone
-  Health and Wellbeing

We have worked to build a sense of belonging at school, where students feel accepted, respected, included, and supported. The range of options available to our students is a true testament to the dedication of our staff. Through this commitment, we have created a school for all.

It is an exciting time for the College as we continue to host a Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Academic program. Ellenbrook Secondary College is among the select public secondary schools in Western Australia offering the Department of Education-approved program. We are also immensely proud to be one of the few high schools in the state with a Department of Education's accredited Specialist Music Program for instrumental music and voice. Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program for Years 7 to 9 is expanding, encouraging students to solve real-world problems using the latest technology.

Our Senior School curriculum offers a comprehensive ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) pathway for students aspiring to university study. These courses are delivered by highly qualified teachers and are designed to challenge and prepare students for tertiary education and future academic success.

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathway provides students with opportunities to succeed in different learning environments, gain practical skills, and prepare for the workforce. A significant number of Senior School students engage in VET at our College, with opportunities to undertake Certificate II Pre-Apprenticeship and Certificate III courses, along with Workplace Learning, as part of achieving the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

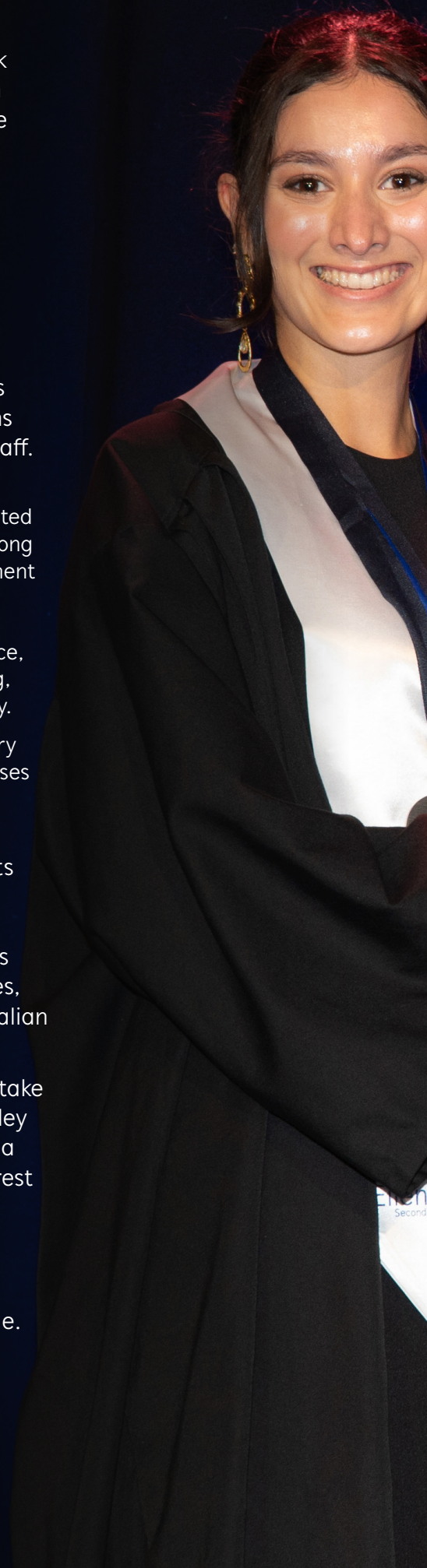
Ellenbrook Secondary College accepts students from within the local intake area, which includes parts of Aveley, Belhus, Brabham, Ellenbrook, Henley Brook, and a small part of Whiteman. Children residing outside this area may be considered if the College has capacity, with expressions of interest reviewed after local area needs are assessed.

When your child attends our College, they will discover their path to a meaningful future and a full and relevant life.

I look forward to welcoming your family to Ellenbrook Secondary College.



Dr Peter Havel
Principal





Values Charter

Engagement • Success • Community



We will pursue the development of skills and engage in lifelong learning in order to reach our potential.

We will respect and recognise the diverse range of heritage and culture within the Ellenbrook community.

We will make Ellenbrook Secondary College a positive environment through our words and actions. We will support others in their endeavours to do the same.

We will be honest and truthful as members of the Ellenbrook community and ensure everyone is treated with fairness, equality, and mutual respect.

We will strive to be the best possible version of ourselves as students, teachers, parents, and people. Our wellbeing and the welfare of our living environment is prioritised and protected.

We will engage in the democratic processes of our College and the wider community to make positive contributions as students of Ellenbrook Secondary College and citizens of the Ellenbrook community.

Education Pathways

At our College, the learning journey from Years 7 to 12 is thoughtfully structured following the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) guidelines to support each student's development and future goals.

In Years 7 and 8, students follow a set timetable that introduces them to all learning areas, providing a strong foundation across the curriculum. There are some additional specialists, selective or support programs available to students which allow for timetable or course offerings to be modified.

In Years 9 and 10, the College offers various choices in The Arts, Technologies and Health and Physical Education. Students can choose a selection of courses based on their interests and strengths. The course choices that are made available to students in Years 11 and 12 will depend on their achievement in Year 10.

In Senior School (Years 11 and 12), students may choose from a broad range of pathways, including Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses, General courses, Vocational Education and Training (VET), Certificates, and Endorsed Programs, preparing them for further study, training, or employment.

Our College is a place for all students to achieve personal success through engagement with their learning, in a safe and inclusive environment.

The College currently offers both ATAR and General courses across 8 learning areas in Senior School. Many courses have practical components such as Chemistry and Outdoor Education. These can be combined with VET studies and Endorsed programs. Students choose a suite of courses which will enable them to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and prepare them for their lives beyond school – University studies, Technical and Further Education (TAFE) studies, Apprenticeship, Traineeship or Employment.

Students from Ellenbrook Secondary College regularly receive Certificates of Excellence and Distinction from School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) for their outstanding achievement in chosen courses.





Gifted & Talented Program

Ellenbrook Secondary College is proud to offer a Department of Education-approved Selective Gifted and Talented Education Academic Program.

Students selected for this program have performed exceptionally well in the highly competitive Academic Selective Entrance Test administered by the Department.

The program focuses on rigorous studies in Science, English, Mathematics, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Students benefit from being exposed to a differentiated curriculum designed to stimulate and develop the individual's skills in inquiry, analytical and critical thinking, communication and creativity. The academically focused learning environment is intellectually challenging and encourages students to reach their full potential and foster lifelong learning skills.

Importantly, the Gifted and Talented Program at Ellenbrook Secondary College provides a holistic educational experience that integrates both personal development and innovation. In addition to academic extension, students take part in structured opportunities that build resilience, teach effective coping mechanisms, and support social and emotional wellbeing – all essential for thriving as high-performing learners.

The program also includes mentorship, teamwork-based learning, social skills development, and career guidance, ensuring students are equipped not only for academic success, but for life beyond school. This well-rounded approach supports the growth of confident, capable, and compassionate young individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to their communities and future workplaces.

For application details and key dates, please visit the official program website: www.education.wa.edu/gifted-and-talented

Specialist Music

Ellenbrook Secondary College is proud to offer a Department of Education-approved Specialist Music Program, catering to students interested in instrumental music and voice.

The program supports both beginners and continuing music students, helping them develop advanced skills in performance, music theory, composition, and music literature. Students participate in regular performances, including major annual showcases and community events, as well as opportunities to collaborate with local primary schools. We're proud to have had multiple graduates going on to pursue further studies in Music at the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and the UWA Conservatorium of Music.

To learn more about the audition process and how your child can join this award-winning program, please contact the College.





STEM

At Ellenbrook Secondary College, we offer a Specialist STEM Program for students from Year 7 to Year 9.

The STEM Program integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics into a cohesive learning experience that focuses on real-world applications and project-based learning. Rather than teaching these disciplines in isolation, our program encourages students to make connections across subjects, developing a deeper understanding of how STEM is applied in modern industries and everyday life through engaging, hands-on learning that sparks creativity and curiosity.

Students progressively develop coding and engineering skills through hands-on projects, starting with block coding and advancing to Python programming. They apply their learning to design interactive games, robotics, and drone simulations, exploring concepts like renewable energy, mechanical systems, and automation. This approach fosters problem-solving abilities, creativity, and a deep understanding of technology's practical applications.

Beyond the classroom, Ellenbrook Secondary College extends its passion for STEM into the wider community by partnering with local primary schools to provide younger students with interactive, hands-on STEM experiences led by our experienced staff.

Additionally, our STEM Warriors Program invites Year 5 and 6 students to participate in dynamic workshops. These sessions aim to inspire future learners, boost confidence, and build foundational skills in STEM before they transition into high school.

Inclusive Education

At Ellenbrook Secondary College, we value every student and support their full participation, learning, growth, and success within a welcoming and inclusive school culture. Our College caters for students with specific learning disorders, including neurodiversity affirming practices across the wider college community.

Our aim is to provide safe and supportive environments, by providing both inclusive learning environments and appropriate differentiated teaching strategies to ensure all students have meaningful opportunities to engage and thrive. We provide personalised support and collaborative planning to help every student reach their full potential – both mainstream and the learning support classroom.

We have a designated Learning Hub that allows access to a quiet, supportive and educative space as needed throughout the day. Our established Learning Support program is run by knowledgeable staff who are equipped with skills needed to offer effective guidance and specialist support, allowing us to better respond to the individual needs of our students.

Parents and carers are invited to contact the College to discuss specific details of support available for your child.







Vocational Education and Training

Western Australia's Best Performing VET School by WorldSkills Australia

Vocational Education and Training (VET) allows students to undertake courses according to their interests and abilities. Students participate in nationally recognised training by undertaking a qualification in a chosen area. VET is supported by a flexible timetable at Ellenbrook Secondary College that allows students to undertake qualifications both at school or externally with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students at Ellenbrook Secondary College have access to a diverse range of nationally recognised qualifications aligned with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), typically from Levels I to IV. These programs may be delivered either on campus or through external providers such as TAFE, depending on the course.

Areas of study may include Tourism, Business, Building and Construction, Engineering, Hospitality, Community Services, Creative Industries, Sports Coaching, Sport and Recreation, Information Technology, Beauty, Electrical, Plumbing, Education Support, and Health.

VET may be complemented by the Workplace Learning program, where students undertake either a one day-per-week or block release pattern of training in approved workplace settings to enhance their practical experience and training opportunities.

The College forms strong partnerships with the community, industry areas and large corporations. We are proud of our students' achievements, with many receiving awards from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), including Certificate of Excellence and Exhibitions as well as World Skills and individual industry-specific awards. VET at Ellenbrook Secondary College has a strong history of excellence. In recent years, the College has been recognised multiple times as Western Australia's Best Performing VET School by WorldSkills Australia, highlighting our consistent commitment to high-quality vocational education and student achievement.

Successful completion of VET courses is advantageous for students pursuing further training, apprenticeships, or employment. It can also support applications for university entry pathways.



Football Academy

The Ellenbrook Secondary College Specialist AFL Program Football Academy was established in 2022 with an initial intake of Year 7 students. The program focuses on developing the skills and attributes needed to excel in Australian Rules Football at the highest level.

Students receive specialist coaching and training, learning offensive and defensive skills, tactics, and advanced strategies. They work towards achieving the fitness levels required to play in AFL, WAFL, or to reach their personal potential. Students also gain valuable experience in umpiring and coaching roles.

The academy offers a comprehensive sports education, with two practical sessions per week and one Health lesson, replacing Physical Education.

A strong emphasis is placed on goal setting, with regular one-on-one reviews to track progress. Students develop their skills in a high-performance environment through both training and matches. The program is endorsed by East Perth Football Club in partnership with the Western Australian Football Commission. These links provide students with opportunities to further develop as footballers, coaches, and umpires.

We aim to introduce a VET Certificate course in Sports Coaching, linked to AFL, as part of the Senior School's practical sessions. The goal is to establish a class for each year group in the coming years.

Stars Foundation

Stars Foundation provides a holistic mentoring program that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls and young women to identify their goals and reach their full potential. Established in 2015, the program is tailored to meet the unique needs of First Nations girls and young women – with the aim of promoting positive education, employment and life outcomes. The Stars model is underpinned by the latest research in education and public health, along with decades of experience working with First Nations students.

Stars operates on a full-time basis within Ellenbrook Secondary College in a culturally safe and nurturing environment in a dedicated 'Stars Room'. The Stars Foundation focuses on four pillars: Education, Training and Employment; Healthy Lifestyle; Wellbeing; and Community, Culture and Leadership.





Clontarf Foundation

The Clontarf Foundation (operates as Clontarf Academy) has over 160 academies around Australia that supports, mentors, and equips young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men between Year 7 and 12 to participate meaningfully in society. The Clontarf Academy is a life skill, mentoring and development program for these young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

The Clontarf Academy, using supportive relationships, a welcoming environment and a diverse range of activities, help our young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men in the program develop improved self-esteem and confidence which assists them to participate in education, employment and society in a positive way.

Using the existing passion that these young men have for sport allows Clontarf to initially attract them to school and then keep them coming. It is, however, not a sporting program – it's about developing the values, skills and abilities that will assist the boys to transition

into meaningful employment and achieve better life outcomes. Clontarf helps young men to attend school, finish Year 12 and enter employment.

The Clontarf program involves regular weekly activities and periodic incentive excursions such as football training, group breakfasts and lunches, camps, trips, employment visits and more. The program revolves around having a vibrant Academy room where the boys feel comfortable, providing a sense of ownership to a safe, fun and positive space at school.

Once a Clontarf boy reaches Year 10, there is an increasing focus on employment. Every term, the senior boys take part in a workplace visit. This provides the boys with practical exposure to a workplace, reinforces the importance of work, broadens their understanding of employment prospects in the area, and builds their capacity to transition from school to work. The boys are then supported to further their education and employment pathways through their employment team for however long they need support.



House System and Homeroom

Students enrolled at Ellenbrook Secondary College are introduced to the House System. The House System promotes healthy competition amongst its members, builds enthusiasm and motivation throughout the school community as well as provide students with leadership opportunities.

All students are allocated a House when they begin at the College. Students from the same family will be placed in the same House. There are four Houses.

Students attend a 15-minute Homeroom period daily in their respective houses throughout their high school years. This time provides a valuable opportunity for

the College to communicate important information to students. It also allows teachers to monitor student wellbeing, follow-up on attendance, answer questions, and create a safe and supportive environment where students can build social connections across year levels. During this time, teachers deliver essential content, including The Resilience Program and Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) lessons.

Homeroom also plays a key role in developing positive teacher–student relationships. The dedication of Homeroom teachers helps to create a genuine sense of community and promotes a strong sense of belonging among students.



A student is shown underwater, wearing a yellow t-shirt with a logo, black shorts, and yellow and black diving fins. They are also wearing a diving mask and snorkel. The student is giving a thumbs up with both hands. The background is a clear blue-green underwater environment with bubbles rising from the student's snorkel.

Positive Behaviour Support

At Ellenbrook Secondary College, we believe that positive behaviour is key to creating a safe, respectful, and engaging learning environment for all members of the Ellenbrook Secondary community. Our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) approach helps students understand and meet clear expectations, acknowledging the impact of their behaviours on the wider community, all while being supported to make positive behaviour choices.

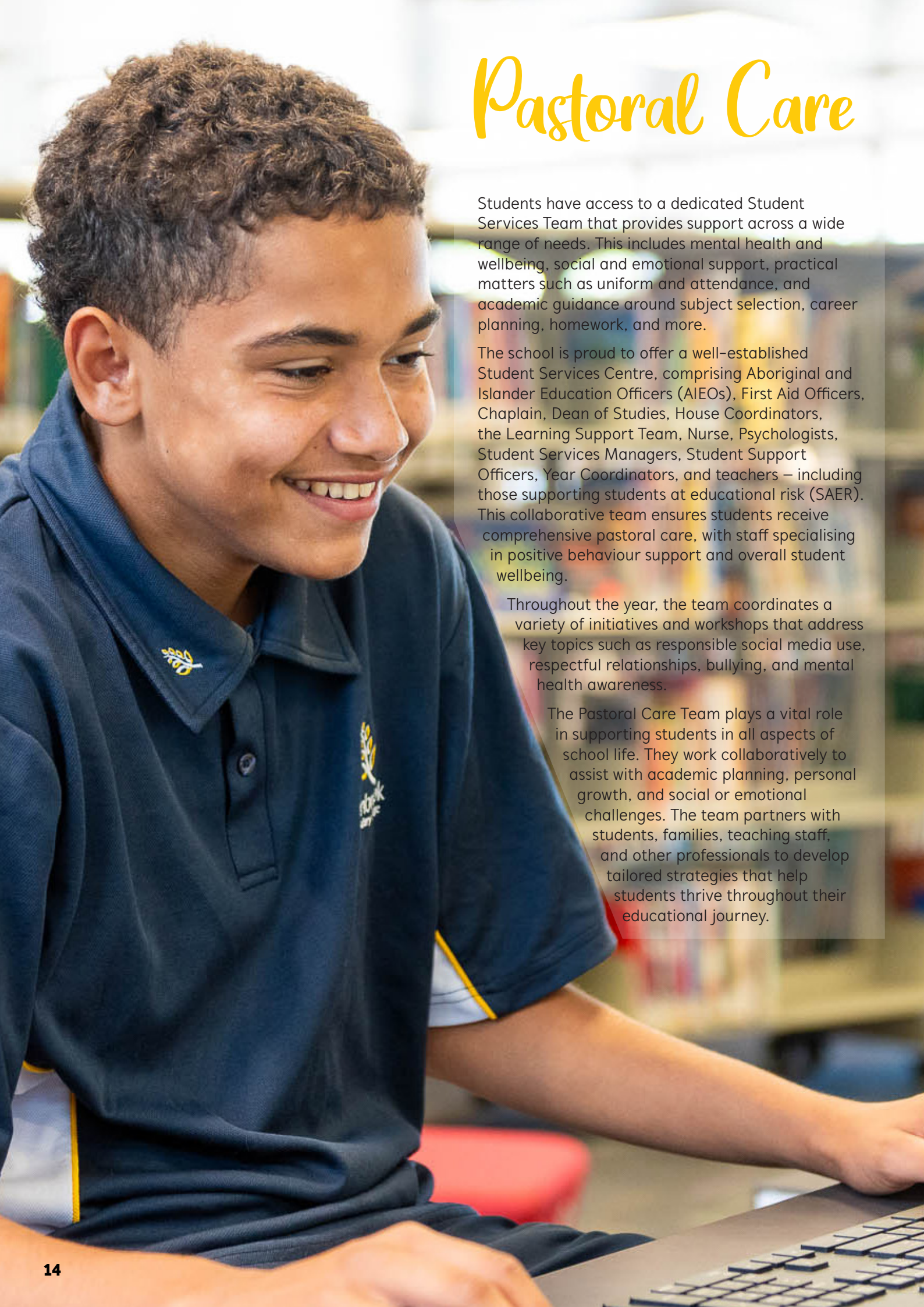
Students are encouraged to demonstrate positive behaviours that uphold our core values:

-  Engagement
-  Success
-  Community

The College has developed a Positive Behaviour Matrix that outlines specific, expected behaviours in various contexts – always, inside the classroom, outside the classroom, and online and when using technology. These behaviours are explicitly taught, modelled, and reinforced throughout the College to create a positive and supportive learning community.

To celebrate students who demonstrate these behaviours, the College uses PBS House Points, to acknowledge and award students doing the right thing.

We value open communication with parents and carers, encouraging collaboration in supporting positive student behaviour and wellbeing.



Pastoral Care

Students have access to a dedicated Student Services Team that provides support across a wide range of needs. This includes mental health and wellbeing, social and emotional support, practical matters such as uniform and attendance, and academic guidance around subject selection, career planning, homework, and more.

The school is proud to offer a well-established Student Services Centre, comprising Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers (AIEOs), First Aid Officers, Chaplain, Dean of Studies, House Coordinators, the Learning Support Team, Nurse, Psychologists, Student Services Managers, Student Support Officers, Year Coordinators, and teachers – including those supporting students at educational risk (SAER). This collaborative team ensures students receive comprehensive pastoral care, with staff specialising in positive behaviour support and overall student wellbeing.

Throughout the year, the team coordinates a variety of initiatives and workshops that address key topics such as responsible social media use, respectful relationships, bullying, and mental health awareness.

The Pastoral Care Team plays a vital role in supporting students in all aspects of school life. They work collaboratively to assist with academic planning, personal growth, and social or emotional challenges. The team partners with students, families, teaching staff, and other professionals to develop tailored strategies that help students thrive throughout their educational journey.

Student Leadership

Ellenbrook Secondary College has a proud and enduring tradition of fostering student leadership. We believe that empowering students to take on leadership roles is an essential part of their personal development and contributes positively to the wider school community. Our Student Leadership Program is designed to equip students with essential leadership skills, encourage initiative, and provide meaningful opportunities to take on roles of responsibility and influence.

The College offers two distinct pathways for student leadership: the Student Council and House Captains. Each provides unique opportunities for students to develop their leadership capabilities while contributing to the life of the school in dynamic and purposeful ways.

At the beginning of the year, student leaders participate in a Leadership Camp – an essential experience designed to help develop team cohesion, strengthen interpersonal connections, and foster the confidence to be successful leaders. It also provides students with practical tools, shared experiences, and a clear sense of direction to serve the College community.

The Student Council is composed of representatives from all year levels, ensuring diverse perspectives and voices are heard. Council members work collaboratively with staff to initiate and lead projects that enhance student experience. This includes:

- Running school assemblies.
- Coordinating homeroom activities.
- Producing and presenting the College's radio broadcast.
- Organising events and initiatives that promote student engagement and school spirit.

Our House Captains play an integral role in building pride and unity within their Houses. They lead by example during school carnivals and events, encouraging participation, sportsmanship, and school pride among their peers.

Student leaders are encouraged to be active contributors to the College's development and direction. They take part in planning sessions, offer feedback on school initiatives, and help shape the environment in which they learn and grow. Our students relish the opportunity to lead, take initiative, and make meaningful contributions to the College's culture and future. Importantly, Student Councillors also have representation on the College Board, ensuring that the student perspective is included in key decision-making processes.

At Ellenbrook Secondary College, the ideas, contributions, and creativity of our student leaders are highly valued. Staff and students collaborate closely to foster a vibrant, inclusive, and progressive school community where everyone plays an active role in shaping a positive and dynamic learning environment.



Library

Ellenbrook Community Library is a joint-use facility shared between the Department of Education and the City of Swan, serving both the school and the wider community.

All Year 7 students are formally inducted into the Library at the beginning of the school year, ensuring they are equipped to fully access and benefit from the wide range of resources available. The Library is also integrated into the College's academic program, with regular timetabled classes held in the space to support student learning across various subjects. In addition, students are welcome to access the Library during lunchtimes for study, reading, or quiet recreation.

With a City of Swan Library card, students have access to a diverse collection of resources, including a dedicated Young Adult section, graphic novels, and non-fiction materials to support school projects.

Students and teachers enjoy 24/7 access to the library's online catalogue and eLibrary, which features eBooks, eMagazines, eAudiobooks, eMovies, and a variety of digital learning resources. Free internet access, Wi-Fi, public computers, and printing facilities are available to support students in their learning.

The Library also offers hands-on experiences with technology, including a 3D printer and virtual reality equipment. Students can relax, study, or create in the Library's flexible and welcoming spaces.

College and Library staff work closely together to ensure the Library remains an inclusive, innovative, and collaborative space for all members of the community.

For more information, visit the Library's website: swan.wa.gov.au



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

The College offers a diverse range of before-school, lunchtime, and after-school club activities, open to all students. While many of these clubs are free of charge, some may involve a small cost. These clubs provide an excellent opportunity for students to explore new interests, develop valuable skills, and engage in meaningful social interactions with their peers who have similar interests.

Whether it's sports, arts, music, or educational games, there's something for everyone. Participating in these

activities not only enhances personal growth but also fosters teamwork, creativity, and a strong sense of community.

We encourage all students to take full advantage of the exciting opportunities available, make new friends, and enrich their school experience beyond the classroom!

Information about each club is available on the College website.



College Board

The College Board is made up of parents, community, staff and student representatives. The Board's fundamental purpose is to support and strengthen the connection between the school, families, and the wider community. It provides a platform for parents and community members to contribute to initiatives that enhance student outcomes and enrich the educational experience at Ellenbrook Secondary College. The Board meets twice per term to discuss strategic matters and provide guidance on key areas of school governance.

The Board's responsibilities include:

- Approve the Annual College Plan
- Review and endorse the Annual Report to evaluate the College's performance

- Develop student codes of conduct
- Determine the student dress code for school and College-related activities
- Promote the College within the broader community
- Approve student charges and contributions
- Endorse the College's annual budget
- Provide advice and feedback to the Principal on school matters

If you are interested in becoming a member of the College Board, please contact the College or the Board Secretary at Ellenbrook Secondary College.



Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association

The Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association invites all parents and carers to attend its meetings, held twice per term. The P&C is a school-based organisation open to parents, teachers, students, and community members who wish to support and contribute to the life of the College.

The P&C Association aims to:

- Create a platform for parents, citizens, students and staff to connect
- Keep families informed and engaged in College activities
- Raise funds to support the enhancement of school resources and facilities
- Encourage parent involvement in decisions regarding the allocation of raised funds

Participation in the P&C and its meetings is entirely voluntary. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to meet other families, stay informed about what's happening at the College, and provide input on how P&C funds are used. The College Principal attends each meeting to share updates on school developments and respond to questions.

If you are interested in getting involved with the P&C Association, please contact the P&C President president.escpandc@gmail.com





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