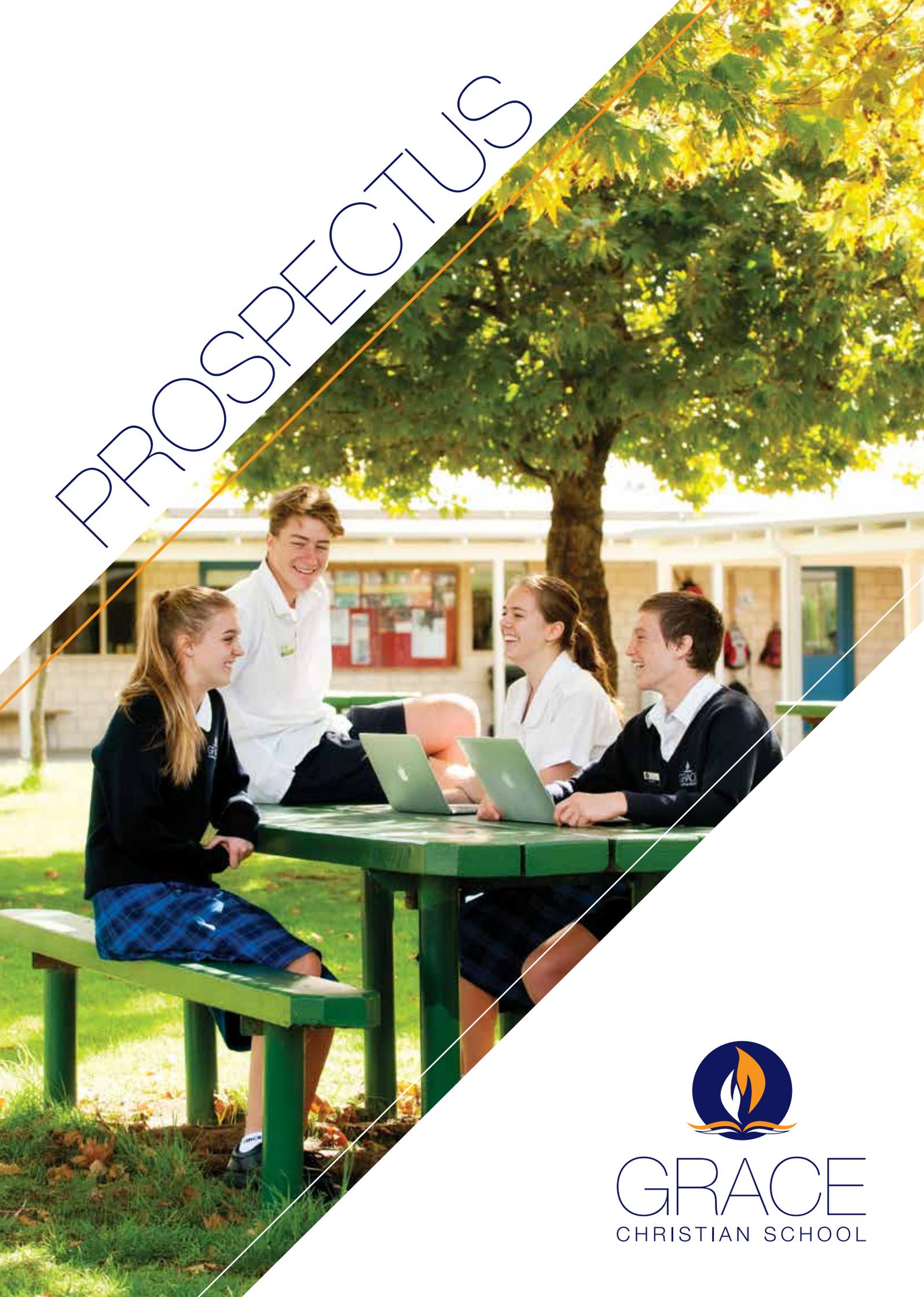


PROSPECTUS



GRACE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WELCOME TO GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Grace Christian School is a vibrant co-educational facility for students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

We partner with families in developing young people who will reflect the values and attitudes of Christ. As parents, you are an integral part of your child's learning, and are encouraged to be involved in the activities and life of our school.

I warmly invite you to stroll through the pages of our prospectus.

Whilst we have attempted to capture some of the heart and character of our school in this snapshot, it is really only when you set foot on our grounds, and meet the staff and students, that you experience a little of what it means to be part of our school community, and the many opportunities that Grace Christian School can offer your family.

I extend a personal invitation to you to visit us, and I or one of our friendly staff members will only be too happy to show you around.

Hugo de Ridder
Principal



OUR *VISION* IS TO

Be a Christian educational community of excellence, assisting in the development of young people who reflect the attitudes, authority and actions of Christ.

OUR *MISSION* IS TO

- Encourage students to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ;
- Develop lives of character based on biblical principles;
- Equip young people to positively influence the wider community;
- Develop the highest expression of an individual's gifts, talents and abilities;
- Assist parents in the education of their children and Pursue excellence in education;
- Provide resources, facilities and staff to implement the vision.

THE *AIMS* OF GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

High expectations are held of all our students, as we seek to:

- Provide a strong, Biblically-based academic environment
- Encourage and nurture faith in Jesus Christ
- Pursue excellence in education
- Develop lives of character based on Biblical principles
- Develop each child's unique gifts and abilities
- Instil a life-long love of learning

SCHOOL *LEADERSHIP*

We are a non-denominational ministry of Dreambuilders Church and are affiliated with Christian Schools Australia and a member of the Association of Independent Schools WA.

Whilst the Board provides a governance oversight, management is delegated to an experienced executive team comprising of the Principal, Business Manager and our Heads of Junior, Middle and Senior School.

Staff

Our staff are all Christians, dedicated, well trained, enthusiastic and motivated. They have high expectations and keen to see students excel on their educational journey.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is an integral part of what we do. In addition to the pastoral care offered by teachers and our Heads of School, a Pastoral Care team comprising of our two Chaplains, three Heads of School, Principal, Principal's Assistant, and Students Services, play a strong and proactive role in the school's network of support.

Education at Grace

A Christian worldview drives the ethos of the school, underpins the content and purpose of learning and defines all relationships within the school community. Our teachers emphasise mutual respect, cooperative learning and promote a positive self-image.

As there are varied stages in children's intellectual, spiritual and social development, we have a three sub-school structure: Junior School (Kindergarten to Year 2), Middle School (Years 3 to 6), and Senior School (Years 7 to 12).

This structure provides academic rigour, maintains a culture of educational excellence, and assists us to meet the challenges of students transitioning from childhood through adolescence.

JUNIOR SCHOOL



Early Childhood

Early Childhood is exciting! By tapping into each child's innate curiosity and sense of adventure, learning is made fun and engaging.

Research clearly shows the early years of a child's life are critical in the development of brain and emotional function, which impact the child's learning.

In the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary years your child makes great leaps in their development.

They further their language skills, grasp numeracy and literacy concepts, refine social skills, practise fine and gross motor skills and increase their Biblical understanding.

We offer a three day Kindergarten program and a five day Pre-Primary program in a loving, nurturing and safe environment. We believe children learn through 'play'; it is how they make sense of the world in which they live.

Play provides the flexibility for children to experiment, grow and discover!

Most importantly, it is during early childhood the foundations of Christian living are established.



JUNIOR SCHOOL



Year 1 & Year 2

Junior School brings new independence, the joy of discovery and the challenge of new friendships.

The early years of schooling are a stimulating and rewarding time for our students, parents and teachers. Christian principles are at the heart of our program, and permeate all we do.

We believe children need to understand who they are, and see the world around them through the framework of the truth of the Bible and the knowledge of a loving God.

In Junior School we aim to develop the social, spiritual and academic potential of each child, allowing God-given talents to emerge and grow. Through play and hands-on activities, students grasp the foundational concepts on which literacy and numeracy are based.

Vital skills are developed daily and our student progress is carefully monitored. The early years provide the best environment for these important aspects to be established and can set them up for a fulfilling future.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Middle School program offers our students unique opportunities to develop and grow in knowledge as well as maturing in their understanding.

Year 3 to Year 6

The middle years are where students widen their understanding of the world around them and build on the firm foundations laid in Junior School.

Year 3 to Year 6 classrooms are well equipped with computers and interactive electronic white boards. Our highly competent, caring Christian teachers guide and nurture the students as they grow in knowledge, character, skills and maturity.

Middle school students develop an understanding of God's world, their place in it and Christian values such as honesty, self-control and consideration for others.

In this safe, supportive, happy and secure environment, students are encouraged to strive for personal excellence and extend their horizons.

Academic rigour forms a high priority for students coupled with their developing understanding of God's purpose for their lives.

Extension opportunities include Tournament of the Minds, the Pursuit Program and participation in a range of competitions which challenge student's academic prowess.

Students in Years 3 to 6 experience a range of subjects with most instruction time under the tutelage of one teacher.

Students are instructed by specialist teachers in the areas of Science, Physical Education and Languages (Indonesian).

SECONDARY SCHOOL

In Secondary School students receive an excellent academic education, plus the knowledge they have a destiny and purpose in God.

This phase of schooling presents many opportunities, challenges and new experiences. We seek to provide a safe, nurturing and structured environment, which allows each student to develop academically, socially and in relationship with their Creator.

Academic excellence is a key objective. We provide a high quality education in all subjects offered, and broaden students' knowledge in the nine learning areas including Bible and Christian Living.

Students in Years 7 and 8 remain under the care of the Head of Middle School, offering continuity of relationship as they transition into the secondary years.

The Head of Senior School oversees the well-being of students in Years 9 to 12.

Years 7 and 8

Approximately 50 % of our Year 7 students instruction time is spent with their home teacher, the remaining time is with specialist teachers in Languages (Indonesian), Physical Education, Science and Electives. Electives develop creative expression in Drama, Photography, Woodwork and Music.

Year 8 students move to and are taught by specialist teachers in all 9 subjects, including electives: Metalwork, Woodwork, Music and Cooking.

Years 9 and 10

Whilst most subjects are compulsory, subjects within the learning areas of the Arts, Technology & Enterprise, and Physical Education offer a variety of choices to suit individual needs and talents.

Electives include:

- Food & Nutrition*
- Woodwork*
- Dance*
- Photography*
- Music*
- Drama*
- Metalwork*
- Maintenance*
- Media*
- Art Extension*
- Outdoor Recreation*



YEARS 11 & 12

Years 11 and 12

The senior school curriculum is determined by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) and is designed to cater to the needs of continuing adult education and employment in today's society, whilst remaining true to our Christian values and beliefs.

Our hope and prayer for our students is that they will reflect the character and values of Christ, graduating with the capacity to make a positive difference in the community, and in the lives of those who surround them.

In addition to their chosen courses of study, students may also select from a range of electives that allow creative expression, provide physical challenge or develop skills and dexterity. These electives are offered to students in both full time and part time study options.

The senior program offers students the opportunity to complete Year 12 and graduate with the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). With low teacher to student ratios and excellent facilities, we have the resources and expertise to offer students a well-balanced education with positive outcomes, whether they intend completing further study at South West Institute of Technology (SWIT), University, or entering directly into the work force.

Students are able to enrol in one of three pathways to complete their WACE and open doors to their future. These options cater for different abilities, interests and career aspirations.

ATAR Pathway

This pathway provides a full time study load for students aiming for direct entry into University. Students must sit their WACE examinations in their chosen courses.

Students also have the opportunity to complete a Certificate IV in Christian Ministry as part of the full-time program. Organised through Southland Training, this qualification provides senior and mature aged students with a solid foundation in Biblical knowledge and ministry.

General Pathway

A full time study program for students seeking a well-rounded general education leading either into further study at TAFE, or into the workforce.

Hybrid Pathway

Part time study at school combined with the opportunity to attain the WACE while acquiring Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) recognised qualifications from Certificate level to Diploma level.

Students participating in this program spread their time between school and other Registered Training Organisations (RTO's) such as South West Institute of Technology (SWIT) or Group Training South West (GTSW).

The school component comprises Bible & Christian Living, Mathematics, English, Career & Enterprise, Work Place Learning and elective options.

Secondary Camps

Students in Year 7, 9 and 11 participate in highly structured camps specifically geared towards nurturing young men and women at these pivotal points in their lives.

FESA Cadets

The ESCC (Emergency Services Cadets Corps) is a program run under the banner of the Government of Western Australia's Department of Local Government and Communities.

Over 7000 students participate in nearly 200 cadet units across the state. Benefits of the program include:

- *Enhanced career opportunities for the cadet*
- *Development of Christ-like attitudes of service through positive interaction with local volunteer services including the Bunbury Volunteer Fire Brigade, SES & Volunteer Marine Rescue Service*
- *Development of leadership, team work and problem solving skills*
- *Increased confidence and self-worth through an exciting program of physical outdoor activities*
- *The opportunity to achieve the Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation.*

School Tours

School tours are scheduled throughout each term, with dates advertised in the school newsletter and on our website.

If the advertised tour dates are unsuitable, you may arrange a personal tour.

To arrange a tour or for further information,

**please call our Enrolment Officer
on 08 9726 4200.**





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