

APPLECROSS

Senior High School



2007 Annual Report to Community

This brochure represents an overview of the full school report which is available from the school website at www.axshs.wa.edu.au or Schools Online at www.det.wa.edu.au/

School Overview

Established in 1958, Applecross Senior High School has established and sustained a reputation for high academic, sporting and cultural achievements, winning many academic exhibitions, awards and competitions and consistently is a high performing public high school. We are committed to excellence and optimum development so that our graduates are well-adjusted, creative, have resilience and self-esteem and are able to contribute to society.

Qualified and experienced teachers with a commitment to excellence, attract students from outside our local intake area to the Specialist Programs in Visual Art (Gifted and Talented) and elite Tennis. Within the school, places in Academic Extension programs in English, Science, Mathematics, Society & Environment and French and Japanese, along with Drama, Dance and Music (Junior and Senior String Orchestras, Junior Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands, a Jazz Band and Guitar Ensemble) are keenly sought by students. Chess is also a strong co-curricular program, as are Debating, Creative Writing and many sports.

Annually about 60 to 70 percent of its students seek with success to enter a university, and others achieve entry to Technical and Further Education or directly to employment. Those achieving university entrance do so with higher than the state entry TER, and continue to successful completion of their qualifications. There are a small number of Year 11 and Year 12 students in School Apprenticeship Link programs, School-Based Traineeships and in Structured Workplace Learning. The school celebrates its cultural diversity, with about 50 percent of its student population from non-European backgrounds.

The attendance rate for 2007 was 5.9% above the state average.

20 hours Community Service completed by 273 Year 10 students.

There were 1330 students enrolled at Applecross SHS. Lower secondary 780, Upper Secondary 550.

Applecross SHS is a multicultural community with 33 different language groups represented.

In 2007 year 8 students came from 54 public and private primary schools, plus 5 students from overseas and 1 from inter-state.



97% of year 12 students graduated.

Of the 197 students who applied for University, 172 were offered places.

Ranked 24 in first 50 TEE Schools (75+).

9 students achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 99 and above.

40 students achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 95 and above.

164 students achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 70 and above.

Artwork by Lilly Kaiser Year 12 2007

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to 13 students having achieved 10 or more "A" grades over the 2 years of their senior secondary schooling.

Applecross SHS had 1 student with a Subject Exhibition in Art. Subject exhibitions are awarded to the top students in individual subjects in the state.

6 students with Certificates of Distinction for students in the top 0.05% in the state in Art (2), Japanese:Second Language (2), English Literature (1) and English as a Second Language (1).

81% of our 2007 year 12 students were TEE students. The majority of Applecross SHS students are university bound, with a small number seeking enrolment at TAFE, placements in apprenticeship and traineeship programs or taking up employment. In 2007 75% of all year 12 Applecross SHS students applied for university placement with 87% of these students being offered a place.

16% of year 12 students undertook a Wholly School Assessed program with 35% of these students achieving 1 or more "A" grade.

School median Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) is 84.9 compared to state rank of 77.0

Staff information

At Applecross SHS there are 14 Administration Staff including the Principal, 3 Deputy Principals, 8 Heads of Learning Areas and 2 Program Coordinators. The teaching staff consist of 4 Level 3 Classroom Teachers and a further 86 teachers.

There are also 30 full or part time support staff including a Business Manager, school and library officers, Education Assistants, art technicians, computer technician, lab technicians, district youth officer (supporting the SWL program), home economics assistant, gardeners, school nurse, chaplain, youth worker and school psychologist.

All teaching staff met the professional requirements to teach in Western Australian schools and are registered with the Western Australian College of Teaching.

All full time teaching staff and part-time staff in the associated proportion have engaged in a minimum of 9 days professional learning which included Courses of Study – curriculum development conducted by the Curriculum Council, Making Consistent Judgements on assessment and Values forum.

Staff retention 83%

Staff attendance 98%

Staff Achievements

Ms Lake, Head of English Learning Area received a National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA) for outstanding achievement in teaching. She was also selected to participate in the National Summer School hosted by Deakin University.

Mr McAndrew, Art teacher, and Ms Rose, Head of Languages Learning Area, were first and second round winners in The Premier's Teacher of the Year Award. Ms Rose was also chosen for the Teacher Stories 2007 collection.

Mr McMahan was elected to the WA College of Teaching Board of Members and was selected as a member of the Literature Reference Group established by the Curriculum Council to re-write the Literature Courses of Study.

Parent Support

Parent involvement is valued and encouraged through the P & C and Canteen, school Committees, and School Council. Active parents groups support the programs in Art, Tennis and Music.

Facilities

Applecross Senior High School has excellent facilities, including a gymnasium, sporting fields, swimming pool and tennis courts which are used by the community after school hours. Its 1958-vintage buildings have large classrooms which have been networked for learning with technology and students have on-line access via classroom computers to the Library Resources Centre and the Internet. The school environment has recently been refurbished from both state and federal government funding sources, in consultation with parent and teacher representatives. The P&C has among its many projects funded air-cooling of the entire school, and has provided under-cover areas and picnic-style seating in the quadrangles for the students' comfort and convenience.

Enrolment

Although Applecross SHS is a local area intake school, we encourage students from outside the area to apply for enrolment or to apply for entry via the Specialist Programs in Visual Art and Tennis.

Enhancement of the School Grounds and Buildings

The last of the state government Fixing Our Schools funding was used to upgrade the pool fencing to garrison fencing. The cricket wickets were upgraded and the front and main entrance (south side) of school painted.

School funding combined with P&C funding completed the upgrade to the front driveway with new garden beds to enhance the entrance to the school.

The P&C paid for the upgrade to the upper school male and female student toilets. This included new vanity units and basins, walls painted and floor recoated.

The Student Services wing was upgraded to create a new Level 3 office and interview room (Career & Vocational Education staff moved upstairs to an under-utilized office).

The school Finance Committee committed to a variety of maintenance projects which were carried out during the July and October holidays with 16 classrooms painted, new curtains for 8 classrooms, new pin-up boards for 9 classrooms and new carpet/vinyl for 4 rooms. Also the lower school female and male toilets were painted.

Other major maintenance included:

New guttering in D&T quad.

New guttering to northern side of gym and art entrance.

New panels to covered walkway between science and library.

Parent survey

In a survey conducted in Term 1 2007 with parents of our local feeder primary schools, 69% of the respondents (year 7 parents) indicated that they would enrol their child at Applecross SHS. A further 18% were undecided. The main reasons for choosing Applecross SHS were:

Good reputation of the school

High academic success

Sibling satisfaction

Student survey

A survey was conducted with the Gifted and Talented: Visual Art students in Term 4 2007. Overall feelings towards the program included:

Beneficial in the development of talent

Variety of content offered

Social interaction in a supportive environment

Outstanding level of achievement

Highly regarded staff

MSE9 Student Performance

Monitoring Standards in Education Year 9

Percentage of students achieving above the Government Schools Achievement Target:

TEST	STATE TARGET	APPLECROSS SHS
Mathematics	50%	79%
Reading	50%	76%
Science	50%	78%
Writing	50%	86%

In the top 10 schools for the Wholly School Assessed Subjects of Art & Design and Outdoor Education.

The TEE subjects of Art, English Literature, Japanese: Second Language and Political & Legal Studies performed above expected when compared with like school students.

In the top 10 schools for the TEE subjects of Accounting, Art, French, Japanese: Second Language and Political & Legal Studies.

The WSA subjects of Art & Design, Early Childhood Studies, Food Production, Physical Education Studies and Senior Science performed above expected when compared with like school students.

12% of year 12 students participated in National Training Modules & 6% participated in Structured Workplace Learning.

60% of year 12 Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) students with 1 or more "A" grade.

20 year 12 students received Curriculum Council Awards.

41% of Year 12 TEE students in the top Tertiary Entrance Score (TES) ranking and 32% of Year 12 TEE students in the middle Tertiary Entrance Score (TES) ranking.

School Priorities

ICT

E Learning Team

The e-learning team played an integral part in the planning and implementing of learning technologies in the classroom. During 2007 the team focused upon the following key areas:

- upgrading existing computer fleet and planning for increasing this fleet to meet specified areas of need
- continuing to promote the use of G22 (bookable computer laboratory)
- identifying staff professional learning needs
- assisting staff to improve their ICT skills and in creating ICT-rich curriculum activities

IT Resources

Applecross SHS continues to provide every learning area with access to ICT. This has been achieved through:

- Four labs each consisting of 26 computers.
- Sixteen mini labs consisting of 5 to 20 computers.
- PC is the main platform across the school campus and there is also access to the Apple Mac system in the specialist areas of Visual Art and Music.
- Each teaching area in the library has 10 computers.
- A bookable lab of 33 computers in G22.
- A full-time technician employed to maintain the PC network. An Art staff member is allocated 0.1 FTE to maintain the Apple network.

Literacy

A wide range of strategies have been used across the Learning Areas to target critical literacy and writing skills. These include inquiry skills such as search strategies, information selection, note-making, and writing skills such as paragraph and essay writing

Collaborative curricular programs were also developed. These include:

Society & Environment/Library

Paragraphing and joint essay construction with Year 8's, and persuasive essays with Year 10's.

Science/Library

Inquiry skills, information selection and note-making were targeted for Year 8 science topics. Paragraph writing from own notes (Science biographies) was also part of the Year 8 program.

English/Library

'Inspiration' mind mapping program taught to all Year 8 classes to facilitate note-making skills. Use of this program was followed up in Science and Society & Environment. Thinking and questioning skills developed in the Year 10 Literature Circles program.

The outcome of these collaborative programs is a reinforcement of literacy skills across the curriculum.

WALNA Student Performance

Reading Skills 19% more of Year 8 students enrolled at Applecross SHS in 2007 with reading skills that placed them in the highest 25% of students than would be expected in a general distribution of the state cohort.

Writing Skills 6% more of Year 8 students enrolled at Applecross SHS in 2007 with writing skills that placed them in the highest 25% of students than would be expected in a general distribution of the state cohort.

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English

West Australian Young Writer's Competition

Eric Carlin Award for overall best secondary school.

Year 11 & 12 Poetry: Winner, second, equal fourth and 5 finalists

Year 9 & 10 Prose: Winner, second, fourth and 2 finalists

Year 9 & 10 Poetry: 2 finalists

Year 8 Poetry: Fourth and 2 finalists.

Australasian Schools English Competition

Two students, Madhavi Rangaiah (Year 12) and Nicole Dakin (Year 9) received medals for achieving the highest score in their age group in Western Australia.

13 certificates of High Distinction

30 certificates of Distinction

46 certificates of Credit

Children's Book Week

Tara Thillainath and Jaegar Wieland: 2nd place in the Year 8 story book section.

Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition

Elaine Pang (Year 12) and Sophie Wakefield (Year 9) were State Award winners.

TEE Literature Results

1 student scored 100% and 4 students scored over 90%.

The Literature result was either the highest or second highest score for 72% of Applecross SHSTEE students.



Students at Literature Camp.

Technology & Enterprise

Accounting

The Accounting result was either the highest or second highest score for 50% of Applecross SHSTEE students.

90% of students enrolled in the Year 12 Accounting course

attended the Accounting Camp in Term 3.

Food programs

Year 10, 11 and 12 students catered for luncheons and dinners with invited guests.

Real Care Babies Program

Year 11 & 12 Early Childhood Studies students involved in the program as part of their course.



Students with Real Care Babies.

Mathematics

Have Sum Fun competition

The upper school teams gained an equal 8th and equal 13th from 31 teams. The lower school teams gained an equal 10th and 22nd from 44 teams.

Mathematics Talent Quest (Year 8)

1st prize for "Common Colouring" project

2nd prize for "Mathematically Interesting Number" project

Highly commended in both projects.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Marcus Chong (Year 9) and Christopher de Valle (Year 10) in top 0.3%.

20 certificates of High Distinction

65 certificates of Distinction

89 certificates of Credit

Junior Mathematics Olympiad

Simon Shook (Year 8) and Marcus Chong (Year 9) achieved Merit Awards for scoring 22 out of 25 and being equal 7th position in the individual category.

Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad

Year 8: 2 students top 10% and 5 students top 25%

Year 9: 7 students top 10% and 16 students top 25%.

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Health & Physical Education

Girls and Boys Slazenger Cup (Years 10-12 students)

Winners of both cups: In the girls event Applecross 1 defeated Applecross 2 and in the boys event Applecross defeated Corpus Christi.



Winning girls team.



Winning boys team.

Herbert Edwards Cup (Years 8 & 9)

Winners of both cups: Applecross teams made the finals of both girls and boys events. The Applecross 1 team defeated the Applecross 2 team.

Badminton competition

A grade boys: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

B grade boys: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Girls (1 division): 2nd

All Schools Cross Country Championships

Year 8 student Jennifer Kent winner of 13 years girls' event.

Year 11 students Sean Vukovich and Sam Evans-Thompson finished 14th and 16th respectively in the 16 years boys' event.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

3rd place in A division

Andreas Rueber and Laurissa Tieleman 15 year old champions

Bryce Teo runner up 14 year old champion.

Champion Schools Triathlon

Year 8 Girls Teams: 4th, 5th and 11th

Year 8 Boys Team: 2nd

Year 9 Girls Team: 9th

Year 9 Boys Teams: 2nd, 3rd, 19th and 22nd

Year 10 Boys Teams: 2nd and 5th

Year 11 Girls Teams: 6th and 12th

Year 11 Boys Teams: 2nd and 3rd

Applecross SHS finished 2nd overall in the Teams Event.

Languages

Japan Foundation 2007 Japanese Language Program

Year 12 student Irene Ho was selected as the only student to represent WA at the Japanese Language Institute of Kansai, Japan for 2 weeks.



Students on the Takarazuka Exchange.

Alliance Francaise Examinations

Year 10 students: 2 certificates of Distinction (Tres Bien), 12 certificates of Credit (Bien) and 4 certificates of Pass (Passable).

Year 11 students: 2 certificates of Distinction (Tres Bien) and 8 certificates of Credit (Bien). Chelsea Hayes gained 2nd place out of 378 candidates.

Year 12 students: 1 certificates of Distinction (Tres Bien), 7 certificates of Credit (Bien) and 3 certificates of Pass (Passable). Madhavi Rangaiah in the top 30 students in WA.

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Society & Environment

National Geographic Australian Geography Competition

26 students gained high distinctions, 21 achieved distinctions and 73 were awarded credits.

Petroleum Club of WA Schools' Information Program

Team of six Year 10 students gained 6th place.



Year 10 Petroleum Club team.

Science

CSIRO Student Research Scheme

Two Year 12 students (Sandra Kerbler and Hannah Price) accepted from over 100 students for 30 available positions.

Focus on Mining tour

Year 12 student Jessica Frigger selected to attend camp.

ICAS Science Contest

Year 8 students scored 28% above State mean and all other year groups were 13-18% above State mean.

2 certificates of High Distinction

11 certificates of Distinction

13 certificates of Credit.

Michael Wawryk recipient of the Tristan Dravnieks Award for outstanding achievement.

Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

3 students gained Credit certificates.

Australian National Chemistry Quiz

10 certificates of High Distinction

8 certificates of Distinction

5 certificates of Credit.

Australian Science & Engineering Challenge

Winner of state competition.



Year 9 students at the Challenge.

Co-Curricular

WA Secondary Chess Championships

Winners of the WA Senior Chess Championships.

Winners of the WA Chesskids Interschool Championships.

Chesskids National Schools Championship

Equal 2nd.

Year 8 Big Day Out

215 students participated in the event at Point Walter.

Shoe Box Appeal

75 boxes collected.

Career & Vocational Education

School Apprenticeship Link

4 students incorporated the Building and Construction School Apprenticeship Link program as part of their WACE course.

Work Experience

120 Year 10 students participated in work experience.

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Student Services

City to Surf event

53 Year 10 students manned drinks station as part of their Community Service program.

Youth Leadership Conference

15 students (Years 8 – 10) represented Applecross SHS.

The Arts

Art Gallery of Western Australia's Masterpiece in a Morning

Emma Buswell, Nadia Eisenlohr, Ryla Jakelski, Deblina Mittra and Reichanne Ratering won the competition

Young Originals Exhibition

5 students chosen to exhibit.

Perspectives Exhibition

Equal top school in the number of works selected for exhibition.

National Gallery of Australia - Summer Art Scholarship

Emma Buswell selected to represent WA as one of two WA recipients and 16 Australia wide.



Artwork by Christina Ng Year 12 2007

Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists

2nd prize and Highly Commended.

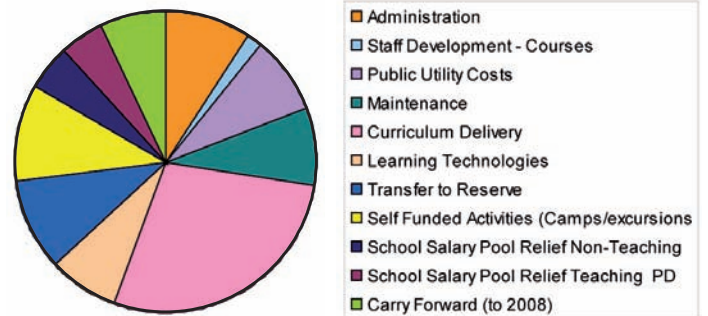
Arts Week

Hundreds of Arts students involved in music recitals, dance and drama performance and the opportunity to exhibit in the annual Art Exhibition.



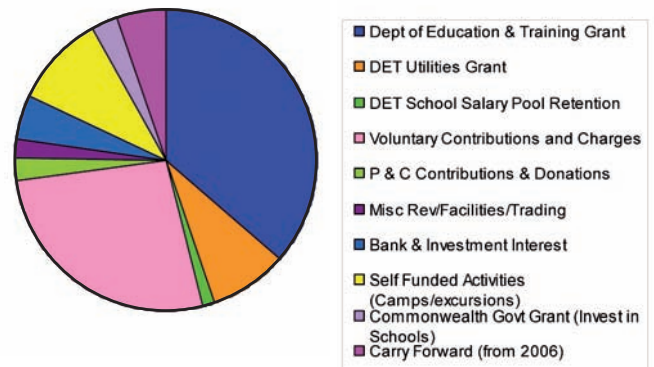
Expenditure

Applecross Senior High School Revenue as at 31 December 2007
\$1,661,879.00



Income

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