



Mount Lawley Senior High School

SVAPA Information for Prospective 2024 Parents/Carers



Department of
Education



Specialist
Programs

We acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of the boodjar that Mount Lawley Senior High School stands on.

We pay our respects to Noongar elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge their wisdom and advice in our teaching and cultural knowledge activities.





The Specialist Visual and Performing Arts program has been running at Mount Lawley Senior High School for 20 years.

We are a school-based, industry focused program where students from Year 7 - 9 receive an enriched and diverse arts education through **extra-curricular** and **differentiated** curriculum

We are the only **cross-arts** program in the WA, incorporating Drama, Media, Visual Arts, Music and Movement. The program is open to 32 merit selected students, with selection taking place in Year 6.





Differentiated Curriculum

SVAPA students receive -

- A differentiated curriculum, Arts subjects are taught at a Talented and Gifted standard
- Guaranteed access to the Arts Specialist and Arts Specialist teachers
- IMMS Practice through the school week

SVAPA students receive the same time allocation for Visual Arts, Media and Drama as General students, however each Year group has an overarching concept that is imbedded in all of their Arts subjects

Drama and Media is often taught in one semester, with Visual Arts in the other. Music classes are throughout the year as to fulfill IMMS requirements.



Year 7 The Playful Year

Forming a solid foundation of
Arts skills through play, risk
and imagination.





Year 8 The Ensemble Year

Working in ensembles and learning through collaboration, to establish the generosity and reliability needed to excel in the Arts.



Year 9 The Experimental Year

Students explore Contemporary and Immersive Theatre, Live Art, Sound Installation, Video, Robotics, Conceptual and Environmental Art, and Electronic Art to expand their understanding of the possibilities the Arts can offer.



Enrichment and Extension

SVAPA student are required to commit to multiple extra-curricular activities through the term.

- Early Morning Classes - once a week, before school
- Music Ensemble Practice - once a week, before or after school
- Music Camp
- SVAPA Camp
- Excursions
- Saturday Masterclasses
- Music Concerts
- Drama Productions
- Film Screenings
- Lawley Art Exhibition



School Experience

Mount Lawley Senior High School has a wonderful Middle Schooling ethos and SVAPA students will be a part of that Middle Schooling experience for the first two years.

Through Year 7 and 8, SVAPA students will be a form class together and assigned an community, as well as attend all their MESH (Math, English, Science and HASS) and Arts classes together.

They will have a chance to meet other students in their communities during Design and Technologies, Home Economics, Language and Physical Education.

When students enter Year 9, they transition to Upper School. Students still attended all Arts classes together, however streaming of MESH classes will be introduced



Example Year 8 Timetable –Semester 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
F	8S2 House Meeting 8S2 S2.5 Mr William Armstrong	8S2 House Meeting 8S2 S2.5 Miss Natalie Diggins	8S2 House Meeting 8S2 S2.5 Mr William Armstrong	8S2 House Meeting 8S2 S2.5 Mr William Armstrong	8S2 House Meeting 8S2 S2.5 Miss Natalie Diggins
M1	8ENG2 English S2.5 Ms Deborah Edwards	8MAT2 Maths S2.3 Ms Sharon Mann	8D&T Design and Technology INDUS3 Mr Stephen Harvey	8SCI2 Science S2.1 Ms Sharon Mann	8CT2 8CT2 S2.4 Miss Queenie Wan
M2	8PEMA Physical Education (M) GYM1 Mr Benjamin Jones	8SCI2 Science S2.1 Ms Sharon Mann	8HAS2 Humanities & Social Science S2.4 Miss Queenie Wan	8MAT2 Maths S2.3 Ms Sharon Mann	8ITAA Italian S1.2 Mr Matthew Farsalas
M3	8MAT2 Maths S2.3 Ms Sharon Mann	8ITAA Italian S1.2 Mr Matthew Farsalas	8DRASVA Drama SVAPA TT 1 Miss Moya Thomas	8PEMA Physical Education (M) GYM1 Mr Benjamin Jones	8MEDSVA Media SVAPA MA 2 Mr William Armstrong
M4	8SCI2 Science S2.1 Ms Sharon Mann	8HAS2 Humanities & Social Science S2.4 Miss Queenie Wan	8MAT2 Maths S2.3 Ms Sharon Mann	8ENG2 English S2.5 Ms Deborah Edwards	8SCI2 Science MFS2 Ms Sharon Mann
M5	8HAS2 Humanities & Social Science S2.4 Miss Queenie Wan	8MEDSVA Media SVAPA MA 3 Mr William Armstrong	8MUSSVA Music SVAPA MGM1 Ms Shahna Gallagher	8D&T Design and Technology INDUS3 Mr Stephen Harvey	8MUSSVA Music SVAPA MUS 3 Ms Shahna Gallagher
M6	8HED2 Health Education S1.2 Miss Madeline Morskate	8ENG2 English S2.5 Ms Deborah Edwards	8ENG2 English S2.5 Ms Deborah Edwards	8DRASVA Drama SVAPA TT 1 Miss Moya Thomas	8HAS2 Humanities & Social Science S2.4 Miss Queenie Wan



Student Expectations

A continuous commitment and engagement in the Arts is necessary for students to succeed and progress.

It is expected that the Arts program activities take priority over external activities.

To monitor each student's development, the SVAPA Coordinator, Arts Program Coordinator and an Associate Principal meet once per semester to review their reports.

Students need to remain committed, and display positive behaviour, along with overall academic progress to remain in the program.

Out of area students who leave the program will need to enrol in their local intake area school.



Parent Expectations

We require parents to be active members of our community by choosing one of three sub-committees that support your child's educational journey in SVAPA.

Without the support from these committees, the program would not be able to be delivered in the innovative and extensive manner it is today.

Why we ask parents to join a committee:

- You can actively participate in your child's education
- SVAPA students are the sole beneficiaries of all fundraising events
- Help pay for enriching learning experiences and purchase new resources for SVAPA students across all academic pursuits
- Participate in making decisions for future learning experiences
- Meet other parents
- Get to know and speak to staff
- Sponsor guest artists



SVAPA Funding & Support

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The cost of the program is \$220 per year.

Our main source of funding comes from fundraising from the Lawley Art Auction
– a very large and well respected event in June.

Teachers work on a volunteer basis in all extra-curricular activities.

We rely on parent support through the P&C sub-committees, the Lawley Art auction, SVAPA parents and Music parents committee. We ask all SVAPA parents to be active in their child's arts education.

SVAPA Coordinator, Teacher in Charge of Music and Arts Program Coordinator, Arts Teachers work together to create multiple opportunities for your children.



How to Apply

APPLICATION OF INTEREST

The Application Form is available on the SVAPA page of the school website in late December. This needs to be submitted by the advertised deadline. Students will be notified of the selection workshop dates and times by letter or email.

SELECTION PROCESS

Portfolio –

A portfolio example is available on the SVAPA page of the school website.

Auditions –

1. Drama Workshop Audition (group work only)
2. Art Workshop Audition
3. Music Audition

NOTIFICATION

Applicants are notified in Term 2 of acceptance status.

SVAPA PARENT WELCOME EVENING

In Term 4, the school and parent support group committee host a Welcome Night to all new SVAPA parents. This is a delightful event to meet and mingle with other parents and your children's new Arts teachers over live jazz, food, cheese and wine.



Next Steps

Please make sure you watch the short video on the audition process,
download the SVAPA brochure and Portfolio example.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by the 26 of April 2023.

Expression of Interest templates are available
on the school website.

Thank you!



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