A guide to enrolments

Registration

Registration is an expression of interest in Geraldton Grammar School and not a formal commitment. The registration process includes the completion of an enrolment form, however note that completion of this form does not guarantee your child a place.

The registration fee is AUD$55.00 per student. The School requires a copy of your child’s birth certificate and if applicable copies of their passport photo page, Australian Citizenship and/or their visa as well as school reports and copies of NAPLAN reports. A copy of your child’s immunisation record is also required at this time.

Confirmation of enrolment

Subject to availability, the School will invite you and your child for an interview with the Principal or Head of School. An offer of enrolment is usually made during this interview.

On your acceptance of the offer, payment of the endowment fee will be required. This fee is AUD$550.00 for the first child and AUD$100.00 for each child in the same family enrolled after that time.

Once the endowment fee has been received, your child’s place at Grammar is confirmed for the year they have been offered. The endowment fee is a one-off payment that is not deducted from your tuition fees and is non-refundable.

Final step - Orientation

Each part of the School has a slightly different orientation process, however they all include a “meet and greet” process with the classroom or homegroup teacher prior to entry into the school.

An appointment is also organised with the uniform shop, through the finance office, to organise your child’s requirements.
Pastoral care

Geraldton Grammar School is proud of its genuinely caring approach to the welfare of each child. We focus on each child as a whole developing person, giving consideration to their emotional, moral and spiritual development while guiding and encouraging them to fulfil their academic potential.

Dedicated staff, a School Chaplain, a whole of school House system, a comprehensive Personal Development Program and outstanding international programs in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Compass, Round Square and Outward Bound, combine to provide award winning pastoral care for each child.

Anglican Tradition

As a school in the Anglican tradition and with our own Chaplain, students are given opportunities to explore and develop their own personal beliefs. All teachers and students are involved in a weekly devotion that focuses on Christian values and building a sense of community.

Personal Development Program and INSPIRE Program

The INSPIRE “Learning for Life” Program is based on Stephen Covey’s Seven Habits of Happy Children philosophy and focuses on the development of positive character traits and leadership skills. It provides students with authentic opportunities to develop the necessary knowledge, skills and dispositions for productive, purposeful and ethical participation in society. The Personal Development Program in middle and senior school, builds on these strong foundations to develop student awareness and resilience of key issues such as digital citizenship, mental health and adolescent development. These programs include immersion days, guest speakers and opportunities for students to develop their own sense of identity.

Outward Bound

Outward Bound is internationally recognised as the premier provider of expedition based school programs. Grammar utilises the services of Outward Bound, together with our experienced staff, to deliver custom designed programs for our students. The programs use experiential teaching techniques and incorporate challenging activities and initiatives such as expeditioning, ropes courses, abseiling and rock-climbing, rafting, raft-building, canoeing, navigating and bush-cooking along with solo, and team building games and initiatives. Currently, year 9 and year 11 students are involved in our Outward Bound expeditions. These experiences are included in the standard tuition fee.

Round Square

Grammar is one of select few Round Square schools nationally that are based on the teachings of educational philosopher Kurt Hahn. The six ideals that are central to each of these schools are Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service. Grammar participates in student and teacher exchanges, national student conferences and international service and leadership activities for students and teachers that promote these six ideals.
Boarding and homestay options for families

Boarders bring a richness and depth of perspective to our school community. Since inception, Grammar has supported boarders in attending our campus from throughout rural and regional Western Australia and more recently as an alternative to Perth boarding schools. Moving to Geraldton will be an exciting time for your child, however we recognise that any transition of this magnitude can present some challenges. Our aim at Grammar, is to ensure that your child feels supported in all avenues of their life.

Geraldton Grammar School supports two boarding options. The most common option is boarding through Geraldton Residential College.

Geraldton Residential College is owned and managed by the State Government and has enjoyed a long and successful partnership with Grammar families. Geraldton Residential College provides air conditioned single room accommodation, modern facilities and a safe, supervised and caring environment. Grammar has a number of staff that regularly visit the college, which is coordinated by our Boarding Liaison Officer. The students who reside at the college are supported through virtual and face-to-face support while accessing the school’s learning management system and weekly tutoring sessions. Parents are able to follow their child’s progress through the school’s management system using their parent login.

Geraldton Residential College annual boarding fees are $19,049 per student. Grammar is required to collect a portion of this cost and then pass this onto the State Government on your behalf.

Information on subsidies is available from Human Services - www.humanservices.gov.au

Geraldton Residential College -
www.geraldtonresidential.com.au or 08 9965 6000.

Homestay is another option open to students. Grammar is responsible for finding a suitable match for your family with a partnership between these families being fostered from here. The homestay option is a new option from 2017.
School tours with the Principal

Parents are warmly invited to visit Geraldton Grammar School on one of our regular tour mornings. All tour mornings commence at 10.30am and bookings are essential.

Tour dates for 2016:

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Activity register

Sports, musical groups, clubs and societies

- Chess - M&S
- Choir - P
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- Rock Band
- Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Tech Club
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Mock Trials
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- Open Swimming
- Pool Swimming
- Science Clubs
- School Magazine - Archway Club
- AFL
- Touch Rugby
- Basketball
- Rugby Union
- Netball
- Hockey
- Football - Soccer
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Triathlon

KEY:  P - Primary    M - Middle    S - Senior