At Kalamunda we care

"When I am asked why I chose to send my children to Kalamunda Senior High School for their secondary education, I can simply reply that is because of the community spirit which the school upholds. The staff is committed to valuing education and investing in our children futures, ensuring that they received the best education which enables them to reach their full potential. Most importantly it is the feeling that we are a part of a family and not just a number."

Christina Rumble
Parent

"Kalamunda Senior High School has a proud history of great respect between staff and students. With this respect and community support, we worked as a team to uphold our school motto of “Wisdom and Courage”. Forty years later, I see in the students of today, the same respect, quest for knowledge, determination to succeed and pride in their achievements. The School’s new values of Community, Respect, Resilience, Pride and Love of Learning, continues the journey."

Dr John R. Owen
M.D.Sc (WA), FICD, MRACDS (Orth), O.F (H)
School Patron
Past Student - Kalamunda Junior High School (1967-69)

1958 First Stage buildings started Rooms 4.5, 6, 7
1959 October: Foundation Stone Laid by Minister for Education, Mr Watts
1960 January: Kalamunda Junior High School opened consisting of 3 First Year classes of 52 boys and 46 girls (98 Students)
1961 Further extensions of Library, Woodwork/metalwork room, Cooking/dressmaking room (277 students)
1962 Split from the Primary school. Now full High School status years 8-10
1963 Some First Years attending an annexe in Midland until another wing completed in Second Term
1964 Construction of the Canteen
1968 Introduction of the Achievement Certificate
1969 Accommodation Problems, Many Demountables. Construction of the Science Block
1970 First Year Enrolments over 300
1971 End of the Junior Certificate
1972 Mathematics wing completed
1974 Kalamunda High School becomes Kalamunda Senior High School admitting its first Year 11 students.
1973 New Library completed (Old Library the Staffroom). First Leaving Certificate candidates. Student body strikes over a number of issues
1975 Hall/gymnasium Complex completed. Forrestfield SHS opens
1980 Inaugural House System with Beefeaters, Gallows, Centaurs, Jabbawocky, Lightning, Boonooloo, King Crimson and the Incas
1981 21 Years Kalamunda SHS comes of age
1981 Kalamunda SHS elevated to Special Art School. Lesmurdie SHS opens
1982 Opening of the new Arts Complex
1987 House System revamped with Kelly, Mawson, Hogan and Forrest
1995 Performing Arts Complex Opened
1999 Gwen Russell Gallery opened
2001 Care Force Team Under Mr Guntrip started, Formerly the Charity Committee
2004 Upgrades Administration, staffroom and the creation of 4 new classrooms.
2007 School Fully Air conditioned
2007 August 8th Launch of Kalamunda Day and new school values
2008 Year 12 student councillors return to using the name school prefects.
2008 Year 12 Donga re-instated by Fortescue Metals Group

The good days
At Kalamunda we explore the global community

“We have been very pleased with KSHS as a choice for our children. They have flourished under the various programmes – in art, music and academic excellence. The school is encouraging and offers a wide variety of experience for all that attend the school – be it outdoor activities, languages and arts, sciences and special education. My kids have loved the camps, the interstate trips, but mostly both actually enjoy their daily classes - and so are eng intellectually and have become increasingly confident.

Lisa Scott-Murphy
Parent

At Kalamunda we stand for values

Kalamunda Senior High School is a special place. We enjoy all the benefits a large city like Perth has to offer while being in a quiet, rural environment. This creates a school which is a close knit community into its third generation of hills families. Our staff live close by, most have educated their children at Kalamunda and we always have staff who are former students. It is not surprising then that one of our values is Community. Our other values of Respect, Resilience and Pride all come together when we work as a community of learners. These values are encompassed in all we do at Kalamunda as we aim towards our vision of Sharing our Forest of Possibilities. The school community developed this vision as it is wond symbolic of our school, whose home is in the forest.

A forest is a special place where trees grow and their roots (our history and traditions) provide a strong foundation to develop and flourish. Trees provide shelter for all who live there and are strong enough to withstand the buffeting of storms. Each year new growth adds to the strength of the forest, just as our school welcomes new students and encourages them to flourish as individuals.

We would love to welcome your family to our home in the forest.

Mrs Kathy Ritchie
Principal

“I still remember the feeling of being a new year 8 student starting at Kalamunda Senior High School years ago! Although over the years many things have changed, some have not. As a student I was fortunate enough to benefit from outstanding teachers at Kalamunda Senior High School and the tradition of excellent teaching has carried on. I am now very lucky to be working alongside a very professional and dedicated teaching team headed by strong and passionate leadership.

I am always impressed by the range of academic, social and sporting opportunities afforded to our students. The atmosphere around the school on any weekday attests to the fact that this leads to a rich and colourful educational experience for our students – I am sure it wasn’t like that in my day!”

Netta Thompson
Teacher 2001-present, Former Student (1978-1982)

Italy Trip • France Belgium • Triple Challenge
Wilderness Trip • Japan Trip • Malaysia Trip • Ski Trip
At Kalamunda we offer broad learning opportunities

CURRICULUM
A greater selection is offered within the Hills Precinct of Kalamunda SHS, Lesmurdie SHS and Darling Range Sports College

- A broad range of courses across all levels leading to University, TAFE and Employers bound students
- Languages: Japanese, Italian, Indonesian
- Worklinks (school / work / TAFE)

At Kalamunda we are creative

THE ARTS
The Arts subjects encourage artistic creativity and the active use of the imagination. They provide a unique way in which to view, explore, and further understand oneself, others and the world in which we live.

Perhaps more than any other human activity, the arts enables the expression of thought, ideas, the body, emotions and spirituality, enabling total involvement and personal growth for the individual.

- Theatre Arts
- Dance
- Music
- Art
- Photography
- Media
At Kalamunda we play hard

Kalamunda SHS has great pride in its Annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals that bring together the whole school community including Parents, Teachers, Ex-students and Students. Students also have many opportunities to compete in school teams representing many fields of endeavour. Kalamunda SHS was inducted into the Blackwood Marathon Hall of Fame in 2006 after competing in the competition for 20 years.

“Kalamunda SHS has provided a great atmosphere for both staff and students alike. A place where you are encouraged to formulate and implement your own ideas and programmes. To have the Graham Watson School Gymnasium named in my honour was a highlight of my 34 year long commitment to the school.”

Graham Watson
Retired Head of HPE

“Sport was a major part of my experience at KSHS, the PE teachers of the time invested many volunteer hours to offer some truly awesome life time experiences. As a Yr 10 student, myself and ten other students were selected to represent KSHS in the first ever National High Schools Volleyball Cup in Canberra, we came home with a silver medal. That tournament now hosts over 400 teams every year.

KSHS provided the foundation for success in my career, both as an athlete and as a professional. I have no doubt that the traditions of my generation are still prevalent today and drive the school to provide each student with the educational tools, combined with a challenging and nurturing environment where essential values for success are developed.”

Pauline Manser (KSHS Senior 1986)
2000 Olympian - Beach Volleyball, Bachelor of Science, University of New Mexico USA
Diploma Community Services, TAFE WA

At Kalamunda we stretch the boundaries with Specialist Programs

“The focus of my study at Kalamunda SHS was centred in the Special Art program, nurtured by wonderful teachers. The extra curricular support from this course of study opened doors to a successful career in art. Looking back I can see how significant a contribution studying at KSHS had on preparing me for further study and building a foundation for my art practice.”

Jessica Mitchell
Former Special Art Student (1999-2003)
Honour Art Graduate (Curtin University)

FtED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE) ISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

This DET recognised and funded program has been running for over 20 years. Students in this program attend Saturday morning workshops conducted by professional artists who teach painting, drawing, sculpture, print making, animation, glass, ceramics, fashion and textiles.
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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Kalamunda Senior High School is ideally located to take advantage of many recognised outdoor pursuits. KS HS is less than 500 metres from the Northern Terminus of the world renowned Bibbulmun Track which runs 957km from Kalamunda to Albany. The Munda Biddi Trail for mountain biking and other significant outdoor adventure venues in close proximity to Kalamunda SHS include: The Hills Forest (which includes Pickering Brook National Park, Lesmurdie Falls National Park, Kalamunda National Park, Gooseberry Hill National Park, Greenmount National Park and Mount Dale Conservation Park), the Zig Zag, Jorgensen Park, State Forest Areas including Bickley Reservoir and many other Heritage Trails. The students who nominate for this program may be provided with opportunities to be involved with a wide range of outdoor pursuits including:

- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Bush Walking
- Bush Navigation
- Aboriginal Culture
- Roping
- Tenting
- Fitness training
- Food Preparation
- First Aid Training
- Swimming Certificates
- Snorkelling
- Community Service
- Fundraising
- Expeditions
- and much more.

“Kalamunda has given me many fantastic opportunities both as a student and as a teacher. As head boy in 2002 I was able to develop my understanding of the pressures and responsibilities teachers face through my work on the school council and student committees. I am honoured to be now working as a teacher at Kalamunda SHS. To be making a difference to students’ lives and building positive relationships with former teachers and current students through the Outdoor Adventure Program, Triple Challenges and Ski Trips.”

Carl Scott
HPE and Outdoor Education Teacher 2007-present
Head Boy Kalamunda 2002

“Kalamunda SHS has provided our son with an excellent basis for his future. His participation in the Academic Excellence program in Years 8-10 developed his independence, promoted sound study skills and provided the academic challenge he needed. This has enabled him to cope with the study expectations of Years 11-12. He has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities provided to him through student council involvement and also on the sporting arena. The positive and caring school environment has encouraged him to achieve to the best of his ability. His years at Kalamunda have provided a sound foundation for further study at a tertiary institution or for entrance into the work force.”

Sandra and Neil Cottam
Parents

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

This program is designed to develop the academic talent of identified students with a focus on leadership, resilience and persistence. Student abilities are identified and developed intensively to allow achievement of their potential. Eligible students must be of above average academic ability in three out of the four academic learning areas - English, mathematics, science and society & environment - and be recommended by their teachers. Students participate in:

- Three day academic camp where leadership, self-confidence and problem solving activities are emphasised.
- Annual visits to University of Western Australia or Curtin University which give students insights into possible future studies and university life.
- “AEP Presentations Week”.
- Seimens Science Experience
- The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra
- Activities to raise money for Rotary International

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