

10 reasons to choose Manea

Our Values

Every student enrolling at Manea has the trust of the Manea Senior College staff. It is expected that the trust given to the students will assist them in meeting the four core values guiding the cultural practices at Manea. These values are reflective of what students will be expected to uphold in society as adults.

- Choice
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Success

Manea students are coached, supported and encouraged to make adult, pro-active choices, take ownership of their decision making and how it affects their future. At Manea, it is expected that students conduct themselves with maturity and self-discipline; that the choices made by students reflect these qualities.

Respect for self, others and the environment is a valued attribute of students, allowing the Manea Community to operate in a highly focused, cooperative manner. Producing global citizens that value the opinions and experiences of others, as well as caring for their environment is the core business of Manea Senior College.

The Manea Community values personal conduct characterised by high levels of responsibility. Students are expected to be organised, self-motivated learners and conduct themselves according to this philosophy.

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Our Approach

A young adult, work related environment

Manea Senior College operates under a young adult, work related environment where relationships are built using a first name basis. All students are regarded as, and interact with staff as young adults and have our trust and respect. Manea is based on a professional workplace culture, where positive and productive behaviours are acknowledged, valued and celebrated.

Manea students are treated as people first, and are central to what we do and stand for. We have a strong moral purpose to provide students with quality teaching and learning opportunities as well as life experiences that enable them to transition into the adult world.

As part of the workplace approach at Manea we seek to teach our students about being responsible and accountable for their actions in all facets of College life.

Everyone at Manea has a professional role (or job) to fulfil. For our staff this vitally important role is to develop the skills, knowledge and life experiences for students to become responsible and independent young people. As such our staff are provided with the resources, support, environment and training to provide the highest standard of education and support for our students.

We adopt this same approach with our students. That is, they are treated more like employees in that they have access to all parts of the College, its facilities, staff, tutors and equipment such that they can fulfil their role or 'do their job'. For our students this means completing their courses (ATAR and/or VET/Training) to the best of their ability; completing and submitting work/tasks as indicated by their managers (teachers/staff); adhering to our workplace expectations in terms of attendance, dress and workplace conduct; as well as seeking support and assistance when required.

Students, like staff, are involved in performance review meetings, goal setting meetings, and surveys as a part of their role at Manea.

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Year 11 and 12 only environment

Manea has an established reputation for offering Year 11 and 12 students an education that enables them to achieve success and to transition into life beyond College. This is achieved through a learning environment that is specialised for young adults in the final two years of schooling and built on the foundations of strong relationships, mutual trust, respect, support and individual accountability.

Students are afforded a more mature working environment and as such, are presented certain flexibilities and privileges to support their transition to life after College.

The Manea facilities perfectly match our young adult environment. Our students believe that the design and 'feel' at Manea is more like a university campus or a workplace than a school. Our subject teachers who share the same moral purpose of committing to make a significant difference to the lives of our students, treating them as young adults and providing them with an outstanding set of learning and social opportunities, along with our disruption free environment add to the positive tone of the College.

Education Precinct – Our Location

A university, TAFE and senior college all in one central location - right here in the South West of Western Australia.

Located between Edith Cowan University and South Regional TAFE, Manea Senior College is part of a unique education precinct where our students have the opportunity to combine their school programs with nationally recognised training qualifications, as well as the ability to access resources and facilities across the precinct.

Manea attracts students from a range of schools, including significant numbers from Catholic and independent schools and students from over 30 different local, interstate and overseas schools. Manea serves a special role in the South West, catering for students with diverse backgrounds and interests from across the region, making us a truly regional College.

Accessible by an extensive bus network right on our doorstep, students come to Manea from across the South West, from Waroona, Collie, Manjimup, Bridgetown, Busselton, Margaret River and everywhere in between.



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Courses and Pathways

Manea Senior College is recognised as “a premier provider of VET and ATAR courses in the greater Bunbury and south-west region” (Independent Review 2016).

The College has an extensive range of courses and training qualifications that are both rigorous and balanced for students to select from which can be completed in a disruption free learning environment designed for young adults.

Our aim is for students to select courses that best suits their interests, abilities and future pathways. We offer a range of ATAR level courses for university entry, General level courses that contribute towards the Western

Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), as well as Certificate II, III and IV nationally recognised vocational qualifications for our students. Students can combine a VET qualification with ATAR level courses; complete multiple VET qualifications; all in addition to their WACE – secondary graduation.



University Entry Pathway (ATAR)

Students undertaking a university entry pathway at Manea study 6 subjects in Year 11 of which at least 4 must be at an ATAR level (5 is the recommended number of ATAR courses). Students in this pathway automatically receive two study periods per week in Year 11 to assist them with their course workload. In Year 12 most ATAR students reduce their course load to 5 subjects, which thereby increases their study period allocation.

Vocational Education and Training Pathway (VET)

Students choosing a VET pathway generally combine a nationally recognised vocational qualification with 4 subjects at Manea. This pathway also involves students participating in work placement as part of their training.

***Each year Manea students complete a combined total of over 20,000 hours of work placement – preparing them for life after College.*

At Manea Senior College students have access to the following VET training pathway options:

1. Manea Training Pathways – our students are able to access training pathways that we have negotiated independently with external training organisations (these include 1-2 day per week programs, flexible online training programs and internal VET courses).
2. Pre-Apprenticeship and VET options via South Regional TAFE (1-2 days per week)
3. VET options via the Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centres (1-2 days per week)

Students may also enrol in recognised training qualifications outside of those offered by Manea, TAFE or the Trade Training Centre. If you have a certificate course that interests you, talk to us about how we can make this work for you – remember it is about individual needs.

***Note: Certificate IV qualifications can give you alternate entry access to university.*

ATAR and VET Pathway (combine both)

Students at Manea have the opportunity to combine a VET qualification with 4 ATAR level courses enabling the opportunity for both university entrance and a nationally recognised qualification at the same time. *Great success comes for students who not only follow their passion but also their academic aspirations.*

Specialist Program – Health and Medical Specialist Program

In addition to a range of courses on offer, Manea is the first and only secondary school in Western Australia to offer the Department of Education endorsed Health and Medical Specialist Program. This program gives our students interested in exploring careers in the health and medical fields a head start in their skills and knowledge.

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Opportunity and flexibility

At Manea we are highly flexible and focus on the individual needs of our students. We have a flexible timetable model that allows students to assist in designing their own combination of courses and qualifications.

Year 11 in particular is a year of opportunity at Manea, a chance to explore your aspirations and interests and for students to determine their pathway into Year 12 and beyond College life. This provision of opportunity at Manea is extended in the form of financial support for VET focused students to access nationally recognised training qualifications as a part of their final years of schooling.

Manea was the first regional secondary school in WA to become an independent public school and we have used this flexibility to benefit students, including establishing an extensive tutoring program, appointing specialist personnel, conducting holiday revision seminars and heavily subsidising the cost of VET course fees for our students.

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Our Staff

Students at Manea Senior College experience challenging, invigorating and inspiring learning opportunities and teaching practices from carefully selected, subject specialist teachers and support staff. Our staff are selected on merit and bring professionalism and expertise to the College. They share the same moral purpose of committing to make a significant difference to the lives of our students, treating them as young adults and providing them with an outstanding set of learning and social opportunities.

Our teachers continually reflect on two key questions:

- 1) What is it about my relationships with students that makes them want to see me each day?
- 2) What is it about my classes that makes students want to attend each day?

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Value Add Opportunities

In addition to the extensive course and academic offerings at Manea, we offer a range of extra-curricular activities and value-add opportunities for students to experience during their time with us. There are numerous activities across a broad range of interest and social levels for students to engage with including guest speakers, excursions, self-development workshops, sporting and cultural activities, fundraising and community service opportunities.

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Some of these include:

- Ministry of Food Kitchen
- College Ball
- Pancake Day
- Country Week
- Meet and Greet BBQ
- ANZAC Day Parade
- ANZAC Assembly
- Open Days
- 'Give a damn, give a can'
- Do-nut stress day
- Meet and Greet Activities
- Year 12 Awards Ceremony
- Year 12 Dinner
- Year 12 Leavers Assembly
- Student Executive camp
- 100% attendance luncheon
- R U OK DAY
- Drum Connections
- Orientation
- New Year 12's lunch
- College Fun Day
- Student Executive interviews
- Student Express newsletter
- Leavers jacket committee
- Student Services Awards
- Sensory activities at lunchtime
- Student Executive Dinner



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9. Results – Successful students

Manea Senior College is a proven choice in senior school education. The evidence shows that our philosophy, staff, teaching and learning programs, facilities and pathways create an outstanding environment that produces excellent results for our students – success for all.

The College has a number of students achieve an Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking (ATAR) of 99+ placing them in the top 1%. We have students who complete Year 12 with Certificate III, IV and higher qualifications and many also regularly graduate with an ATAR score and a Certificate III or higher qualification.



Our results are very impressive for such a young senior school. Since opening, our students have been head hunted for apprenticeships and have gained entry into highly competitive university courses such as medicine and engineering. Our students are sought after young adults who are ready to take their place in the world.

A record of success at MSC is a [click away](#)

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10. Complete care package – Individualised support

Manea students are coached, encouraged and supported to make pro-active adult choices, take ownership and responsibility for their decision making and how it affects their future. To enable our students to perform their role and do their 'job' well, Manea provides the resources, support and environment for students to do so.

The Student Services Team at Manea Senior College is committed to providing professional, positive and relevant services to students in a range of areas.

The Student Services Team consists of:

- Student Services Manager
- University trained Youth Support Coordinators
- School Psychologist
- Attendance Officer

The support services provided by the Student Services Team include:

- Counselling
- Psychological support
- Career guidance
- Study Skills/Examination preparation
- Financial assistance i.e. Centrelink
- Health and Wellbeing
- Student/Teacher liaison
- Referrals to external agencies i.e. Headspace, Youth Focus

Other supports for our students include:

- Managers of Academic Performance
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) Coordinators
- Learning Support Coordinator
- Tutors
- Aboriginal Teacher
- Mentors for specific VET courses



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