

Netball and AFL Sport Science Specialised Programs

Our **Netball and AFL Sport Science Programs** allow students to learn fundamental skills and strategies to prepare them for participation in interschool carnivals and exhibition games. In 2025, students who are selected for the program will participate in two practical sessions per week with an accredited coach. Netball and AFL students have the opportunity to go on excursions to watch the West Coast Fever play and to the Fremantle Dockers training facilities; coach local primary school students; trial for interschool tournaments such as High School Cup, Dockers Cup, Multicultural Carnivals and lightning carnivals, plus go on a camp to Busselton during their final year in the program.

Students will also study fitness testing; video analysis of their game play; functional anatomy; peer coaching; exercise physiology and umpiring. The skills developed in this program will prepare students for the practical and theoretical content in the Year 11-12 Physical Education Studies and Certificate II in Sport Coaching courses, should they choose to pursue that pathway in senior school. Due to the high standards promoted in the program, it is expected that students will demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship, teamwork and interpersonal skills in all aspects of the course.

Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS)

The **IMSS Program** provides the opportunity for students to learn a musical instrument here at Byford Secondary College. Students in the program will receive free weekly lessons on their instrument, as well as the opportunity to participate in other music enrichment activities such as concerts and events. Students already in the IMSS program at primary school are not required to complete an aptitude test to continue their lessons in high school. We also offer a limited number of Year 7 students not already in the IMSS program the opportunity start learning an instrument.

Advanced Arts

The **Advanced Arts Program** is an extra-curricular course designed for students who want to work with other like-minded students who are passionate about The Arts. This runs outside of the normal school timetable, as either a Period 0 (before school), or Period 6 (after school). Students can choose to focus on Performing Arts or Visual Arts and collaborate with others to work on large-scale artistic projects. Students are expected to participate in all activities and learning opportunities, while working effectively with other staff, students and guests.

Aspire

The **Aspire Program** offers students academic extension opportunities across the Humanities, English, Mathematics and Science curriculum areas. Operating as distinct class groups in Years 7-10 for students, the Aspire program provides enriched learning experiences that are tailored to develop and advance students' knowledge, understanding and skills in a dynamic, challenging and supportive classroom environment.

Aspire students are provided with specialist learning opportunities designed to advance their academic achievement, including participation in competitions and engagement with cross-curricular learning incursions and excursions. Members of the Aspire program also benefit from invitations to attend workshops to further the development of their study skills, time management and organisation, with an emphasis on building social, emotional, physical and academic resilience.

All year 6 students will be tested in their own Primary School class. The highest achieving students will be invited to join the program. These offers will be completed in Term 2. If they are unable to participate on the test day or are from a school not in our local area, arrangements can be made for a 50-minute computerised test, to be facilitated by their class teacher. Further details are on the application form.