SPECIALIST MARINE STUDIES

OPPORTUNITY

Our Specialist Marine Studies Program encourage students to develop a keen interest and awareness of the marine environment, by providing both theoretical and practical learning opportunities. Students are encouraged to become creative, critical thinkers who are independently motivated to learn more about the marine environment and enact to protect, conserve and educate the wider community.

SPECIALIST MARINE STUDIES YEAR 7 - 10

The Lower School Program is based on content covered in the ATAR and General curriculum. Terms 1 and 4 include beach excursions related to curriculum.

Focus areas of curriculum include:

- Oceanography
- Coastal management
- Navigation and boating
- Marine Biology
- Marine Science
- Beach safety and skills
- Snorkelling
- Fisheries Management
- Sailing
- Weather
- Maritime archaeology and shipwrecks
- Aquaculture
- SCUBA diving
- Marine pollution and debris
- Marine Ecology
- Marine Environmental Resources

YEAR 7 COURSE CONTENT:

- Beach Safety
- Biology - Marine Invertebrates
- Marine Archaeology
- Snorkelling

YEAR 8 COURSE CONTENT:

- Ocean Threats
- Biology - Marine Vertebrates
- Sustainable Fisheries
- Marine Ecosystems

YEAR 9 COURSE CONTENT:

- Coastal Engineering
- Mangroves
- Marine debris
- Sailing

YEAR 10 COURSE CONTENT:

- Oceanography
- Aquaculture
- Dive Science
- Marine Research

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11 ATAR	Year 12 General
WA Maritime Museum	AQWA, Department of Fisheries (Dissection)	Sailing Camp, Point Walter • 3 days	SCUBA Course (WACE)	Skippers Ticket (WACE), Hillarys Yacht Club Coral Bay (ATAR) • 7 days	Sailing, Hillarys Yacht Club Sailing, Dampier • 5 days

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

The program is ideally suited to students who have a passion for the marine environment and would like to pursue a professional marine studies pathway in the future.

Application to the Marine Studies Program requires submission of the following by the close of applications:

- Marine Studies application form
- Proof of swimming achievement - Swim and Survive Level 7 (or equivalent qualification)
- Latest school report

Acceptance into the four year program is based on the results of the selection test, school report and meeting the swimming requirement. Students will also need to demonstrate their swimming competencies at the start of the program. Continued involvement in the Program is dependant on academic achievement and maintaining Good Standing. Students accepted into the program are required to commit to the program for four years with the option to continue in Years 11 and 12.

SENIOR SCHOOL MARINE COURSES:

Students have the opportunity to pursue further studies Years 11 and 12 in Marine with the following courses:

- ATAR Marine and Maritime Studies - Year 11 and 12
- General Marine and Maritime Studies -Year 11 and 12

Applications close: THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026

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- Aspirational students
- Inspirational teaching teams
- Innovative instructional leaders; and
- Engaged families and community

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Our teaching and learning programs are designed to be challenging and innovative, stimulating curiosity, creativity and an ability to be reflective, placing students on a pathway that will enable them to realise their aspirations through opportunity. Of equal importance is our commitment to student health and emotional wellbeing, and the development of their personal sense of global, social and environmental responsibility.

Our Marine Studies is an approved **Specialist Program** - students residing both in and out of our local intake area are eligible to apply.

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