



Ashdale
Secondary College



"Achieving a Positive Future"

ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE INFORMATION HANDBOOK

Welcome to Ashdale Secondary College



Thank you for choosing to enrol your child at Ashdale Secondary College. This handbook will provide you with important information about our College processes and policies, which will assist in the transition of your child into our College.

Ashdale Secondary College is part of the Ashdale Cluster which also includes Landsdale Primary School, Ashdale Primary School, Madeley Primary School and Carnaby Rise Primary School. Our partnership with these Cluster schools sees the creation of a seamless transition from primary school to high school and also the development of a K-12 curriculum that is relevant, engaging and stimulating.

The College aims to equip all students with a wide range of skills and attributes; academic, social, physical and

emotional; thus providing them with the tools to realise their potential and work towards achieving a positive future.

We believe that the partnership between home and the College is crucial in the successful education of your child. The College communicates with the community on a variety of platforms and encourages parent communication and feedback.

Your child's education and wellbeing is our priority. We look forward to working with you as we nurture your child and celebrate their successes in the years to come.

Kylie Bottcher
Principal

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College Contacts

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Office Hours:	Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri	8.15 am - 4.00 pm
	Wednesday	8.15 am - 3.00 pm

A Distinctive Education

Ashdale Secondary College is a distinctive, world-class, educational community of excellence. All students are motivated to strive to achieve their best and realise their potential in a values-rich environment.

Students at Ashdale Secondary College are equipped with, and confident in the use of, new blends of skills and knowledge necessary to achieve their potential throughout their lives. They develop the capabilities essential for healthy living and lifelong learning. They build social and emotional resilience, supported by clear, ethical and effective pastoral care.

Ashdale Secondary College is technology-smart and technology-rich. Technology is embedded in all teaching and learning programs using a strong pedagogical base encourages transparent and effective learning outcomes. Students, staff and the community are skilled in the effective use of all learning technologies and work to build STEM skills across all learning areas. In support of this vision, Ashdale Secondary College is a Specialist Technology School.



Our Teachers

Ashdale Secondary College is committed to selecting and supporting the best teachers who can inspire a love of learning within students.

Our teachers personalise the curriculum for their students and challenge each to take the next step in their learning. Staff are provided with high-quality professional learning experiences to ensure they remain aware of the most up to date research into the successful delivery of rich and engaging teaching and learning programs.

Staff renew and build on their skills continually and are encouraged to develop their expertise in a collaborative environment, enriching the teaching and learning program of Ashdale Secondary College. All staff work on a common framework for teaching and learning: LEARN & GROW, ensuring student outcomes are enhanced in all learning areas.

College Policies

The College has established policies in several areas. These policies are created and reviewed when the need arises. Policies are presented to the College Board for notation and endorsement.

Current College policies include:

- Preventing and Managing Bullying
- Assessment Policy
- Student Dress Code

- Student Engagement
- Good Standing
- ICT Usage Policy
- Prohibited Substances Education and Response

These policies can be viewed in full on the Ashdale Secondary College website under the About Us tab: <https://ashdalesc.wa.edu.au/about/policies/>

Classroom Timetable

Note different times on Wednesday

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Period 1	8.45 am	-	9.45 am
Period 2	9.45 am	-	10.45 am
Mentor Group	10.50 am	-	11.05 am
Recess	11.05 am	-	11.30 am
Period 3	11.30 am	-	12.30 pm
Period 4	12.35 pm	-	1.35 pm
Lunch	1.35 pm	-	2.10 pm
Period 5	2.10 pm	-	3.10 pm

Wednesday:

No Mentor Group

Period 1	8.45 am	-	9.45 am
Period 2	9.45 am	-	10.45 am
Recess	10.45 am	-	11.05 am
Period 3	11.05 am	-	12.05 pm
Period 4	12.05 pm	-	1.05 pm
Lunch	1.05 pm	-	1.30 pm
Period 5	1.30 pm	-	2.30 pm

Gate Access Times

Westport Parade

- Carpark, stairway and pathway gates will remain open
- Stairway and pathway gates are locked at 4.30 pm
- Carpark gates on Westport Parade are locked at 5.45 pm

Parents needing to drop off or collect students during the day or for after-hours extra-curricular activities (tutoring, rehearsals, clubs, etc.) can access the College via the Westport Parade entrance.

All Other Access Gates

Gates will be open between 7.00 am and 9.00 am, and between 2.15 pm and 4.00 pm.

Staff parking areas are not to be used for student pick up or drop off.

All gates are locked during the school holidays.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, you must contact the College. Please advise us by one of the following methods:

Text message: 0409 686 299

Phone: 6207 1300

Email: ashdale.sc.absentee@education.wa.edu.au

Online: ashdalesc.wa.edu.au
(*Absentee Form, top right of the Home Page*)

Please include your child's name and year group in the message.

Punctuality

Children who arrive at the College on time are more relaxed and feel more organised, so we encourage you to assist your child in learning skills that will enable them to be punctual.

Students who arrive at the College after 9.00 am must enter through Student Services with a written explanation for their lateness. Students will be issued with a late slip for entry into class. Students who do not have a written explanation for their lateness will be marked on the attendance register as unsatisfactory and parents will be contacted for an explanation.

Senior School students who attend a study period must sign in and out of the College through Student Services.

Leaving before the end of the day

We are committed to ensuring your child is safe, so you should always let us know if your child is leaving the site early.

If your child is leaving the College early accompanied by you, it is a legal requirement that you sign them out at the Administration Office.

If your child needs to leave the College early unaccompanied by you, they will require a written note from a parent or guardian. Students need to present this note to Student Services to receive a pink slip.

Students will show the pink slip to their teacher at the specified time before signing out at Student Services. An authorised Early Departure slip will be issued, which is recorded against the student's attendance register.



Secondary Assistance Scheme

Through the Department of Education, the State Government provides financial support to eligible parents through the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS). This scheme assists low-income families with secondary schooling costs.

The allowance consists of two components: \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the College and is taken as payment for the Voluntary Contribution and \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.

Parents or guardians complete the application of students enrolled in Years 7 to 12, including the year the student turns 18 years of age.

Parents/guardians must hold one of the following cards:

- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Health Care Card
Cardholder must be parent/guardian. Claims cannot be made by a parent using a student's card (i.e. the student may hold a card for disability purposes)
- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card
Student name should be listed on the card.
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
Health Pensioner Card, TPI / TPI Gold Cards or State Cards cannot be accepted as they are issued for medical benefits purposes only.

The card must be current during the first term. The application must be in person, and forms are available from Administration Office. Applications close at the end of Term One. Any application received after this date will not be accepted.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Voluntary contributions, compulsory charges and approved funding paid by parents and guardians are used to purchase textbooks, materials, and other resources students use in their everyday classes.

All contributions and charges assist in providing an educational program that meets the requirements of the Western Australian Curriculum and complies with the guidelines issued by the Department of Education and the School Education Act.

The College community appreciates the financial support given by parents and guardians, which enables staff to continue to offer quality educational programs.

Payments can be made at the Administration Office by cash, EFTPOS, credit card, cheque or by direct deposit into the College's bank account:

Acc Name: Ashdale Secondary College

BSB: 066 - 040

Acc No: 19901762

Reference: Student Name

Payment plans are welcomed. Please get in touch with the College to make arrangements.

College Uniform

The College community has endorsed implementing a Dress Code as it enhances a sense of belonging, focuses students when at school, and assists with identifying unwelcome visitors. The Dress Code also promotes a positive image of the College by ensuring a standard of presentation.

Everyday wear for girls:

- white short sleeve button-up blouse with ASC logo embroidered on the left-hand pocket
- navy blue mid-length drop waist pleated skirt
- navy blue mid-length cuffed bengaline shorts or ASC sports shorts
- navy blue mid-length skirt
- navy blue straight leg bengaline pants or parachute style trousers
- navy blue zip-front fleece jacket or school jumper with school logo
- navy blue wet weather jacket with the ASC logo
- navy blue uniform dress
- plain white or navy blue headscarves
- white undergarments (no visible logos) beneath their white shirts

Everyday wear for boys:

- short sleeve button-up shirt with ASC logo embroidered on the left-hand pocket
- navy blue long leg shorts or ASC sports shorts
- navy blue pants or parachute style trousers
- navy blue zip-front fleece jacket or school jumper with ASC logo
- navy blue wet weather jacket with the ASC logo
- white undergarments (no visible logos) beneath their white shirts

Unisex sports uniform:

- navy blue & white polo with College collar
- navy blue microfibre sport shorts with white piping

Footwear:

- shoes – black enclosed shoes or black sports shoes with minimal colour and branding; open back footwear is not acceptable
- socks/stockings – navy blue/black socks or stockings

However, students are not permitted to wear:

- hoodies of any description
- fleeced tracksuit pants
- any t-shirt except white under their ASC white school shirt
- any windcheater, jacket or jumper that does not carry the ASC logo
- striped branded trousers
- black parachute-style trousers

Closed footwear is required for health and safety reasons. Therefore thongs and sandals are not permitted. Students may wear a watch and simple sleepers or studs in pierced ears. Excessive jewellery is inappropriate and may be dangerous.

For ordering information, please see the Uniform Ordering section on the website: ashdalesc.wa.edu.au/enrolment/uniforms/

Uniforms are available from the Tudor Uniform shop, 1/75 Excellence Drive, Wangara, Ph. 9408 2666.

What subjects will my child study?

In Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, your child will study various aspects from the following Learning Areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- The Arts
- Technology and Enterprise
- Health and Physical Education
- Information and Communication Technology

Literacy and numeracy skills are a focus for each of the Learning Areas. All teachers provide curriculum experiences that take account of and highlight the literacy and numeracy skills required for success within individual subjects.

For more information on specific Learning Areas, please refer to the Curriculum tab on our website: <https://ashdalesc.wa.edu.au/curriculum/>

Bring Your Own Device Program

Ashdale Secondary College is committed to maximising the use of current and emerging technologies within our classrooms, providing positive learning educational experiences and preparing students for the future.

To enhance technology access throughout the College, we have implemented a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) program for all year levels (Year 7 – 12). A BYOD program provides students with the option of bringing their approved device (e.g. laptop, tablet, iPad, etc.) each day

to assist with their learning. Access to a BYOD at Ashdale SC replicates the technology-rich environment already standard in higher education and business and allows students to continue learning anytime, anywhere. Please note that the Department of Education insurance does not cover devices and other valuables.

More information about the BYOD Program and minimum specifications required is available on the College website under the Enrolment tab.



College Nurse

Community Health Nurses are skilled in assessing adolescent health needs. They engage in health counselling with young people to identify issues, risks and protective factors, provide advice and brief intervention, assist with access and referral to other services, and provide follow up care. Students can drop in to the Student Services building or make appointments to discuss health and wellbeing issues.

The services provided are free and confidential. If you are concerned about your child's health or wellbeing, don't hesitate to get in touch with the College Nurse on 6207 1300.

Immunisations

Children receive all of their early immunisations before school entry (4 - 5) Years. To ensure the immunisation record presented at school entry is up to date, parents should obtain a current copy of the Immunisation History Statement before enrolment. Parents can request an immunisation History Statement at any time by:

- telephoning ACIR on 1800 653 809 (free call)
- emailing acir@humanservices.gov.au
- visiting their local Department of Human Services Centre

In secondary school, students are immunised by the Department of Health. They attend the College three times per year to provide vaccinations to Year 7 and 10 students.

College Psychologist

A school-based psychologist is available. Parents may seek consultation through the College, or children may be referred for assessment after consultation with parents.

This valuable service can assist with counselling, anger management, academic assessment and a range of other areas. For less pressing issues, we also have a Student Support Coordinator available to work through problems with your child.

Medications

When your child is required to have prescribed medications during the day, parents must complete an Administration of Medication form (form 3).

Medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name and details of administration.



Medical Action Plans

Students with specific health care needs are required to have a Student Health Care Plan. Parents are requested to complete one or more of the Department's standardised Student Health Care Plans, stating the care and medication that the College may need to support the student while at the College or on an off-site excursion.

Parents and caregivers should ensure the medical information is kept up to date for our school records. Health care plans will be sent out at the start of each year and returned to the administration office as soon as possible. Such plans are for students with Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epilepsy and Asthma.

Students who are unwell

Please do not send your child to the College if they are unwell. Students feeling unwell at the College must report to Student Services. The College will contact parents to make arrangements to collect the student from the Administration Office. At no time should your child contact you via a mobile phone to come and collect them. All contact should be via the College telephone number (6207 1300).

In an emergency, you should endeavour to take immediate responsibility for your child. If you or your nominated contact is unavailable, the College will take all reasonable measures to ensure medical attention is given as soon as possible. For this reason, your contact details must be kept up to date.

Ambulance: If there is a medical emergency, parents/guardians are expected to meet the cost of an ambulance.



Mobile Phones

In line with the Department of Education's Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy and the College's ICT Usage Policy, students who bring mobile phones to the College are required to turn them off and place them in their bag from the first siren of the day. It must remain off and in their bag until the end of the day, including break times. This also applies to earpiece/ear pods. Smartwatches are to be placed in aeroplane mode from the first siren of the day. Emergency calls by parents are to be directed to Administration.

Camps, Excursions and Incursions

Notices detailing excursion information are issued before the outing. Please complete permissions and acknowledge medical conditions promptly via Qkr! Where payment is required for an extracurricular excursion or incursion, this payment must be finalised before the event. Students who have not completed permissions will not be allowed to participate and will be supervised at the College.

As part of the College's Student Engagement Policy and Good Standing Policy, some children may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular camps or excursions/incursions.

Personal Items Lists (Stationery/Booklist)

Information about personal item requirements for the following year is issued late in Term Four. Ordering details will be placed on the College website at that time. You can order online, by mail order or shopping direct at the store.

Students riding or driving to the College

If your child rides a bike or scooter to the College, it is your responsibility to ensure that these are in roadworthy condition and children wear a helmet. They should have a chain to lock their bikes to the bike racks, and they are not permitted to access them during College hours.

Students who drive their vehicles to school are not permitted to park in designated staff parking areas. They are encouraged to park in the parking bays along Macdonagh Ave and Carlingford Dve.

Bus Services

A large number of our students use TransPerth services to travel to school. Safety is of paramount importance for students using public transport. We ask parents/guardians to reinforce these rules with their children.

Smart Rider cards are free for Year 7 students. There will be a charge of \$5 for any replacement Smart Rider cards in all years. Students who turn 18 during the year will be required to order an adult Smart Rider card, which will incur a \$10 charge.

Learning Hub

The Learning Hub is an engaging, student-focused learning space that encourages engagement in a host of multifaceted activities.

Within our Learning Hub is the College Library. Students and staff have access to the library system on and off College grounds, using the web-based catalogue to browse, select and reserve a wide range of recreational and curriculum resources, in both printed and digital formats.

Curie Café

The College cafeteria, the Curie Café, is privately operated by Inspired Cravings Pty Ltd. The Café menu is designed to follow the Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink Policy, supporting and promoting students' healthy eating. The Café is open every day for recess and lunch and provides a variety of food and drinks.

To view a sample menu, please visit:
ashdalesc.wa.edu.au/about/facilities/

Lost Property

All articles of clothing and equipment brought into the College must be clearly marked with your child's name. Lost property is held at Student Services. The College cannot accept responsibility for the loss of any possessions.

Valuables

Students should not bring valuables of any kind to the College. Money or other valuables should never be left in school bags. Department of Education insurance does not cover valuables.



College Board

The Ashdale Cluster Board and Ashdale Secondary College Board work together with the College to achieve the best outcomes for students. Their functions are covered by legislation, and the elected members include parents, community members, staff, and students in secondary settings. Members of the community may be invited to join to add depth of knowledge to the Board. The Principal of the College and the Principals of the Cluster primary schools are members of the Cluster Board.

The functions of Boards are prescribed by the School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Regulations 2000 as follows:

Take part in:

- establishing and reviewing the College's objectives, priorities and general policy directions
- planning financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions

- evaluating the College's performance in achieving those objectives, priorities and directions
- formulating codes of conduct for students at the College
- the selection of, but not the appointment of, the College Principal or any other member of the teaching staff if the Regional Executive Director gives prior approval

Approve of:

- a charge or contribution determined by the Principal for the provision of materials, services and facilities
- the costs determined by the Principal to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the College's educational program
- the items determined by the Principal to be supplied by a student for the student's personal use in the College's educational program

P&C Association

The P&C is open to all parents of students attending the College and all citizens within the College community. The Association promotes the interests of the College by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close cooperation and by raising funds to provide facilities and equipment for the College. During the meetings, the members discuss College programs and are fully informed of what is happening.

Meetings are usually held once a term and are advertised on the College website and Facebook page. All parents are encouraged to attend the P&C meetings to support the College and help provide the best possible education for its students. The Annual General Meeting of the P&C is held each March when office bearers for the following year are elected. P&C membership only costs \$1 per year and entitles members to vote on P&C initiatives.

Communication with Parents/Guardians

Communication between the College and home is vital to ensuring your child gets the most out of their time at the College. Parents/guardians can talk to our staff at any time, and we welcome your comments. A complete list of teachers' email contacts is provided to parents on the contact tab of our College website.

There are several ways we will keep in contact with you:



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are held in Term One, following the distribution of interim reports, and again in Term Three following Semester One reports. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collaboratively develop goals for your child. We encourage you to make appointments with teachers throughout the year if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns.



CONNECT

CONNECT is an excellent way to communicate with your child's teacher, allowing a direct email link. Connect will enable parents/students to download learning support materials and tasks to be completed. It also provides a means to track student progress with tests and assignments. If you would like to register for Connect, contact the Administration Office for details.



Student Reports

Formal reporting takes place twice per year at the end of Terms Two and Four.



Facebook

Search Ashdale Secondary College on Facebook and 'Like' us to keep up to date with current events and information.



Newsletter

The Ashdale Download newsletter is issued by email once per term and is also available on the website. The Download contains information about educational activities and events, student and staff achievements, excursions, visitors to the College, P&C updates and other relevant College information.



SMS

At times, the College may send SMS messages to parents to convey vital information or reminders. The SMS system is also utilised to advise parents of unexplained Lates and Absences from the College.



Website

Information and important dates are regularly updated on our website. You can also access a variety of links, e.g. uniform ordering, absence reporting, forms, program brochures and newsletters.



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