



Ashdale  
Secondary College



# ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Achieving a Positive Future



Ashdale Secondary College prides itself on a high level of achievement and care for each individual student. This pursuit of excellence, support, and the strong interest in “roles of the future” ensure each student is given the maximum opportunity to succeed internally, through the medium of education, and externally as quality citizens within their communities.

Since its inception, the visionary investment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) has led the College to be recognised as a high performing Independent Public School and remains the envy of many. Partnerships with Edith Cowan University, Curtin University, and a variety of Registered Training Organisations and other industries effectively “future proof” the curriculum provided, maintaining its relevance amidst innovation and rapid technological advancement in society today.

The collaborative and communicative approach with neighbouring primary schools as a Cluster harbours consistency across the community of students from K-12. These methods adopted within the Cluster position each student at Ashdale Secondary College with a competitive advantage in seeking further and higher education and employment in their future years.

Yours sincerely



**Ian Brotherton**

Board Chair

Ashdale Secondary College





# ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS A CLEAR VISION FOR THE FUTURE.

**Ashdale Secondary College in Darch, Western Australia, is an Independent Public School with a strong reputation as a distinctive, world-class, educational community of excellence.**

Since our establishment in 2009, the well-being of our students and the academic and co-curricular programs we offer have been our main priorities. We provide a comprehensive curriculum for students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12.

This visionary school brings first-class teaching and learning opportunities to the local community's large population of young adolescents, whose diverse cultural backgrounds enrich daily life.

We offer children and their families outstanding opportunities through dedicated teachers and challenging educational programs. The College provides a stimulating environment for academic excellence, relevance, innovation and creativity. With state of the art student facilities focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) observation classrooms equipped with sophisticated technology and award-winning teaching staff, we aim to provide every child with a world-class education.

## PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE



An essential aspect of our College philosophy is to instil an appetite for learning, encouraging children to become lifelong learners who make a valuable contribution to the community and societies they work and live in.

Education must be a priority for children to lead balanced, fulfilling lives as adults. Education is one of the most important influences on young lives; it makes a difference.

Our teachers and support staff partner with parents towards one common goal: to achieve the very best education possible for your child. We aim to not only meet but exceed expectations.

I invite you to contact us to explore the opportunities for your child at Ashdale Secondary College.

**Jacquie Bogunovich**  
Principal

## A PARTNER IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION



ASHDALE ACTIVELY PROMOTES LEARNING ABOUT OTHERS, MAKING FRIENDS, BUILDING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE AND SKILLS IN NEGOTIATION

**Welcome to Ashdale Secondary College. We are an Independent Public School focused on providing your child with a well-rounded, engaging secondary school experience.**

We offer an excellent range of subject choices, specialist teaching in Science and Information Technology, exciting co-curricular activities in The Arts and Physical Education, and Vocational Education and Training Pathways.

Everything we do at Ashdale is about ensuring your child succeeds. A great public high school must serve all students and educate them for a wide range of careers and further study options. We take that challenge seriously.

An Ashdale education is about preparing your child to think critically. We equip young minds with the knowledge and skills they need to evaluate, compare and make thoughtful choices so your child can become an informed and engaged adult.

Ashdale actively promotes learning about others, making friends, building social and emotional resilience and skills in negotiation, and developing values to help live life as a happy, productive member of the community.

The College is your partner in your child's education. We encourage a close relationship between school and home, which values the importance of learning.



## ASPIRE TO BE THE BEST

**We set the bar high at Ashdale, and our students rise to the challenge every day. Our job is to challenge minds, fire the imagination and train the bodies of the young people who are entrusted to us.**

We delight in seeing our students showcase their work, whether in the Arts, the Sciences, achieving personal bests on the sporting field or gaining qualifications and experience through Senior School programs.

We encourage our students to excel, and we share the joy of their successes. Every student is supported by our capable staff, who provide directions and set goals for those whose aspirations are to better their best.



WE INSPIRE LIFELONG  
LEARNING AND FLEXIBLE  
CAREER PATHWAYS, MEETING  
THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

## CHALLENGE THEIR EXPECTATIONS

**Students have many opportunities to achieve success in mainstream areas such as Science, Mathematics, English, Humanities and Social Sciences and Physical Education.**

Classroom instruction is complemented by participation in Student Leadership, the Senior School Enrichment Program, the ICT Approved Specialist Program, The Arts (which include Dance, Drama, Media, Visual Arts, Languages and the Music Academy), and our elite Soccer and Netball Academies. There are also opportunities for hands-on experience in vocational learning in an industry of choice.

We want your child to feel inspired about education and learning. We also want to challenge and stretch them to develop high expectations for themselves, their work and their behaviour. At the heart of Ashdale is the conversation between the teacher and the student.

Our teachers inspire our students to solve problems and think creatively; they are always supportive and encourage them to do their best. We will help your child find their individual pathway and confidence to achieve their dream.



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EVERYONE AND SUCCESS CAN  
BE ACHIEVED EACH DAY



# YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE IS OUR PRIORITY

**At Ashdale, we strive to develop talents, promote leadership, instil a love of learning and teach relevant skills for each student's destination in life.**

We maintain high standards to ensure every student, regardless of talent, ability or background, is challenged and supported to achieve their personal best.

Ashdale Secondary College is part of an educational Cluster including Landsdale, Ashdale, Madeley and Carnaby Rise Primary Schools – a cooperative partnership with a common purpose. The Cluster will increase to six schools with Landsdale South (planning name only) due to open in 2023. This relationship allows us to get to know the local students who will attend Ashdale Secondary College one day. This helps us prepare them to learn confidently at high school and for the rest of their lives.

We are proud of the Cluster relationships we have built over the years, and we see the benefits every day.

The College's modern facilities are purpose-built for 21st Century education. In 2015, Ashdale opened its' doors to the additional state of the art facilities to welcome Year 7 students into secondary school.

Irrespective of background, your child will feel at ease to bring their interests, talents and viewpoints to the school community. Extraordinary care has gone into making this transition as smooth as possible. Our priority is to provide your child with a safe, secure and nurturing environment.

Ashdale can take your child where they need to be and into a future of unlimited possibilities. We give your child the tools of enquiry and self-expression to think, act and contribute. We remind our students to make the most of each day, so they leave Ashdale well prepared to give their best to study further or employment-based training.



# ICT APPROVED SPECIALIST PROGRAM

**The Department of Education WA Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Approved Specialist Program at Ashdale Secondary College gives students access to the latest technology, methods, content delivery and opportunities to explore this exciting, fast-paced industry.**

The Ashdale ICT Approved Specialist Program offers students the choice of two Institutes to develop their knowledge and skills further; Creative Technologies or STEM. Both Institutes provide a clear pathway to Senior School studies offering a broad and diverse range of courses available across ATAR and VET.

Our expert teachers undertake staff development programs that encourage inquiry-based teaching and learning strategies. There is a strong emphasis on creative and critical thinking, scientific method, and stimulating young minds' natural curiosity and innovation.

The facilities and equipment at Ashdale Secondary College are world-class. Students have access to the latest technology throughout the College, including:

- a vibrant Creative Lab including the use of 3D printers
- robotics & mechatronics workshop
- e-textiles & maker space workshop
- iMac labs, TV studio, surface tablets and the latest software.



The Program requires a three-year commitment (Years 7 to 9) to fully develop the students as self-directed learners with exceptional higher-order thinking. All students enrolled in the program who successfully complete their course requirements over three years will have the opportunity to pursue further studies on an ATAR pathway as part of their WACE achievements.

**WE DESIGN AND MODIFY  
THE CURRICULUM, BRINGING  
RELEVANCE AND FOCUS  
TO LEARNING THROUGH  
INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS OF  
DISCOVERY**





## CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE

The Creative Technologies Institute delivers an enriched digital technologies curriculum while developing students' skills in various areas of ICT. These areas include graphic design, photo media, coding, lego robotics, circuitry, entrepreneurial skills, project management, video game design and the latest innovations in the technology industry.

Classes are designed to provide students with a unique learning experience focused on fostering creativity and innovation.

Students also have access to specialised excursions, incursions, guest speakers, industry partnerships and expos.

The College's research-based learning models are used to develop the ICT capability of students, as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create, communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively.



## STEM INSTITUTE

The STEM Institute delivers an enriched and accelerated curriculum across Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, nurturing high achieving students to target career paths across many leading-edge STEM professions.

Curriculum delivery within the STEM Institute focuses on an interdisciplinary approach across the STEM subjects. Lessons are designed around finding solutions to real-world problems. The STEM Institute teaches critical thinking and problem-solving skills and creates an environment that promotes innovation, collaboration, and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Students in the STEM Institute will have access to tertiary and industry partners, exposing them to professionals within the STEM fields. They will have the opportunity to showcase their work in various forums, including expos, competitions and business projects. Incursions and excursions are a valuable part of the program, enriching and enhancing the learning experience.

WE OFFER WORLD CLASS  
EDUCATION FOSTERING  
INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY



# NETBALL AND SOCCER ACADEMIES

**Ashdale Secondary College identifies, acknowledges and fosters its students' strengths. To embrace this philosophy, the College offers a Netball and Soccer Academy that encourages students' passion, commitment and skill in Physical Education.**

Students in each Academy have the desire and commitment to improving their skills, game-play and fitness to excel within the sporting arena. They represent Ashdale Secondary College with pride and are positive ambassadors for their Academy and the College.

Students within the Academy will focus on their chosen sport for two sessions of Physical Education each week. They will have the opportunity to build on their passion for the sport by developing skills, fitness, strategies, tactics and officiating. Students have exposure to coaching experts and guest speakers throughout the program and opportunities to attain coaching and umpiring qualifications and work with younger athletes from the Cluster Primary Schools.

The focus of each Academy is not only on physical skills but the development of social and interpersonal skills, the sense of belonging to a team and the Ashdale Community.

Students are provided with a range of opportunities in each Academy, including team building days, College representation at national sporting events and international tours.

If students progress into Senior School, they will be involved in the Specialised Sport Science program in Year 10, creating a career pathway in the Sport and Recreation Industry. Year 11 students will complete the nationally recognised qualification of a Certificate II in Sport and Recreation, focusing on either Soccer or Netball.



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ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR  
CHOSEN SPORTING DOMAIN



## MUSIC ACADEMY

**Ashdale Secondary College identifies, acknowledges and fosters its students' strengths. To embrace this philosophy, the College offers a Music Academy that embraces students' passion and commitment to extend their skills in Music.**

Students in the Music Academy have the desire and commitment to improve in all aspects of their musicality, developing their music theory and performance and ensemble skills to excel within the music industry. They represent Ashdale Secondary College with pride and are positive ambassadors for the Academy and the College.

We aim to provide an avenue for your child to achieve excellence in all areas of Music, including written, composition and performance, with a focus on their chosen instrument or voice. Students within the Academy will have two class music sessions each week, a weekly instrument/voice lesson through Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) or their private tutor. They will participate in at least one school ensemble suitable for their instrument/voice.



The focus of the Music Academy is not only on performance skills but the development of social and interpersonal skills, leadership skills, and the sense of belonging to the Ashdale Community. Students will have numerous performance opportunities throughout the program, including school services and assemblies, lunchtime concerts, mid-year and end of year concerts, community performances and external competitions, and adjudicated festivals.

If students continue into Senior School, they will complete the nationally recognised qualification of a Certificate II in Music (Year 11 and 12, two years) with a combined focus on Live Performance and Sound Production.

**DEVELOPING STUDENTS'  
CONFIDENCE IN THE ARTS  
AND THEMSELVES**

## SUPPORTING THEIR JOURNEY

**Ashdale is committed to a culture of 'high performance – high care', with a recognition that for every student to succeed and accomplish their very best, our teachers and support staff must have high expectations underpinned by unrelenting care.**

The Student Services model provides a team of staff dedicated to meeting the pastoral needs of your child. All year cohorts from Year 7 to Year 12 have two Year Coordinators, overseen by Junior School and Senior School Program Coordinators.

Embedded within this specialist team are key, professionally-trained support workers, including a Psychologist, Student Support Worker and Community Nurse, ensuring wraparound care that supports every child during their time at the College and, indeed, beyond.

We understand that children and young people are precious, and our culture of care allows our students to be nurtured, to grow and to develop.



WE HAVE CREATED STRONG  
PASTORAL CARE STRUCTURES  
TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL  
STUDENTS



## A SENSE OF UNITY AND BELONGING

**Students at Ashdale Secondary College wear our uniforms with pride. It signifies a united community, family, friendship and common purpose.**

Ashdale's distinctive uniform connects the students and helps develop a sense of unity and belonging. It also reminds us that education is important – we are in it together.

How you look reflects a state of mind. Wearing a school uniform has a positive impact on student attendance and behaviour. At Ashdale, we take pride in all we do. We are particularly proud of the significant accomplishments of our students, and we want them to be recognised as confident ambassadors of the College.







Ashdale offers a safe and stimulating environment, high-quality education and effective preparation for adult life. Ours is a friendly, caring College with sound academic achievement and a quality teaching reputation.

THE COLLEGE IS YOUR PARTNER  
IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION



Choosing Ashdale for your child  
will mean they are in good hands.



**At Ashdale Secondary College, your child will have the opportunity to achieve more than you imagined.**

We welcome your enquiries at any time and invite you to attend one of our College tours.

We are confident that your child will enjoy the laughter and challenges in the learning environment at Ashdale Secondary College.



We encourage you to take the next step in achieving your child's positive future.





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