



GERALDTON
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9/10 Curriculum Handbook 2021

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Introduction

Welcome to Geraldton Senior High School, a school that caters for the needs of all students. For those who are already associated with our school, you will appreciate what a great school Geraldton Senior High School is and the exciting opportunities that are offered to all students. To those connecting with our school for the first time, I am confident you will soon realise what a positive decision you have made in becoming part of the Geraldton Senior High School community.

The information contained in this booklet introduces you to the subjects and courses that are offered to Year 9 and 10 students in 2021. Clear pathways are provided for all students so they can select those subjects/courses which allow them to develop the skills and knowledge to better prepare them for selecting a complete study program for entry into Senior School (Years 11 and 12). Whilst in Senior School, students will continue to develop what they need to know, understand and be able to do in preparation for further study, training or employment when they leave school. It is vitally important that when choices are made on what is studied in Year 9 and 10, this lays the foundation for the Senior School program a student undertakes.

We are committed to developing a strong partnership with parents and carers because we believe that working together in the education of every child results in positive outcomes being achieved. Please take the time to read all the information in this booklet. I am confident you will find we offer a student focused education program that is supportive, comprehensive and challenging.

We look forward to working with you in providing an outstanding education for your child.

GREG KELLY
PRINCIPAL

Curriculum Overview and Course Structure

All Year 9 and 10 students at Geraldton Senior High School will study a broad curriculum, with courses being selected from the following learning areas:

- The Arts
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technologies

Western Australian Curriculum

The Western Australian Curriculum is implemented across academic learning areas and addresses general capabilities which include:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and Communication Technology
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social competence
- Ethical behaviour
- Intercultural understanding

The general capabilities describe what students should understand, value and be able to do as a result of their curriculum experiences. Students achieve these outcomes at increasing levels of complexity as they progress through their schooling.

Year 9 and 10 Course Structure

All Year 9 and 10 students will undertake the following compulsory courses:

English
Mathematics
Science
Humanities and Social Sciences
Physical Education
Health Education

Students will also study three electives which can come from any of the following learning Areas:

Technologies
The Arts
Health and Physical Education
Science

Assessment and Reporting

Student achievement will be assessed and reported on in each subject. Assessment will be carried out continuously and will measure your child's progress towards attaining the outcomes of the subjects being studied. Typical assessment methods include written and objective tests, assignments, models and projects, experiments, open-ended tasks and portfolios.

Teacher judgements about your child's performance are based on knowledge of your child's work that is gained over time and in a range of situations. Each assessment contributes to a cumulative evaluation of performance.

The school will provide regular reports on your child's achievement throughout the year. These will comprise;

- an Interim report towards the end of Term One
- a mid year report
- an end of year report

Student Requirements for Year 9 and 10 2021

The following items are essential to enable your child to successfully participate in all classes and activities. All students are expected to come to class fully equipped and prepared to work from day one.

Requirements

- Backpack or bag (essential)
- Closed-in shoes for Science, D&T and Home Economics lessons

Pencil case containing:

- Pens Medium point (2 red 2 blue)
- Pencils 2B & HB
- Pencil Sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Highlighters (pack of 4)
- USB Flash Drive 1GB (or greater)
- Set of headphones for use with computers, these are the same as used for IPOD or MP3s
- Scientific Calculator
- A4 lined paper pads and A4 file or A4 lined exercise books.

Dress Code

All students are to wear the full school uniform. Please be aware that the government has legislated a NO DENIM and compulsory uniform policy in all government schools. Students are also to wear full school uniform for excursions, TAFE etc unless they have a note to say otherwise from a teacher.

INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS WILL ADVISE OF OTHER ITEMS AS REQUIRED

Student Services

The Student Services team meets the diverse needs of all students. The team promotes personal, academic and social excellence among students and discourages those influences that can work against the attainment of standards in each of these areas. The team provides holistic support to assist students in achieving their academic and personal potential.

The Student Services team includes the following staff/services:

- Student Services Deputy Principal
- Student Services Manager
- Year Coordinators
- Student Support Officer (Student Services Reception)
- School Nurse
- School Psychologist
- Chaplain
- Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers

By working as a team, Student Services meets the needs of the whole child so their experience at school is happy, healthy and conducive to learning.

Year Coordinators

Year Coordinators oversee matters relating to individual students and their welfare. They carry out a significant role in supporting the overall planning and organisation of student activities at the school. Year Coordinators are an excellent point of reference in all matters relating to student performance and wellbeing

Contributions and Charges

Government funding is provided to schools for the operating costs associated with the education of students. These costs include salaries of teaching and support staff, student support services, school buildings, furniture and equipment, school maintenance, school security and operational costs.

Parents are responsible for the cost of certain materials, services and facilities directly used or consumed by students. This can include textbooks and the provision of text materials, specialist materials used in practical subjects (including Arts, H&PE and Technologies), excursion costs, hire of specialist equipment and venues.

Parents are also responsible for the provision of a student's personal items - for example pens, pencils, paper, files, notebooks, calculators, etc and will receive a contributions and charges sheet outlining costs for your son's/daughter's chosen courses.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS - Each high school in WA can request a contribution of up to \$235 per student per year in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. At Geraldton Senior High School, we have an extensive and diverse curriculum for Year 9 and 10 students which includes a range of Electives. The Year 9 and 10 course provides the necessary core curriculum subjects as well as the choice for students to participate in elective areas that meet individual career pathways and interests. The total cost of this course is set at \$235.

The following outlines a breakdown of costs incurred for your child:

English	\$30.00
Mathematics	\$30.00
Science	\$30.00
Humanities and Social Sciences	\$30.00
Physical Education	\$20.00
Health	\$5.00
3 Electives @ \$30 each	\$90.00
TOTAL	\$235.00

Over many years GSHS has built up an excellent range of resources and students have been able to participate in a wide range of educational experiences. We hope that we will be able to continue to rely on the support of parents through the payment of contributions and charges which will help us ensure the continued provision of excellent facilities and services.

Payment Plans can be arranged through the Finance Officer and the school will accept payment by cash, cheque, card or directly from your bank account. An invoice payment form and a letter detailing forms of financial assistance will be forwarded to you.

Voluntary Approved Requests are also included as part of the contributions parents/caregivers can make towards their child's education at Geraldton Senior High School, this can include contributions towards the chaplaincy program, the library, the school buses and Information Technology.

Courses

English

In 2021 Year 9 and 10 students will continue to develop their skills and understandings based on The Western Australian Curriculum for English. This content is organised into three broad strands: Language, Literature, and Literacy. Each of these address basic divisions in the content, such as understanding contexts, responding to texts, and creating texts.

The program will provide a balanced curriculum among the curriculum strands (language, literature, and literacy) and among the various language modes (reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing).

The word text(s) is used in the Western Australian Curriculum to indicate print, visual, digital and multimodal texts. Response to, analysis and evaluation of, and creation of texts includes consideration of language conventions, both verbal and visual. There is a requirement to use Australian texts, (including inscriptional and oral narrative traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples), as well as contemporary literature of these two cultural groups, and classic and contemporary world literature including texts from and about Asia.

The following table shows the Western Australian Curriculum: English

Language	Literature	Literacy
Language variation and change Language for interaction Text structure and organisation Expressing and developing ideas	Literature and context Responding to literature Examining literature Creating literature	Text in context Interacting with others Interpreting, analysing, evaluating Creating texts

Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR English	General English	Foundation English
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Humanities and Social Sciences

The Year 9 and 10 Humanities & Social Sciences program is aligned with the requirements of the Western Australian curriculum. Our program covers the four disciplines of Geography, History, Economics & Business and Civics & Citizenship. In preparation for senior schooling course selection and future career pathways, a Career Education program is also incorporated throughout the year.

Year 9

History

- Industrial Revolution (1750-1914)
- World War One (1914-1918)

Geography

- World biomes, ecosystems and food security
- Global interconnections – ICT, trade and what influences people and places

Economics & Business

- Australia and the global economy - trade, tourism
- Consumer protection and future work

Civics & Citizenship

- Australian political parties and citizen's role –social media
- Australian justice system

Year 10

History

- Australian experience in World War Two
- Rights and Freedoms - international and Australian civil rights movement and events

Geography

- Coastal processes and management strategies
- Global and Australian human wellbeing

Economics & Business

- Economic concepts - markets, scarcity, trade and consumer choice
- Government management of the Australian economy

Civics & Citizenship

- Structure and function of Government and comparison with another country
- Justice at home and overseas

Related Year 11/12 Subjects

General Geography

ATAR Geography

General Modern
History

ATAR Modern History

Mathematics

Year 9

In Year 9 Mathematics students will develop their understanding of algebraic graphs, equations and expressions; the use of relative frequencies for probability; and the trigonometry of right angled triangles. They will develop fluency in using index laws; determining probabilities; and calculating both area and surface areas. Students will develop their problem solving by modelling practical situations; applying ratio and scale in practical contexts; and investigating real world issues by collecting and analysing data. Understanding, Fluency and Problem Solving are the Proficiency Strands of Mathematics which will be further developed in the key topics below.

Year 9		
Number & Algebra	Measurement & Geometry	Statistics & Probability
<p>Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple interest• Index laws applied to numbers• Using scientific notation.• Expanding binomial expressions.• Cartesian plane<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Distance between 2 points> Gradient of a line> Midpoint of a line segment• Gradient and midpoint of a line segment• Graphs of linear & non-linear relationships	<p>Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Similar figures<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Ratio and scale factors> Similar triangles.• Areas of shapes• Prisms (& cylinders)<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Volume> Surface area• Pythagoras' theorem• Trigonometry<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Similarity & trig ratios> Finding unknown lengths in triangles	<p>Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relative frequencies and probabilities• Two-step experiments > List outcomes<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Assign probabilities• Data collection from primary and secondary sources.• Statistical graphing<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Histograms> Back-to-back stem-and-leaf-plots• Mean & median in displays: Recognise:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Skewed> Symmetric> Bi-modal• Interpreting displays & data

Mathematics

Year 10

In Year 10 Mathematics students will develop their understanding of how to determine probabilities; simple interest and compound interest; using the four operations in algebraic contexts, including fractions; how to substitute into formulas to find unknown values; and understanding algebraic relationships numerically, symbolically and graphically. They will develop fluency by drawing on numerous strategies to investigate statistical data and solve equations; and efficiently expand and factorize algebraic expressions. Students will develop their problem solving by interpreting and evaluating media statements regards a variety of data; calculating the volume and surface areas of a range of prisms to solve practical problems; finding unknown lengths and angles and using graphical and algebraic methods to solve practical problems. Understanding, Fluency and Problem Solving are the Proficiency Strands of Mathematics which will be further developed in the key topics below.

Year 10		
Number & Algebra	Measurement & Geometry	Statistics & Probability
<p>Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple and compound interest • Substitute into formulas for unknown values • Linear equations • Linear inequalities • Algebraic and graphical representation • Expand binomials • Factorize trinomials • Algebraic fractions and the four operations • Solve equations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Simple quadratics > Simultaneous equations 	<p>Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composite solids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Surface area > Volume • Cartesian plane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Parallel lines > Perpendicular lines • Deductive reasoning • Numerical problems involving plane shapes. • Triangle congruence and similarity • Trigonometry for unknown angles (right triangles) 	<p>Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare data sets and their displays • Bivariate data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Trends over time > Correlation between two variables • Evaluate statistical reports • Multi-step chance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > List outcomes > Assign probabilities • Box & whisker plots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Calculate quartiles • Inter-quartile ranges

Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR Mathematics Specialist

ATAR Mathematics Methods

ATAR Mathematics Applications

General Mathematics Essentials

Foundation Mathematics

Science

Year 9

The Year 9 Science Course covers all the Western Australian Curriculum requirements. Students cover topics in Science Inquiry Skills, Science as a Human Endeavour, and Science Understanding.

WA Curriculum Strands		Content
Science Understanding	Chemical Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atomic theory and the periodic table• Chemical reactions and conservation of mass
	Physical Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy transfers: heat, sound and light• Forces and Motion
	Biological Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responding to the environment• Ecosystems
	Earth and Space Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes.
Science Inquiry Skills		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning investigations and experiments, measuring and recording data, analysing, concluding and evaluating
Science as a Human Endeavour		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application of scientific concepts in the real world

All Students in Year 9 follow one of 3 pathways, based on their previous science grades and Science PAT testing

Extension Pathway:

This pathway is the most challenging Science pathway. It is for students who have demonstrated a good understanding of science concepts and can use critical thinking when investigating real world applications of science

General Pathway:

This pathway gives a solid foundation in Science based on the WA curriculum. It is focused on real world science.

Focus Pathway:

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Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR
Chemistry

ATAR
Human Biology

ATAR
Physics

General
Human Biology

General Marine
Maritime Science

Health and Physical Education

Year 9

Students study both Physical Education and Health Education during the course of their Year 9 program. Below are the key components to the Health and Physical Education curriculum, which provides opportunities for students to develop, enhance and exhibit attitudes and values that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Health Education - personal, social and community health

- Being healthy, safe and active
- Communicating and interacting for health and well being
- Contributing to healthy and active communities

Physical Education

- Moving our body
- Understanding movement
- Learning through movement

Outdoor Pursuits

This subject introduces students to activities in a variety of outdoor environments as well as enhancing an individuals' ability to work independently, cooperatively and confidently. This subject involves practical and theory based components and any student thinking about this subject should have an interest in learning in the outdoor and be confident in swimming in the ocean (swimming level of at least Stage 7). The practical activities in this subject include:

- survival swimming
- snorkelling
- bush walking
- knots
- navigation
- a range of camp craft skills.

The skills and practices learnt in each lesson will culminate in a day trip expedition at the end of the term. Students will also be required to plan and reflect on the expedition experience as part of their theoretical assessment.

Sports and Fitness

This subject introduces participants to gain a greater understanding of the skills, strategies and techniques to effectively participate in sports and fitness based activities. This subject involves practical and theory based components and students thinking about this subject should have a passion for being physically active and participate fully in each session. Students will investigate:

- Components of fitness
- Fitness testing,
- Functional Anatomy
- Nutrition
- The bodies responses to physical activity

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Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR Physical
Education Studies

General Physical
Education Studies

General Outdoor
Education

Cert II Sport &
Recreation

The Arts - Visual Arts

Year 9

Art - Craft/Drawing/Painting/Printmaking

This elective provides a stimulating focus for all students who like drawing, painting, pottery and printmaking. You will be encouraged to develop self-expression and your creative skills.

Graphic Design

Graphic Design is an Arts based course with an emphasis on the practical component approach to the graphic design process. Practical skills will be developed through completion of the following tasks:

- tee-shirt design
- street teen magazine
- marketing materials

Photography

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Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR Visual Art

General Visual Arts

General Design Graphic

General Design
Photography

The Arts - Performing Arts

Year 9

Dance

Students demonstrate skills and technique in genres such as Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and Cultural Dance. They use choreographic devices to create their own routines and perform to audiences. Students may also get the opportunity to view and analyse video and live dance performances, and participate in workshops by visiting artists.

Drama

This elective focuses on the practical development of performance skills and conventions of storytelling. Students look at the development of myths and legends over time and the power of communication. They will devise means other than traditional methods of storytelling and performance to broaden their knowledge and skills in staged drama. The OHS of stage craft is included. Students will be required to perform to an outside audience and keep a portfolio and reflective journal. Time is required for rehearsals.

General Music

General Music is for students who enjoy listening to contemporary music. Students have the opportunity to learn guitar, drums, voice and keyboard, play in a band, and explore the characteristics of modern music. This elective is based on practical music making and composition.

Instrumental Music

Students currently involved in the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) program in their primary school automatically continue in this program when they enter Geraldton Senior High School. Class Instrumental Music provides the opportunity for students to continue to develop their instrumental performance skills both individually and in small and large groups.

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Related Year 11/12 Subjects

General Music

General Drama

General Dance

Technologies - Design and Technology

Year 9

Design and Technology

If you enjoyed your Design and Technology classes in Years 7 and 8, then all of the courses offered in Year 9 build on the design and making skills that you have already developed.

Woodwork

This is one of the most popular of all D&T subjects. Join a woodwork class and see what it is like to be a crafts person.

- Learn to use a variety of woodworking tools and machinery including CAD, to design and make your own projects
- Design and make projects that you can use at home

Metalwork

Design and make your own projects, mainly from mild steel using the excellent machines and facilities in Design and Technology.

- Design and make your own projects that will develop new skills in various metalworking areas, including CAD
- Learn how to use a variety of machines.

Computer Aided Creations

This new course focuses on innovative technologies. You will design and create projects using computer aided design and manufacture. This will include 3D printing, laser and plasma cutting technologies

Home Economics

Build on your food preparation skills by taking the Budding Chefs course. Further develop your sewing ability by making simple articles and items of clothing in Fashion & Technology.

Budding Chefs

Have you considered becoming a chef? Do you have an interest in food preparation and presentation? In this course you will learn the following:

- Food preparation skills with fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and more
- Make food preserves to give as gifts
- Prepare foods suitable for each course of a formal menu

Fashion and Textiles

Do you want to create easy fashion clothes and accessories? Then this is the course for you.

- Become a whiz with a sewing machine and an over locker
- Follow commercial patterns and learn how to produce your own designs

Digital Technologies

Learn new skills and improve your knowledge of computers, technology and digital devices.

Digital Technology & Multi Media

- Develop your own graphical interfaces (screens) for various devices
- Design and create graphics, videos and audio to create products such as animations.
- Learn to use various computer software and hardware
- Explore and problem solve using programming and robotic devices

Technologies - Design and Technology

Year 10

Design and Technology

Jewellery

Would you like to make your own jewellery, learning the basic skills of silver smithing? Making a selection of rings, chains and bangles of your own design? Then this is the course for you

- Make your own sterling silver jewellery in a purpose built workshop with expert teachers
- This elective introduces a wide range of hand tools and equipment
- Practical and theoretical skills associated with jewellery design and manufacture is developed
- Most items are made using sterling silver

Mechanical Workshop

Interested in how mechanical things work? Would you like to be able to fix your own bike or car in the future? This is the elective for you.

- Basic hand tool skills
- Welding techniques
- Basic engine systems and servicing.

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- Develop new skills in various metalworking areas
- Learn how to weld.
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Related Year 11/12 Subjects

General Material
Design & Technology
- Jewellery

General Automotive
Engineering &
Technology

General Material
Design & Technology
- Metals

General Material
Design & Technology
- Wood

General Building &
Construction

Cert II Engineering
Pathways

Technologies - Design and Technology cont.

Year 10

Home Economics

Childcare

In this elective you will learn about child development (0 – 5 years) and research why children need to play. You will learn about the design process and develop your creative ability by making toys and activities for children using recycled items, paint and other materials. You will also prepare food for toddlers and design a calendar using IT skills with parenting tips.

Fashion & Technology

Do you want to create easy fashion clothes and accessories, become a whiz with a sewing machine and an overlocker, understand and follow commercial patterns and learn about the design process? Then this is the elective for you.

Food Safari

Western Australia produces some of the best food crops in the world. Explore foods from your own backyard and then go on a food safari where you learn about different European and Asian food cultures, cook some tasty recipes and learn about the design process.

Digital Technologies

Digital Media and Animation

This is an elective for students interested in web development, animation, multimedia and related technology. Students use a variety of software to create digital products covering the following areas:

- Computer Animation
- Desktop Publishing
- Image Manipulation
- Computer hardware and software

Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR
Applied Information
Technology

General
Applied Information
Technology

General Children,
Family and
Community

General Food
Science
and Technology

Cert II Information
Digital Media and
Technology

Cert II Business

META Science

During 2021, the school will be offering Year 9 and 10 students an opportunity in their elective program classes to participate in a combined Mathematics, Engineering, Technology, Arts and Science enrichment program called META Science. To become future-ready, students must pursue and develop their skills in META Science.

META Science will be taught using cutting edge teaching methods, where students learn by discovery, perseverance, project making, team working and problem-solving. By taking META Science as an elective, students will:

- Build and use future technologies such as robotics, Movie Maker and 3D printing.
- Develop future skills such as visual programming, 3D design and artificial intelligence.
- Design and build solutions for inspiring science and engineering challenges.
- Participate in mathematics, science and engineering competitions around the state.
- Participate in the First Lego League Robotics International Competition.
- Participate in STAWA Adventure World Physics Competition.

The META Science elective opens up many pathways in Years 11 and Year 12 at GSHS. It prepares students with leading edge academic and thinking skills for the pursuit of the ATAR pathway as well as equips students for TAFE by teaching the application of relevant technologies and problem-solving skills.

To participate in the META Science elective program, a student:

- must be in Year 9 or 10, demonstrating excellence in the GSHS core values of respect, responsibility and doing your best throughout the year;
- must complete an expression of interest form; and
- must achieve excellent results in Science and Mathematics throughout the year.

Related Year 11/12 Subjects

ATAR Chemistry

ATAR Physics

ATAR Mathematics
Specialist

ATAR Mathematics
Methods

ATAR Mathematics
Applications

Vocational Individualised Program - VIP

VIP is a Vocational course for students who are considering entering the workforce by the end of Year 10, or who want to continue into further vocational training.

Most students are either disengaged or have low academic achievement

VIP has these main components:

Work Experience

Work Experience is an important part of the program, with the students participating in work experience one day per week throughout the year. Students are expected to complete the Workplace Learning Logbook and Skills Journal as well as the Individual Pathway Planning for Career Education

Teamwork

Teamwork and Life Skills are built by participating in a variety of activities around the school

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy and Numeracy Support are a constant focus. They are both delivered in the context of what is necessary to gain and keep a successful career.

Literacy:

- Novels are chosen which are engaging. Students read every day
- Students memorise a poem every term and give oral presentations to the class
- Report writing is practised regularly to improve confidence and literacy skills

Numeracy:

- Students participate in a Foundation Mathematics Program which is designed to help students learn to become more numerate in their daily lives
- Students also choose One Option i.e. Woodwork, Metalwork etc.
- Students also partake in Physical Health Education

It is through the active and willing participation in the above that students gain meaning and relevance from their time in VIP, and see value in continuing their education.

Specialised Programs

Geraldton Clontarf Academy

The Geraldton Clontarf Academy exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men. This is done by encouraging behavioural change and developing positive attitudes. Fundamental to this is the development of values, skills and abilities that will assist the boys to achieve better life outcomes.

Through a range of activities, Clontarf staff mentor and build strong relationships with students while the school caters for their educational needs.

Geraldton Girls Academy (Role Models and Leaders Australia)

The Girls Academy program works within the school system to drive community-led solutions aimed at overcoming the obstacles that prevent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls from attending and achieving at school. Academy Girls receive intensive one-on-one mentoring and support from our team of skilled field staff, 80% of which are highly accomplished Indigenous women. Our program increases the skills, employability, mental health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls throughout Australia – providing them with better opportunities to contribute to the social and economic outcomes of the wider community.

Special Education Needs (SEN)

Our qualified Teacher's, SEN Coordinator and Special Needs Education Assistants are highly skilled in providing Individual Education Programs that make achievement accessible to all students. Each student's program is designed to complement their individual needs and abilities, to maximize student outcomes. These programs take a holistic approach, with mainstream subjects and specialised programs that focus on building academic skills such as literacy and numeracy, while fostering development in areas such as speech, mobility, community access, life skills and social and emotional growth.

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