

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 saw our students excel in a variety of fields. Our school motto of Achieve is exemplified in these many examples of Applecross SHS students being involved and giving their best.

### *West Australian Young Writer's Competition*

Eric Carlin Award for overall best secondary school.

Year 12 Poetry & Prose: Winner

Year 11 Poetry & Prose: Winner

Year 10 Poetry & Prose: Winner

Year 9 Poetry: Winner

Young Writer of the Year Award: Nicole Dakin (Year 10)

### *Australasian Schools English Competition*

Highest scoring student in the state.

### *West Australian Debating League Competition*

Junior Division Winners.

### *Australian School Tennis Teams Championships*

Top public school in Australia, top school from WA and 4th overall.

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

Winner of the girls' cup and runners-up in the boys' event.

### *Herbert Edwards Cup (Years 8 & 9 Tennis students)*

Winners of both cups.

### *Lightning Carnival - Girls Water Polo*

Senior Girls champions.

### *Alliance Francaise Examinations*

Year 12 students: 3 certificates of Distinction (Tres Bien), 1 certificate of Credit (Bien), 4 certificates of Good (Assez Bien).

Chelsea Hayes was awarded 6th place in WA (out of approximately 400) and Ryla Jakelski awarded 1st prize for background speaking students.

### *Have Sum Fun competition*

The upper school teams gained an equal 3rd and equal 7th from 32 teams.

The lower school teams gained a 3rd and an equal 3rd from 39 teams.

### *Mathematics Talent Quest*

Year 10: "How Truthful is the Map" project - 1st prize

### *Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad*

Year 9 class placed 10th highest in Australia.

### *ICAS Science Contest*

Year 8 students scored 29% above State mean, Year 9 students scored 44% above State mean and Year 10 students 42% above State mean  
6 certificates of High Distinction, 13 certificates of Distinction and 17 certificates of Credit.

### *Australian National Chemistry Quiz*

12 certificates of High Distinction, 5 certificates of Distinction and 4 certificates of Credit.

### *BioGENEius Challenge of WA*

Danielle Lam (Year 12) and Nicole Dakin (Year 10) selected to undertake biotechnology research at Murdoch University.

### *Science and Engineering Challenge*

Day Champions

### *Petroleum Club of WA Schools' Information Program*

Team of six Year 10 students gained 1st place.

### *Australian Share Market Game*

3rd place in WA – Joel Jeevaraj Year 11

### *National Geographic Australian Geography Competition*

29 students gained high distinctions, 40 achieved distinctions and 41 were awarded credits.

### *City of Perth Black Swan Prize For Portraiture*

Wikus Von Wielligh was runner-up in the Youth Portrait prize (Year 11/12 category) and Jessica Chung received a Highly Commended (Year 8-10 category).

### *Animal Art Awards*

Leah Allegretta (Year 11) was the overall winner and Delia Chin and Wikus Von Wielligh (Year 11's) received Highly Commended awards.

### *Young Originals Exhibition*

7 students selected to exhibit. Two of the works (by Brent Renner-Hahn and Deblina Mitra) were selected by the Department of Education & Training for their collection.

### *Perspectives Exhibition*

4 students selected to exhibit.

## MISSION STATEMENT

In developing Citizens of the Future, Applecross Senior High School is committed to excellence and optimum development so that our graduates are well-adjusted, creative, have resilience and self-esteem and are able to contribute meaningfully to society.

## 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 Workplace Learning. The school celebrates its cultural diversity, with about 50 percent of its student population from non-European backgrounds.

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.

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. In recent years the school environment has 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.

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. We also take full paying overseas students.

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

Academic Extension

English as a Second Language Support Program

Full Fee Paying Overseas Students

Gifted & Talented Education: Visual Art

Specialist Tennis Program

Vocational Education & Training (VET)

Flexible Learning Program

*This brochure represents an overview of the full school report which is available on Schools Online at [www.det.wa.edu.au/](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/)*

# APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

# Achieve



## CONCISE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

For further details please visit the website

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO ADD VALUE

Applecross Senior High School offers many opportunities where students may participate and develop in a broader community context. (Full details of student achievement in 2008 Annual Report on Schools Online at [www.det.wa.edu.au/](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/))

### Co-Curricular

- Applecross SHS 50th anniversary celebrations
- Community Service program
- New Zealand Ski tour
- Make Your Own Picture-book competition
- World Vision 40 Hour Famine
- Shoe Box appeal
- Youth Conference
- International Women's Day

### Career & Vocational Education

- Year 10 Work Experience
- Structured Workplace Learning
- Flexible Learning Program
- School Apprenticeship Link (SAL)
- School Careers Expo

### English

- The West Australian Young Writer's Competition
- Primo Lux Anthology 2008
- Australasian Schools English Competition
- Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition
- Rotary 4 Way Contest
- Spring Poetry Festival
- Literature Circles program
- Children's Book Week program
- WA Young Readers Award
- Theatre events
- Guest poets and authors
- West Australian Debating League
- Schools competition

### Health & Physical Education

- Year 8 Specialist Tennis Camp
- Slazenger Cup
- Herbert Edwards Cup
- Australian School Teams Championship
- National Secondary Tennis Championships
- A Division Athletics
- A Division Swimming
- All Schools Cross Country Championships
- Outdoor Education Camps
- Lightning Carnivals
- Champion Schools Triathlon competition

### Languages

- Reunion Island Exchange program
- Takarazuka Exchange Program
- Bunraku Puppet Performance
- ACER Language Examinations
- Alliance Française Examinations
- Native Speaker Program

### Mathematics

- Australian Mathematics Competition (Westpac Awards)
- Mathematics Talent Quest competition
- Have Sum Fun competition
- Junior Mathematics Olympiad
- Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad

### Society & Environment

- Petroleum Club of WA Schools' Information Program
- Holocaust Centre excursion
- Army Museum excursion
- Dairy Farm excursion
- National Geographic Australian Geography Competition
- Australian Share-market Game

### Science

- BioGENEius competition
- ICAS Science Contest
- CSIRO Student Research Scheme
- National Chemistry Quiz
- Physics Olympiad National Qualifying Exam
- Engineers Australia
- Siemens Science Summer School
- Murdoch University Physics Award
- UWA Engineering Camp
- Rio Tinto Big Science Competition
- National Youth Science Forum
- Australian Student Mineral Venture
- CSIRO Student Research Scheme
- Australian Government Mining Careers Bursary
- Focus on Mining tour
- Molecular Genetics workshop
- Star Science Quiz
- Engineers Institute Science and Engineering Challenge
- 100 Solar Schools
- Field trips

### Student Services

- Examination skills workshops
- National Impact Leadership Conference
- Certificate 1 in Leadership
- Life skills, Net Alert and Beyond Blue
- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Student of the Month Award
- Student Encouragement Award
- Social functions
- Year 8 Big Day Out

### Technology & Enterprise

- Certificate courses in Business & Information Technology
- Certificate courses in Design & Technology
- Home Economics luncheons and dinners
- Early Childhood Studies – Real Care Babies program

### The Arts

### Drama & Dance

- Year 12 scripted monologues
- Year 12 production *Away*
- AX the stage – Dance showcase
- Primary school transition workshops
- Metro Dance Festival at the Octagon Theatre at UWA

### Music

- New Norcia music camp
- Winter Concert
- Summer Concert
- WA Schools Orchestra Festival
- WA Schools Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival
- WA Schools Jazz Festival
- WA Schools Choral Festival
- Opus 2008

### Visual Arts

- Fremantle-Peel Art Blast exhibition
- 40th anniversary exhibition of Special Art program
- Special Art tour to Paris & New York
- Perspectives Exhibition
- Young Originals Exhibition.
- Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists
- City of Melville Art Awards
- Melville Community Textiles Project
- Year 8 Special Art Camp
- Mural for Administration area



## STUDENT OUTCOMES

### Attendance

The overall school's attendance rate for 2008 was 6.3% above the state average.

	Y08	Y09	Y10	Y11	Y12
Applecross SHS	95%	93%	93%	94%	94%
State	90%	88%	86%	86%	88%

### Retention

At Applecross SHS the percentage of Year 8 students retained to Year 12 for 2008 was 96.5% compared with the state average of 65.6%.

### Standardised assessment results

Student performance – NAPLAN 2008 – Applecross SHS

	Numeracy	Punctuation & Grammar	Reading	Spelling	Writing
Top 20%	46%	46%	48%	41%	46%
Middle 60%	51%	50%	48%	53%	49%
Bottom 20%	3%	4%	4%	6%	4%

Percentage of students in each Proficiency Band – Applecross SHS

Band	Numeracy	Punctuation & Grammar	Reading	Spelling	Writing
10	12%	14%	12%	5%	8%
9	23%	14%	21%	27%	22%
8	31%	28%	29%	26%	29%
7	25%	28%	28%	30%	25%
6	9%	12%	8%	8%	12%
1-5	0%	4%	2%	5%	3%

<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Above National Minimum Standard
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	At National Minimum Standard
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Below National Minimum Standard

### Post school destinations for 2007 Year 12 students in 2008

	Intention 2007	Destination 2008	Variation
Returned To School	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
University	74.2%	71.8%	-2.3%
TAFE	11.4%	11.7%	0.2%
Apprenticeship	1.3%	0.0%	-1.3%
Traineeship	0.4%	0.5%	0.1%
Other Training	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Employment	6.8%	13.1%	6.3%
Employment Assistance	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Other	5.9%	1.9%	-4.0%
Total	100%	100%	-

## YEAR 12 2008

### Summary of results from the Curriculum Council

	Applecross SHS
Secondary Graduation Number of full time, eligible (to graduate) students	214
Number of full time eligible students who graduated	214 (100%)
Tertiary Entrance Examination (TEE) Students Number of full time eligible TEE students with 4+ scaled marks	177 (83%)
Number of full time eligible TEE students with 1+ scaled mark of 75 or more	45 (25%)
Wholly School Assessed (WSA) Students Number of full time eligible WSA students with results in 3+ WSA subjects	34 (16%)
Number of full time eligible WSA students with results with 1+ A grade in an E code subject	7 (21%)
Vocational Education & Training (VET) Students Number of full time eligible students enrolled in 1+ Unit of Competency/National Training Module	32 (12%)
Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) Number of full time eligible students enrolled in SWL	23 (11%)
Number of SWL students with 1+ A Grade in an E code SWL subject	10 (43.5%)

### Top Public School Award 2008

For achieving outstanding Year 12 results in 2008:

First 50 Graduation Schools	Ranked 1
First 50 TEE Schools (75+)	Ranked 38
First 50 TEE Schools (Top Third)	Ranked 46
General Exhibitions	1 winner
Subject Exhibitions	3 winners
Total Curriculum Council Awards	26 winners
TER of 99 and above	6 students

### General Exhibition

Awarded to the 40 eligible students with the highest Curriculum Council award scores.

Jessica Regan

### Subject Exhibitions

Awarded to the student obtaining the highest raw examination mark in a TEE subject.

Art	Emma Buswell
Chemistry	Jessica Regan
English as an Additional Language/Dialect	Maryam Sherkat Masoum

### School median Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER)

	State	Applecross SHS
2008	78.65	80.8

### Certificates of Distinction

Awarded to students in the top 0.05% of candidates based on the combined mark.

Art	Emma Buswell
Chemistry	Jessica Regan
Discrete Mathematics	Susie Cook
English	Amelyn Ng
English as an Additional Language/Dialect	Maryam Sherkat Masoum

### Certificates of Excellence

Awarded to students who have received 10 or more A grades over the 2 years of their senior secondary schooling.

Mairin Barnes	Thilina Jayaratne
Shiva Bazargani	Laura Kariono
Lucia Chamizo	Deblina Mittra
Susie Cook	Amelyn Ng
Jessica Gleeson	Emily Paull
Matthew Goodman	Jessica Regan
Tracey Han	Raymond Tsen
Chelsea Hayes	Ena Tulic
	Nerma Tulic

### Tertiary Entrance Rank = 99 & above

Awarded to students who have achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank of 99 and above.

Mairin Barnes	99.05
Susie Cook	99.05
Jessica Gleeson	99.60
Thilina Jayaratne	99.80
Jessica Regan	99.90
Matthew Young	99.65

[3.4% of students with at least 4 scaled TEE scores]

### Tertiary Entrance Rank = 95 & above

28 Applecross SHS students achieved this ranking.

[15.8% of students with at least 4 scaled TEE scores]

### Tertiary Entrance Rank = 70 & above

133 Applecross SHS students achieved this ranking.

[75.1% of students with at least 4 scaled TEE scores]

### TEE Subjects in the top 10 schools

Art	
English as an Additional Language/Dialect	
Physical Education Studies	

### Wholly School Assessed Subjects in the top 10 schools

Art & Design	
Dance Studies	
Outdoor Education	

## SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

### Staff attendance

Staff attendance – average attendance rate 2008

Attendance Rate	2008
Teaching Staff	99.0%
School Support Staff	96.9%
All School Staff	98.5%

### Staff retention

Staff retention – the proportion of teaching staff retained from 2007 to 2008

Applecross SHS	2008
Total Teaching Staff	106
Teaching staff retained from previous year	90
New teaching staff this year	16
Staff Retention Rate	84.9%

### Teacher qualifications

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

Four staff members (Ms Bateman, Ms Barber, Ms Symons and Ms Van Oyen) completed their Certificate IV in Training and Assessment qualification which allows them to deliver TAFE certificate courses.

Ms Tubbs gained Level 3 Classroom Teacher status as well as being a Curriculum Council moderator for Dance and a Teacher Development Coordinator (TDC) for Dance.

Mr Mengler, Ms McBride and Ms Michell are TDC's for Biology, Art and Health Education respectively.

Health & Physical Education staff acquired the following certification in 2008: 2 abseiling tickets, 1 power boat ticket, 1 examiner bronze medallion and 4 bronze medallion qualifications.

### Expenditure and teacher participation in professional learning

All full time teaching staff and part-time staff in the associated proportion have engaged in a minimum of 6 days professional learning at a cost of \$2,300 per teacher.

Professional learning activities include the following:

- Upper School Courses – curriculum development conducted by the Curriculum Council
- Moderation meetings at Curriculum Council
- Making Consistent Judgements on assessment
- School based moderation
- Boys Education
- Beginning teachers' induction and seminars
- SSTUWA Women's Conference
- School planning
- Rainbows Grief Counselling
- Child Protection
- Children's Book Council conference
- Health & Safety training
- Drug Education
- Student Achievement Information System (SAIS) training
- Eric Frangenheim - Whole school approach to thinking
- Science SPICE program UWA
- Professional Standards project

### Parent satisfaction

In a survey conducted in Term 4 2008, 75% of parents responded positively (Strongly Agree/Agree) to all 36 questions. Overall feelings towards the school included:

High academic standards

Clear goals and a positive school identity

Sense of pride and self worth

A safe and secure school

### Finances

