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Belmont City College is an inclusive, respectful and productive educational environment where students achieve success in their academic, social and community endeavours.

The College is one of Western Australia’s most renowned Independent Public Schools, having established a proud reputation for providing a vibrant learning environment where students are supported to achieve to their potential.

With modern facilities, expert staff and a caring school community, each child is provided with optimal learning and social development opportunities that empowers them to become confident and active citizens, ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities of an ever changing world.

As an Independent Public School we are able to target the use of our resources in a manner that will best meet the needs of our students. This special status provides the college with greater flexibility to respond to the needs and aspirations of the local community and more latitude and autonomy to set our direction in key areas such as staff selection; design of education programs; financial administration and behaviour management.
BELMONT CITY COLLEGE IS AN INCLUSIVE, RESPECTFUL AND PRODUCTIVE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.
THE HIGHEST OF
STANDARDS AND
EXPECTATIONS

At Belmont City College we have high expectations of our students and staff, who embrace our ethos - to demonstrate pride in themselves, their school and their community.

Our strategic direction and long term future is governed by our College Board which is comprised of a highly skilled group of senior staff, parents and community members - who utilise their varied experience in executive roles across academia, industry, business and community organisations - to inform the development of the College’s Business Plan and expected standards.

We have strong behavioural expectations, a firm dress code and a requirement that all students demonstrate a commitment to their learning and personal development. We believe a consistent and supportive approach to the achievement of these standards ensures a cohesive educational environment that best prepares young people for their life ahead.
OF ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ATTAINED A UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT IN RECENT YEARS.

OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS ACHIEVED THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR SECONDARY GRADUATION.

WE SEEK TO INSPIRE EACH STUDENT TO BE BRAVE, CHALLENGE THEMSELVES AND SET TARGETS THAT ARE ASPIRATIONAL, YET ACHIEVABLE.
Rated as one of the state’s top 50 secondary schools, with 100% of all eligible students attaining a university placement in recent years, our team of experienced and motivated educators ensure the achievement of exceptional student performance, in both academic and nonacademic realms. Our students are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum that fosters high levels of accomplishment within and beyond the school environment, establishing a platform for ongoing success.

We seek to inspire each student to be brave, challenge themselves and set targets that are aspirational, yet achievable.

Our many talented students are catered for through academic extension initiatives such as our A Plus academic growth program that exposes each student to learning opportunities in-tune with their individual abilities and enables them to ascend to new heights of educational attainment. This unique program is part of our special partnership with the University of Western Australia and is offered to primary school students who achieve excellent results in a rigorous entrance test.

We also effectively cater for students who may experience learning difficulties that hinder their ability to gain optimal learning outcomes. Each child is supported via targeted strategies that help to overcome learning hurdles, develop confidence and encourage an intrinsic desire to achieve to the best of their ability.

We recognise that our committed team of teachers and support staff provide the greatest influence on our students’ learning. We are therefore proud to have many talented and dedicated staff available to provide high quality instruction to all students. As an Independent Public School, Belmont City College is able to govern the selection of outstanding staff, ensuring each team member matches the needs of our students and the College community.

We support our staff to maintain the highest standards of professionalism through ongoing training, mentoring and exposure to educational innovations that sustain peak performance.
SAFE, CARING AND INCLUSIVE

Each child is a valued member of our school community. Their confidence and competence is fostered through exposure to a welcoming, supportive and disciplined learning environment, where they are encouraged to engage positively with all members of the school community.

New students are invited to partake in a comprehensive orientation program that helps them to feel comfortable and confident in their new school environment. The orientation program includes a range of activities designed to assist in the transition to life at their new school and facilitate the development of new relationships.

Our philosophy is that each child is unique and their individual wellbeing is of paramount importance. Our students and their families are supported by a capable and dedicated team of highly skilled professionals including a Student Support Manager, Year Level Managers, School Psychologist, School Nurse, Inclusive Education Specialists, Chaplain, Youth Worker and Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers.

This skilled group provide a range of tailored services that respond to the specific needs of each child, including the development of individual education plans, specialised counselling, health and wellbeing advice, career guidance and mentoring. Our team is also committed to working with parents where we encourage a partnership approach to effectively support each child’s learning and development.

Each student’s personal and social development is enhanced through involvement in a range of leadership, community service and social interaction opportunities that foster their distinctive character and spirit, and encourage them to strive to be the best person they can be.
OUR DISTINCTIVE APPROACH
This vibrant college community provides access to a diverse range of programs that support students to develop academic, social and life skills essential to navigating a pathway to further training and employment.

A responsive and flexible curriculum delivery model is implemented to ensure the needs of each individual are adequately met, including the provision of exclusive specialist programs and innovative learning activities. The college is highly regarded for its multiplicity of special offerings that cater for the diverse interests and aspirations of our students. These include:

- **A Plus Program**: In partnership with the University of Western Australia (UWA) we present selected students with the opportunity to achieve academic success and supported pathways to university. Some of the features of this motivating and challenging program include:
  - UWA Broadway program – providing pathways to enter UWA;
  - UWA Fairway Scholarship program;
  - Science and Mathematics activities through the UWA Aspire program;
  - Thinking Science – an innovative cognitive skills program;
  - Master classes in Science and Drama;
  - Homework and study skills program across all year levels;
  - Targeted pastoral care, monitoring and feedback to parents;
  - Participation in state and national competitions;
  - Social experiences such as "Race Around UWA campus," residential camps and other activities; and
  - Extra curricula opportunities including debating, chess, community volunteer programs, primary school outreach and museum and gallery based activities.

- **Scholarships**: Scholarships are offered to the top students who achieve highly on the A Plus academic tests and demonstrate outstanding primary school performance.

- **Instrumental Music**: Selected students are able to access a comprehensive instrumental music program that includes participation in the college band. The program includes a range of performance elements and involvement with bands from regional schools.

- **Deaf Education Program**: One of only two deaf education programs on offer in Western Australian government high schools, this program provides specialist tuition for students with hearing loss. Students in Years 7-10 are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum that provides the foundation for success in Years 11-12 and life outside of school. All students in Years 7-10 are required to participate in English, Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment and Health and Physical Education each semester. These students also rotate through the following subjects each semester:
  - **The Arts**: Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Arts and Photography
  - **Technology and Enterprise**: Woodwork, Fashion, Metalwork, Home Economics, Mechanical Workshop and Culinary Arts Master Class
  - **Languages Other than English**: Japanese and Auslan

A wide variety of WA Certificate of Education and Tertiary Admittance Courses are offered to students in Years 11-12, including subjects required for entrance into highly competitive university placements and sought-after vocational courses that provide a platform for future employment. Through partnerships with industry and business, our school can provide real life and ‘on the job’ experiences, as well as access to traineeships to develop the skills and knowledge that employers seek.

- **Department of Education Approved Specialist Programs**: Belmont City College also offers two State Government approved specialist programs. These programs are available to students who are successful in applying via a state-wide competitive selection process.
  - **Specialist Contemporary Drama program** - this highly sought after program offers students the opportunity to develop their passion and skills in drama – preparing them for future engagement and possibly a career in performing arts.
  - **Specialist Hospitality program** - this comprehensive program is unparalleled in Western Australia and prepares students for roles in the hospitality industry.

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RESOURCE RICH

State of the art facilities and contemporary learning resources are available to each student as part of our stimulating and inviting educational environment.

With a modern and revitalised campus design, picturesque grounds and high class amenities, our teaching staff and students are provided with up-to-date tools and equipment that provide the foundation for the delivery of exceptional learning opportunities.

Some of the unique features include:

- **Trade Training Centre**: This amazing facility won the 2012 Australian Institute of Architects Award for Public Architecture and provides a venue for the learning and acquisition of trade training qualifications. Complete with an enormous commercial kitchen and stylish dining area - that would be the envy of most exclusive restaurants - students are exposed to real life work experiences in commercial cooking and kitchen operations that will set them on the pathway to future employment in the hospitality industry.

- **The Best in Current Technology**: Our students have access to banks of computers, laptops, iPads, electronic whiteboards, digital projectors and smart-boards. Supported by our dedicated Information Technology staff our students are exposed to fresh and current approaches that reflect life in a technology oriented society.

- **Gymnasium and Fitness Centre**: A very popular feature with our students, we have a fully enclosed gymnasium with a sprung court and various health and fitness resources including a fitness centre with a variety of aerobic and anaerobic equipment.

- **Performing Arts Centre**: Our students are exposed to creative experiences supported by the best amenities. The envy of many schools, our Performing Arts Centre includes a performance theatre, a sprung floor dance studio and sound proof music and practice rooms.

- **Visual Arts Facilities**: Budding artists can explore a range of visual genres using our large arts learning spaces, with access to an enormous array of amenities and resources including kilns, specialist dark rooms for photography and indoor and outdoor learning areas.

- **Technology and Enterprise Centre**: With access to machines and equipment such as three-dimensional printers and up-to-date design tools, our students are enthusiastic participants in “hands on” learning experiences that are on offer in this centre.
At Belmont City College we understand that our school needs to be outward looking to make positive connections with local families, community organisations, business and industry groups.

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education, including being advocates for their child and their child’s school. There are a number of ways that parents can be involved, including participation in our Parents & Citizens’ Association, nominating for the College Board or by making a contribution through involvement in college and community events.

Our partnerships with industry and business continue to flourish, adding valuable support and expertise to our school community. Our iconic partnerships include:

• **BHP Billiton**: supporting our students’ learning via their investment in our “Follow the Dream” program for Aboriginal students who aspire to progress to tertiary education.

• **University of Western Australia**: enthusiastically partnering in our A Plus academic extension program and The Thinking Science program.

• **City of Belmont**: investing in a range of school programs that recognise the important role our school plays as a hub of the local community.

• **Musica Viva Australia**: Artist-in-Residence program.

• **Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative**: supporting our school’s strong environmental sustainability focus by providing innovative learning experiences and trade qualifications in horticulture to selected students.

• **Belmont Schools Network**: collaborating with all local primary schools to ensure a seamless K-12 educational experience and an easy transition for students from primary to secondary school.

• **Belmont Youth Centre and the YMCA**: providing extra curricula access to recreational and social activities.
WANT TO KNOW MORE?

We understand that the choice of your child’s school is one of the most important decisions a parent will make. We implore parents to find out more about the programs described in the prospectus and to come and see our school for themselves – so you can make a well informed decision.

Our doors are open and we encourage everyone to contact or visit us any time. Parents of prospective students are most welcome to visit the College and take a guided tour. Tours for small groups operate throughout the year and special appointments can be made with staff to discuss the needs of your child. Please call reception on to make an appointment.
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