



Ellenbrook
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



Prospectus



A Message from the Principal

On behalf of Ellenbrook Christian College, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you.

As a parent, there are so many factors that influence our choice of school; Excellent teaching and learning programs, strong well-structured pastoral care and extensive extra-curricular offerings. At Ellenbrook Christian College we offer all this, but we strive to go much further.

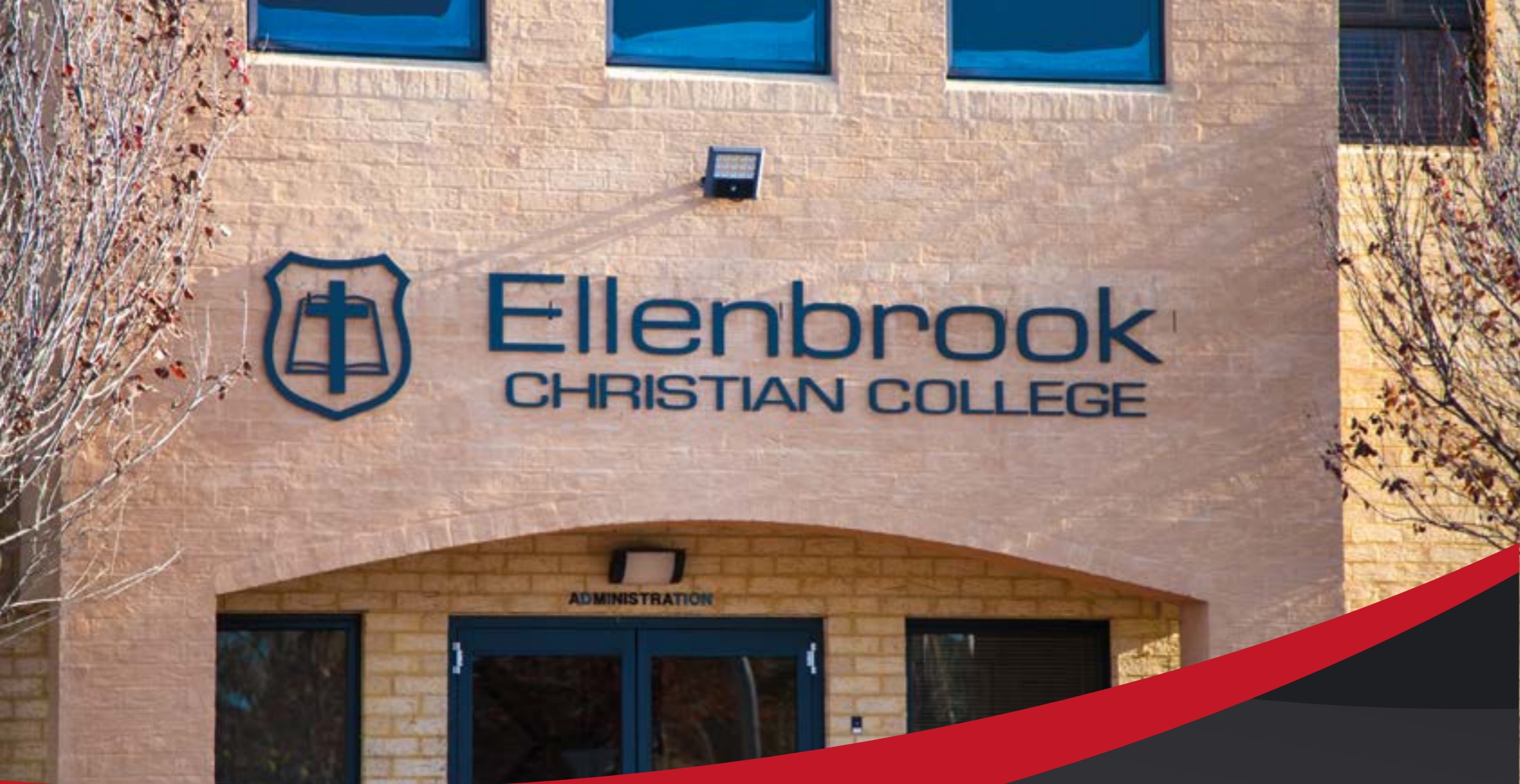
We recognise that each child is an individual who brings their talents and passions to the school community. We seek to develop those talents and inspire our students to foster a love for learning and personal growth. Through focusing on getting to know our students, we develop an understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, and we work to provide pathways designed to develop their particular talents.

Driven by Christian values, we seek to develop the character of our students, providing a supportive environment to foster personal development, preparing to emerge into the world equipped to contribute according to their talents. We are intentional about developing the whole person through our christian education philosophy. As with our academic program, our pastoral care and personal development approaches are sequential, building on the previously acquired skills.

The success of our vision hinges upon our strong and demonstrable partnerships with parents, working in unity. Ellenbrook is a lively, vibrant community and the school is committed to fostering strong parent engagement.

Thank you for considering Ellenbrook Christian College, we would love the opportunity to walk this journey with you.

Mrs Gigi Tiele
Principal



**"Unless the Lord builds the house,
they labour in vain who build it;
unless the Lord guards the city, the
watchman stays awake in vain."**

Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)

Our Values

Integrity, humility, purpose

Our Motto

Character
Commitment
Community

Our Mission

We partner with families and communities to provide Christ-centred, innovative and relevant education so that our graduates will be equipped to serve and lead in society.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be a College community that is in Christ and therefore equipped to serve, encourage, empower and develop students and staff; a College community that embraces a global outlook in order to serve the international community; a College community that is passionate about life-long learning so that our respectful young citizens can actively contribute to the community and the world around them.

Our Goal

We ultimately seek to produce graduates who will be informed of the gospel and consequently empowered by the principles of love, justice and mercy in order to serve and lead society; graduates who are well-educated, skilled and knowledgeable so that they can live productive and rewarding lives.

Who we are
The Spirit of Ellenbrook

Learning

Our College inspires a culture of high expectations in which students can become creative, confident and accomplished learners.

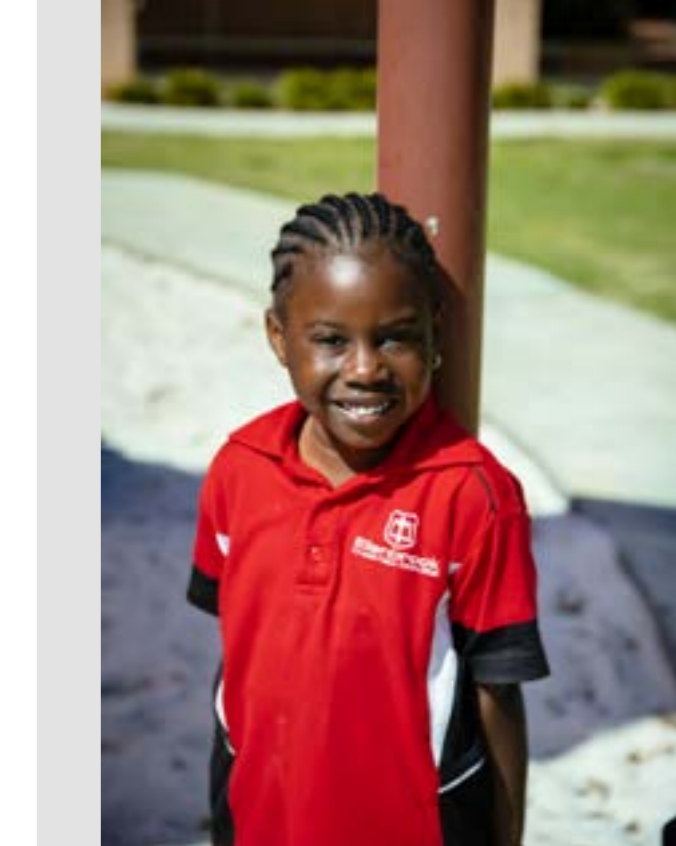
At Ellenbrook Christian College we encourage our students to be passionately engaged in their own learning journey. The emphasis of our learning is on deeply creative, critical, engaged and applied thinking skills, equipping students to embrace change in the complex world of the future.

Learning at Ellenbrook Christian College takes place through the lens of a Christian world-view, both by purposeful design and by maximising naturally occurring opportunities. We help students to define goals for their learning and provide opportunities for ongoing self-evaluation and reflection.

In our delivery of curriculum, the extra-curricular and co-curricular programs at Ellenbrook Christian College seek to support and encourage students to continually grow and develop intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually; not in separate quadrants but holistically.

Learning is designed so that each of our young people experience a rich, personalised and authentic learning pathway.

We recognise the critical role of parents in the growth and development of their children. Therefore, we seek to establish a three-way partnership with students and parents to magnify the learning and development of each child.



Pastoral Care

We know that the effective mastery of social and emotional competencies is associated with greater wellbeing and better school performance. As such, pastoral care and learning at Ellenbrook Christian College go hand in hand.

Our pastoral care programs support our commitment to inspire leadership through service and we empower our students by the principles of love, justice and mercy.

At the same time, our students' individuality is allowed to flourish as we strive to grow young people whose confidence and sense of self-worth allow them to make a significant contribution to the community, in accordance with their gifts and abilities.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

The Early Years

The Early Years Learning Framework implemented Australia wide provides a focus on exploring the links between family, community and culture that are foundational to the development of the child's sense of self.

It is through play-based learning that children learn about themselves and the world. Above all, when children play they learn to get along with others, sort out conflicts and practice language skills. From nature based play to imaginative play, building blocks, doing puzzles and reading books, we provide numerous opportunities for students to learn through many different experiences.

Our teachers play an important role in each child's life as they interact at school. Our staff members are a committed group of professional educators who seek the best outcomes for every child. They have access to the school's extensive resources, technology, grounds and facilities to ensure our students in the Early Learning Centre (ELC) develop lively and inquiring minds in a happy, stimulating, caring and secure environment.

Literacy at this stage has a strong focus on oral language development through conversations, retells, questions, investigation and imagination.

Numeracy learning challenges children to explore ideas about patterns and relationships, order and predictability, and logic and meaning.

Music and sport are a vital and healthy part of students' early education. These lessons are taken by specialist teachers.



Primary School

Ellenbrook Christian College's Primary School provides a first class educational environment in which students are nurtured and valued. Our staff recognise and respond to individual student needs and continually strive for excellence. The primary years at Ellenbrook Christian College are grounded in deep numeracy and literacy skills.

The Melbourne Declaration and the Australian Curriculum (MCEETYA2008) identify essential skills for 21st century learners in literacy, numeracy, thinking, creativity, communication, teamwork and information and communication technology (ICT). In response, our staff design learning that asks big questions, provides opportunity for the development of essential skills, and positions our young people to understand that they have the capacity to be exceptional learners.

At Ellenbrook Christian College, it is our desire to see students excited about learning and to thrive within their educational environment. It is important to us that students commit to this lifelong process and take ownership of their achievements. To do this, we engage our students by making the purpose of learning explicit and by articulating clear guidelines to success.

The curriculum undertaken within our Primary School is developed within key learning areas, in line with the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline, and the College provides learning environments that are challenging and engaging.

Specialist teachers take classes in Music, Physical Education and French. Of equal importance is to see students develop their personal and interpersonal skills, spiritual attitudes and values. As students move through Primary, they are encouraged to demonstrate greater independence, both academically and socially. It is our desire that all students demonstrate strength of character and resilience as they face day-to-day challenges.

We provide an outstanding extra-curricular program catering for sporting and artistic endeavour, and our pastoral care program caters for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of students.

A smooth, well-planned transition occurs through the upper Primary years meaning students are optimally prepared for their Secondary School journey.





Secondary School

Academic rigour, a breadth of programs, a strong sense of social justice with a focus on missions, effective pastoral support, and a supportive atmosphere are all hallmarks of Secondary School at Ellenbrook Christian College.

Our aim is to empower each child for their lifelong journey by creating a high performing learning environment which encourages every child to take responsibility and personal ownership of their learning. By providing a safe and supportive environment, each student can aspire to achieve their personal best.

We provide a very personal education where staff and students build strong professional supportive relationships, and at the same time we offer a range of curricular and co-curricular programs to meet the needs of any student.

In Secondary School we acknowledge that our students are moving from adolescence towards adulthood and give them meaningful opportunities to develop, grow and lead, through extra privileges and responsibilities. During these years students are increasingly expected to be more independent and self-directed in their learning and study habits.

Student academic learning in Years 7 to 10 is focused on the delivery of the Western Australian Curriculum which provides a strong foundation for students to be successful in their senior Secondary years. Secondary School caters both for students who are highly academic and university bound, as well as students looking for a TAFE, trade or work pathway. This is reflected in the range of available Year 11 and 12 choices.

All Secondary School teachers seek to know their students beyond specific learning areas, working as a team to achieve holistic learning outcomes. Our focus on Secondary learning is to provide students with capabilities and resources for well into their future and the development of 21st century skills.

We produce well rounded students by providing a holistic education focused on student well-being and a culture of personal excellence.

English

At Ellenbrook Christian College our students explore ideas and express creativity through their mastery of written, oral and visual language. Reading is a gateway to developing deeper understandings of ourselves and of our world. We encourage critical thinkers and creative problem solvers and recognise that effective use of written and spoken language is the pathway. With a strong focus on literacy development, Ellenbrook Christian College enables students to be contributing members of Australian society.

Languages

Multilingualism is a highly valued skill in today's climate, and the mastery of second or third languages has been shown to have a significantly positive impact on brain development. Our Languages program studies French in addition to immersing students in the understanding of European culture.

Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

The world is filled with wonder. STEM equips students to explore their world, for making discoveries that answer burning questions of "why", "how" and "what for".

Students are challenged to think critically and creatively about established truths and interrogate the basis for their beliefs as the best scientists do. Students are encouraged to think beyond themselves to understand their place in the world and consider the importance of responsibly managing their impact on the environment we all share. Discovery, delight, wonder, inspiration and challenge are the focus of our deep scientific investigation.



Humanities

Through exploration of the Humanities we learn how to think critically, to reason, and to ask questions. These skills allow students to gain new insights, help them preserve the great accomplishments of the past, understand the world we live in, and provide them with the tools to imagine the future. In Humanities classes, events, themes and concepts come alive in a creative and innovative way.





Arts and Creativity

Creative Arts at Ellenbrook Christian College incorporates Drama, Media, Music and Visual Arts.

The Arts department is a dynamic and innovative part of the school and students will experience the Arts in a variety of contexts, including the wider community, as they engage with creative professionals, allowing them to demonstrate vivid expressions of human culture in society.

Throughout the school year both Primary and Secondary School students have the opportunity to participate in choirs, ensembles, bands and musical productions.

Ellenbrook Christian College offers tuition on a range of instruments in purpose built instrumental practise and tuition facilities.





Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Ellenbrook Christian College has a strong partnership with the Swan Trade Training Centre (STTC). Year 11 and 12 students can elect to study from a variety of trade based Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificate courses at the STTC which occur one day per week, while still completing all other subjects at the Ellenbrook campus. Courses offered by the STTC include Carpentry, Electro Technology plus Metal and Engineering Fabrication as pre-apprenticeships, and Hospitality as a school based traineeship.

Our VET program runs parallel to the College's partnership with the STTC. Students taking the Non-ATAR pathway and not wishing to study a trade have two options available to them, a community services pathway encompassing many elements of community services such as childcare and healthcare or a business pathway that focuses on business operations in a variety of contexts.

Both of these courses include a workplace learning component allowing for hands on learning experiences in real workplaces. These courses run for a full day each week. This flexibility allows a move away from the traditional classroom based teaching and prepares students for life beyond school. Upon completing all of the competencies students will receive a recognised certificate level qualification, which is useful in application to TAFE, University and in the workplace.



Health & Physical Education

Our Health and Physical Education program encourages a 'personal excellence' approach and genuine support for peers during regular lessons. A holistic approach is taken as students' interpersonal and self-management skills, knowledge and understanding are determined through physical activity. Students develop not only physical skills but also social and emotional skills through these lessons. Cooperation and communication are key themes which underpin the approach to learning.

Inter-House and Inter-school carnivals and sporting teams are available to students throughout the year. The College is a member of the Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC), the Western Australian Christian School Sports Association (WACSSA) and the North Eastern Associated Schools (NEAS) competing in sports such as athletics, swimming, cross-country, soccer netball, basketball and many more.



Extra-curricular

The College inspires and extends the interests, talents and skills of students through a range of extra-curricular options that they can passionately pursue through age appropriate developmental stages. A wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities can be attended throughout the week, including sports, arts and service based activities.

The College is particularly known for its Science Academy, an after school enrichment program for students from any school with a passion for STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). A range of exciting partnerships with outside organisations (including Scitech, the Museum of Western Australia Shipwreck Galleries in Fremantle, Perth Zoo and the Faculty of Engineering from Edith Cowan University) have been established so that students will get the opportunity to meet and work alongside real scientists.

In our Bush Ranger Cadet program, students enjoy a range of experiences, from survival skills to tree planting to challenges such as rock climbing and abseiling and are encouraged to take on new challenges. This outdoor program focuses on developing leadership, tenacity and first aid skills.

Outside School Hours Care

We partner with external organisations to provide an outside school hours care program. The program is an extension of Ellenbrook Christian College, providing students with a safe environment in which they can explore and play, allowing time for homework, relaxing, educational activities, and a healthy snack.

Community

Our College was purposely designed to be at the heart of Ellenbrook and is interwoven in the community. Our global outlook, inspired and enriched by our diversity, means we have a welcoming and close-knit school environment.

We believe that fostering a strong partnership between the family and the school through clear and continuous communication, is a key element in students' success at our school.

We welcome all parents to be actively involved in their child's education and in school events.

Ellenbrook Christian College's College Committee is comprised of parents of students at the College, who are also Association Members of our parent organisation, Swan Christian Education Association. The Committee seeks to contribute to the Christian ethos of the College by prayerfully supporting the Principal in growing and developing the College.

Our Parent Liaison program provides an opportunity be involved in a cross section of classroom related duties, the broader school and the College Committee.

Join Us

We warmly invite you to contact us to discuss your child's future with us. Our Executive staff, would love to meet with you and your family, show you our extensive facilities and discuss the unique learning experience that we can provide.

Please contact our Enrolments Officer on (08) 9297 9297 or via email to ellenbrook@scea.wa.edu.au.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ellenbrook Christian College.



Character Commitment **Community**



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