



Independent Public School



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Margaret River Senior High School is a vibrant school that aims to maximise the full potential of all our students. The school is regularly placed in the top performing schools awards which recognise schools in Western Australia with exceptional student achievement in both tertiary and non-tertiary pathways of study. At Margaret River Senior High School we believe that a quality education is not just about academic achievement but also about nurturing, encouraging and challenging our students to be active and responsible contributors to our community.

## **Our aims are to provide an education:**

- For the whole person
- At levels above state standards
- Which enables students to participate successfully in the world beyond school.

Margaret River Senior High School is one of the few schools in Western Australia that contains a farm as part of its resources. It encompasses 25 hectares where students can gain experience with animal husbandry, farm construction, crops and pastures, motors and machines and vineyard work. Livestock includes: cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry for eggs. We are the only school in the state that produces its own wine; which is presented under the Greenheart Ridge label. Our experienced and dedicated staff provide an exceptional curriculum that is diverse, challenging and caters for the wide range of our student needs. In Lower School our students study a wide curriculum to provide a range of experiences that will enable them to specialise in Upper School. Margaret River Senior High School has comprehensive Upper School course offerings allowing students to choose a range of pathways including direct entry to University, Vocation and Education Training Certified courses, endorsed programs and wholly school assessed subjects. We aim to individualise programs to specifically meet the needs of our students. Please see below for a comprehensive list of courses provided by the school:

## **ATAR- Direct University Entrance Subjects**

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| • English        | • Physics                   | • Mathematics                |
| • Literature     | • Chemistry                 | • Music                      |
| • Drama Studies  | • Biological Sciences       | • Computer Science           |
| • Modern History | • Human Biological Sciences | • Physical Education Studies |
| • Economics      | • Mathematics – Specialist  |                              |

## Vocation and Education Training Certified Courses

- Certificate II – Sport (Coaching)
- Certificate II – Building and Construction
- Certificate II – Business
- Certificate II – Information Technology
- Certificate II – Outdoor Recreation
- Certificate II - Rural Operations
- Certificate III – Arts and Contemporary Craft

Margaret River Senior High School also works closely with the South West Institute of Technology (Formerly TAFE) to offer specialist courses, up to Certificate IV level, to cater for individual needs.

## Extra Curricula Activities

To enable students to develop to their full potential Margaret River Senior High School develops activities that allow students to expand their horizons beyond the local community. Students are able to participate in athletics, swimming and lightning carnivals, music festivals, the School Cabaret, the Creating Identity Art Exhibition and the Surf Academy. Selected student tours; Sydney and Canberra as well as taking part in the Biannual Ski Trip held in Victoria. Plans for international tours are being undertaken in 2014 to Japan (Ski Tour) and China, as part of a sister school exchange. Every Year the school hosts a visit for Indonesian students from Santa Laurensia High School.

## Specialist Programs

The Surf Academy is a gifted and talented program that is endorsed by the Department of Education to pursue excellence in surfing. Students are selected to participate in this program and the main criteria for selection are practical surfing skills and competitive surfing results. This program operates before school on a designated day of the week and high performance coaches are employed to enhance skill acquisition and provide feedback to the athletes to assist them with their future professional surfing aspirations.

## The Arts

In the Arts learning area, students develop creative skills, critical appreciation and knowledge of artistic techniques and technologies. The Arts help students to develop a sense of personal and cultural identity and prepare them for a lifetime involvement and appreciation of the arts. Students are given numerous avenues throughout the year to display their artistic talents to the school and wider community. TEE Drama and Music are offered in both Year 11 and 12 and have continuously obtained high results with several of our students being accepted into the (WAAPA) Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts for music, acting and musical theatre. Four Margaret River Senior High School students were awarded places in WAPPA in 2013.

### The Arts are comprised of:

- Visual Arts
- Drama Studies
- Dance Studies
- Music Studies



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