

# Frequently asked questions

## Is Geraldton Grammar School an “open entry” school?

Yes. Grammar does not conduct entrance examinations prior to offering a student a place. The Principal will, however, conduct an interview with the student and their parents as part of the enrolment process.

## What are the intake years?

Grammar does not have formal intake years however we have natural points of entry which include kindergarten, pre-primary, year 7 and year 10.

## How does the waiting list work?

All applications for enrolment are interviewed through the registration process. Students are offered places under the following priorities:

- siblings of current students at the school
- siblings of past students of the school
- boarding families
- children of past students - Alumni
- next on the waiting list in order of date of enrolment registration

## What are the class sizes?

The optimum class size is 27, however, most of our classes are much smaller.

## Do you accept children with learning difficulties?

Grammar is an open entry school and therefore caters to most students. However, Grammar does not have a special education unit and therefore is not able to cater for students with complex physical or learning disabilities. These issues would need to be discussed on enrolment with the Principal.

## Do you have a Gifted and Talented Program?

Grammar takes pride in our student differentiation programs. In primary, our students are extended in curriculum areas through targeted groupings and focused immersion days. In middle and senior school, students are supported through clubs, competitions, special immersion days and excursions in order to foster development. The School also supports student acceleration on a case by case basis.

## What Language is taught at the school and is it compulsory?

Grammar is a Chinese Mandarin School. All students from pre-primary through to year 9 study Mandarin. This is also supported by an extensive exchange program. Language learning is not compulsory in the senior school curriculum.

## What performing and visual arts opportunities are available?

The School's highly respected music program encompasses class music, instrumental tuition, choral and instrumental ensembles, a rock band, a marching band and a concert band. Grammar's many annual arts and music events include concerts, recitals and a major theatrical production. These events are supported by a variety of smaller performances, art exhibitions, poetry competitions, and drama performances throughout the year.

## What sports and outdoor education do you offer?

Grammar offers an extensive health and physical education program with specialists across the campus. These opportunities are supported by a house based competition, clubs, city carnivals and competitions in addition to Country Week competitions in Perth. There are 23 different sports offered at Grammar which are accompanied by an extensive curriculum-based outdoor education program including abseiling, canoeing, bushcraft, and mountain biking.

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## What School camps are available? Are they included in the School fees?

All year levels from year 3 through to year 11 are involved in our School Camps Programs. All of these programs are inclusive of the school's tuition fees.

Year 3 - Sleepover; year 4 - Geraldton Camp School; year 5 - Perth Experience; year 6 - Canberra Tour; year 7 - Nukara Camp; year 8 - Morseby Ranges Camp; year 9 - Galena Camp; year 9 - Outward Bound Experience; year 10 - Perth Careers Education Experience; year 11 - Outward Bound Experience.

Note: These camps are subject to change on an annual basis.

## What travel opportunities are available with the School?

Grammar has a variety of opportunities outside of the MidWest. The Outdoor Education classes travel from Coral Bay in the north through to Rottnest Island in the south. The year 9 students are able to travel to China as part of the student exchange program. The school also offers service learning and cultural excursions to a variety of exotic destinations. Grammar has previously travelled to Peru, Nepal, England and Paris. Our connection with Round Square also provides national and international opportunities with other Round Square Schools.

## I have heard that Grammar is a Round Square School. What does this mean?

Grammar is one of 15 schools nationally and one of 150 schools across 40 countries internationally that support the teachings of educational philosopher Kurt Hahn. The 6 ideals central to each of these schools are Democracy, Internationalism, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service. Grammar participates in student and teacher exchanges, national student conferences, international service and leadership activities for students and teachers.

## Do you offer activities before and after school?

Grammar offers a variety of activities both before and after school from swimming training through to surfing. A full list of activities are available on the Activity Register of sports, musical groups, clubs and societies.

## Do you provide before and after school care?

Grammar does not currently provide a before or after school care service. There are a handful of agencies that will transport students to and from the school to provide this service off site. Grammar is currently assessing the viability of offering this service on site.

## Where do we buy school uniforms and books from?

Grammar has its own uniform shop. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday during term time from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. The book lists and orders are completed online through the school's website.

## What transport options are available to and from Grammar?

Most students at Grammar travel to and from the School via the "green city buses" or the "orange school buses". Student Smartrider cards are available via application through the school office.

Orange Buses - [www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au)

Green City Buses - [www.cgg.wa.gov.au/build/infrastructure/sustainable-transport/public-transport.aspx](http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/build/infrastructure/sustainable-transport/public-transport.aspx)

## How can I get more information about Geraldton Grammar School?

Grammar communicates to its community through the school website, Facebook, electronic newsletter, school app, parent direct message and email as well as the more traditional correspondence modes of letters, face to face appointments and telephone calls.

For the wider community, contact with the main office is recommended via;

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