



COLLEGE PROSPECTUS

Welcome to Aranmore



Education

Aranmore Catholic College provides a strong educational foundation for all its students both academically, physically and spiritually. Students in Years 7, 8 & 9 receive a general education across all of the Learning Areas. In these years, the emphasis is on building learning skills, experiencing the wide variety of subjects on offer and preparing students for Senior School.

Students in the Senior School can choose courses that lead directly to University entrance, TAFE or employment. Year 10 introduces students to Senior School where they can sample courses available in Years 11 and 12 to demonstrate their ability and make informed choices for the continuation of their senior studies.

In Year 11 and Year 12, students choose subjects to study from a diverse list available at the College. Aranmore also offers an extensive Vocational and Education (VET) program in which students mix traditional schooling, work experience and formal study at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Students on this pathway can earn Certificate I, II or III.

Guidance and support to achieve personal success, regardless of the pathway students select is the cornerstone of education at Aranmore.



A school with spirit

Aranmore Catholic College is a co-educational school for Years 7 - 12. We are located in Leederville, just off vibrant Oxford Street, a mere 3 kilometres from the Perth CBD. As soon as you walk onto our campus, you will quickly discern three special things about our school: we have a long and rich history, we have happy students and a high teacher to student ratio which allows us to know each and every child. What this all means for your child is that they enjoy a first class education, underpinned by traditional values, in a safe, supportive environment.

Aranmore's rich history dates back to 1903 when the Sisters of Mercy founded our school. There were several name changes over the ensuing century before we reverted to Aranmore in 1986 with the amalgamation of St Mary's Girls School and Christian Brothers' College Leederville.

Trust. A motto for life

Great thought went into the creation of Aranmore's College crest. The blue of the 'A' is symbolic of Mary, while the Celtic Cross in its centre represents the College's Irish origins. The Cross is supported by our motto, "Trust". This incredibly powerful word is at the very centre of everything we believe in and is the basis for all successful relationships; to the day-to-day relationships between parents, students and teachers. When you send your child to Aranmore, we seek to repay that trust by equipping them with the moral strength and academic skills to make a positive contribution to society.

The importance of student care

Self-esteem is so crucial to how we live our life, yet it can be so fragile. At Aranmore, our extensive Pastoral Care program is here to provide the emotional and spiritual support your child needs to navigate their adolescence and go on to become a valued member of the community.

Each child is supported by a student care team comprising of their Form Teacher, Dean of Students and Deputy Principal. Students can also receive additional care and guidance from our Careers Counsellor, School Counsellor, School Psychologist, Chaplain or Campus Minister.

Of course we can't do it without your support. We believe in honest and open communication between the College and parents and welcome your enquiries. We encourage all parents, where possible, to become involved in College life.

As we are a Catholic school, Religious Education is at the heart of our pastoral curriculum. We believe giving students the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of our Faith, and the values it promotes, helps strengthen that precious self-esteem.



With Christ as our foundation, Aranmore Catholic College strives to create a learning environment for every child that fosters:

- Openness
- Quality of Relating
- Reflective and Critical Thinking
- Growth in Freedom and Responsibility
- Excellence in Personal Growth and Achievement

Special Programs

Aranmore offers a broad curriculum and a variety of extra-curriculum opportunities to enable students to explore different areas of interest.

Learning Skills

At Aranmore we acknowledge that knowing how to learn are important skills. In Year 7, students engage in a program called 'Learning to Learn'. There is also a program of seminars in Years 8, 10 and 12 to teach students how to study and prepare for exams.

Academic Curriculum Extension (ACE)

The College's ACE Program is designed to promote and encourage talented students to go beyond the regular curriculum. To that end, a small group of students who demonstrate high level ability and motivation are engaged in a program which extends them into areas not normally experienced. This can include a number of project learning activities and competitions with other schools.

ONSITE

ONSITE provides students with a successful transition course from school to the workplace. ONSITE students are able to follow a vocational course at school while gaining valuable, accredited employment skills. They do this by completing a work placement one day each week with an employer within their chosen field during Years 11 and 12.

Specialist Music Program

Our Music program covers theory and tuition in voice and in a variety of instruments taught by specialist staff. Ensemble groups include rock and jazz bands, choir and orchestra. Our talented music students are regularly invited to play at official community events and have a number of opportunities to showcase their talents including at recital nights, Catholic Performing Arts Festival and local street festivals. A limited number of scholarships are available in the Music Program.

Specialist Sports Programs

Aranmore offers two unique, nationally recognised specialist sporting programs in Rugby and Netball. Teams compete successfully throughout the State and at national and international levels. There is a focus on the knowledge, skill and talent of both novice and experienced players. A limited number of scholarships are available to students who display ability in these sports and a commitment to their Academic Program.



Outdoor Education

A popular subject, Outdoor Education is offered from Years 7 - 12 and includes activities such as fishing, bike riding, camping, abseiling, hiking, canoeing and caving. The activities are designed to challenge the students and develop their self-esteem and inner strength. In the process, they learn valuable skills in leadership and teamwork.

Campus Ministry

In Campus Ministry, our aim is to give students a range of opportunities to respond to the knowledge that they have developed in Religious Education classes. Students are encouraged to put their faith into action by loving and serving others through our Christian Service Program. They are given opportunities to serve God and others by completing many acts of service that are organised at the College. For example, students take part in the Annual Winter Sleepout, raise funds for CARITAS Australia and on a rotational basis, Year 10 students spend time every week visiting with residents of the local aged care facility.

Performing Arts

Aranmore holds the Performing Arts with high esteem particularly in the fostering of student creativity in Drama and Music. With numerous ensembles, choirs and Drama Club, students have many opportunities to showcase their talent and develop skills. The past few years has seen continuous growth in this area and some examples of recent productions include Beauty & the Beast, Peter Pan and The Jungle Book. These are wonderful opportunities for collaboration with students performing on-stage as cast, in the orchestra as musicians and back-stage in the creative design team.

Visual Arts and Technology

In the Design and Technology area, students can study Materials, Design and Technology (Woodwork) and Food Science and Technology (Cooking). In terms of Visual Arts, students have the option to study Media Production & Analysis and Visual Art. Students regularly have works displayed at various exhibitions reflecting the high quality of work produced. Students also have several opportunities to go out into various professional environments to participate in expert led workshops and tours relevant to current industry.

Aranmore...
A place to grow



Aranmore Catholic College

We encourage students to strive for excellence in all areas of human achievement and believe in educating the whole person.

For over 100 years, our aim has been the same: to provide an educational environment where students appreciate that learning is an enjoyable and worthwhile experience combined with individual success.

We believe our happy and confident students, both past and present, are testimony to the education offered at Aranmore Catholic College.

Scholarships

We offer full and partial scholarships to deserving students in the fields of Academic, Leadership, Sport (Netball & Rugby) and Music. Further information is available on the College website (aranmore.wa.edu.au).

In awarding scholarships, we commit ourselves to assisting scholarship students to attain standards of excellence in their chosen area.

College Tour

As we are all about individual attention, we'd love to give your family a personal tour of our school.

To register for a tour of the College, please visit the College website (aranmore.wa.edu.au).

Our Location

41 Franklin Street
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We are conveniently located just 3kms from the Perth CBD and within close proximity to Leederville Train Station with bus access along Oxford and Loftus Streets.

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Languages

The College operates a program of Chinese language for our students. This is compulsory in Years 7 and 8 and during this time students are introduced to both the culture, language and script of the Chinese language. If students wish to continue with Chinese after Year 8, they can participate in further studies in Chinese.

Sports

Our Physical Education program includes activities to develop basic movement, sporting skills and team interaction. We also encourage students to participate in the NWAS after school competition. In addition, we offer a range of sporting activities throughout the term including Australian Rules Football, Touch Rugby, Soccer, Netball, Basketball, Cricket, Softball, Tennis, Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming.

Outside of the Classroom

Numerous activities are offered outside of the classroom to enhance the curriculum. Examples include guest speakers, theatre excursions, attending University Forums, Year Group Retreats and Activity Days, Arts Camp, Museum visits, NAIDOC Week celebrations and many other excursions and 'hands-on' experiences.

International Tours

To broaden students global perspective, students have the opportunity to go on international tours. Recent tours have included the STEAM Tour of USA, HASS Tour of Europe, Senior Rugby Europe Tour, HASS/Ministry Tour of Vietnam and a History Tour of USA.

Student Support

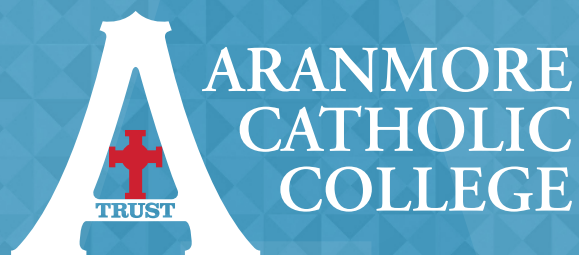
As a school with a relatively small student population, students are known by name and cared for. Of paramount concern is the well-being of our students. Homework Clubs, Learning Support Unit, Overseas Student Coordinator, Peer Group Mentors, Breakfast Club, Classroom Teaching Assistants, Campus Minister, College Chaplain, School Counsellor and a School Psychologist as well as Dean of Students are on-site and available to students.

Our Practice

At Aranmore, we build a strong sense of community by providing a welcoming, supportive and safe environment where we work in partnership with families and communities. We believe in the inherent dignity of the individual and promote a culture of respect reflected in harmonious relationships and open communication. Having been a part of the Aranmore community, our hope is that students leave us as well-educated, resilient, responsible and compassionate people.

Aranmore...

We respect each person's uniqueness and affirm their talents



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