



SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE ARMADALE AREA

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What will change at Armadale Senior High School?

Armadale Senior High School will continue to cater for children from Years 7 to 12. From 2017, the school will focus on providing vocational education and training (VET) programs for children that lead to nationally recognised qualifications. Two new programs will be offered – hospitality and allied health services. The school's VET program in building and construction will continue.

2. Will Armadale Senior High School provide more than VET programs?

Yes. The school will continue to offer children academic and VET study options, however the school will focus on VET programs.

3. What new facilities will be provided at Armadale Senior High School to cater for these new programs?

A new commercial kitchen will be built. The school's cafeteria, food and textile facilities and selected classrooms will also be upgraded.

4. Will the Trade Training Centre at Armadale Senior High School continue?

Yes. The state-of-the-art Trade Training Centre for children studying building and construction will remain.

5. Will Armadale Senior High School offer additional VET programs?

Yes. Additional VET programs will be determined by the school after assessing the future employment needs of the Armadale community.

6. When will the hospitality and allied health services programs at Armadale Senior High School start?

The hospitality and allied health services programs, including the new buildings and upgrades, will be ready for the start of the 2017 school year.

7. Will Armadale Senior High School's Approved Specialist Program in Information and Communication Technology and Approved Specialist Program in Visual Arts continue?

Yes, both programs will continue.

8. What will change at Cecil Andrews Senior High School?

Cecil Andrews Senior High School will continue to cater for children from Years 7 to 12. From 2017, the school will focus on providing academic programs for children wishing to go on to tertiary study. An Academic Extension Program will be established for children from Years 7 to 10. It will offer a full selection of subjects with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It will provide children with a clear direction for their studies as they move into Years 11 and 12 and on to tertiary study.



9. Who is eligible to apply for the new Academic Extension Program at Cecil Andrews Senior High School?

Children in Year 6 will be eligible to apply for entry into the program for Year 7.

10. Will Cecil Andrews Senior High School provide more than academic programs?

Yes. The school will continue to offer children academic and VET study options, however the school will focus on academic programs.

11. What new facilities will be provided at Cecil Andrews Senior High School to cater for this new program?

A new building with two multipurpose laboratories, lecture space and preparation areas will be built. The school's cafeteria, some classrooms and parking area will be upgraded.

12. When will the Academic Extension Program at Cecil Andrews Senior High School start?

The Academic Extension Program, including the new buildings and upgrades, will be ready for the start of the 2017 school year.

13. Will Cecil Andrews Senior High School's Approved Specialist Programs in Performing Arts and Approved Specialist Program in Australian Rules Football continue?

Yes, both programs will continue.

14. How will the changes at Armadale Senior High School and Cecil Andrews Senior High School benefit children?

Children will have more study options to choose from and will be able to enrol at the school that best suits their future aspirations. Both schools will continue building strong business, industry and tertiary education partnerships to enhance the quality of the programs.

15. If my child attends one of the schools but wishes to study at the other school, can they change schools?

Yes. Neither school has a local-intake area. This means both schools can accept applications for enrolment for children regardless of where they live. Should applications for enrolment exceed the number of places available at the school, children living closest to the school are given first priority. Currently, both schools have capacity to accommodate children from across the south eastern corridor of Perth.

16. Why are these changes being made?

Through consultation in 2014, local parents and community members indicated they wanted better subject choices and more options for children to pursue tertiary education, further training and employment when they leave school. These changes are designed to meet the aspirations of the Armadale community and serve them well into the future.

17. Who was consulted about secondary schooling in the Armadale area?

Local parents and community members were invited to participate in a consultation. In 2014, an online survey was conducted and this was followed by a community meeting hosted by the Premier and Minister for Education.



18. Will there be changes to Armadale Education Support Centre?

No. Armadale Education Support Centre will continue to provide for children with disability in the Armadale area.

19. How much will the changes at Armadale Senior High School and Cecil Andrews Senior High School cost?

The total investment is \$9.4 million starting in 2015 and ending in 2018. The total investment at Armadale Senior High School is \$4.45 million. The total investment at Cecil Andrews Senior High School is \$4.95 million.

20. Will there be other changes to public secondary schools in the Armadale area?

There will be no changes to Kelmscott Senior High School and Byford Secondary College.

21. My children are currently enrolled at one of these schools – will the building works disrupt their learning?

The new programs will be ready for the start of the 2017 school year. Until then, both schools will continue to operate as normal. Every effort will be made to ensure minimal disruption to children's learning while building work occurs.

22. Anti-social behaviour such as bullying and disruptive behaviour were concerns raised by the Armadale community. What is being done about this?

Western Australia's public schools take the issue of anti-social behaviour very seriously. The principals of Armadale Senior High School and Cecil Andrews Senior High School are addressing the concerns raised by the community during the consultation. If parents have any concerns they are encouraged to speak with the principal.