

GEOS Perth

St Mark's International College

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Perth, Western Australia



Location

Nestled on the banks of the Swan River, the city is overlooked by 400 hectares of parkland. You will be impressed by Perth's central modern facilities, world-class attractions and relaxed and comfortable lifestyle.

Perth is closer to Asia and Europe than any other Australian capital city. It is the gateway to Australia for many international travellers, with direct and one-stop connections linking Perth to all major cities.

Attractions

Perth's unspoilt scenery, world-renowned white sandy beaches, sparkling waters, blue skies, wide open spaces and lush green parklands make it one of the best places in the world to study, visit or live. Perth also offers rich cultural experiences – galleries, theatres, museums, shops, restaurants and cafes. It is one of the safest and friendliest cities in the southern hemisphere.

Population

Perth is the capital and largest city of Western Australia and the fourth-largest city in Australia, with a population of 1.5 million. The city is experiencing record growth in terms of inner-city living, development and industry, servicing 100,000 daily visitors and workers in addition to its 13,000 inner-city residents.

Climate

More than one third of WA lies within the tropics, while the remainder extends southward to the temperate zone. Perth enjoys a sunny Mediterranean climate, with warm, dry summers and mild winters. The beautiful weather means outdoor leisure activities can be enjoyed all year round, creating a healthy lifestyle and positive atmosphere.

Lifestyle

Perth has one of the highest standards of living in the world. This is reflected by the high quality of education, health care, transport, accommodation, and recreational facilities. It is clean and safe with a relaxed, healthy lifestyle and a stress-free environment. It is just the right size. Not too big but not too small.

Quick Facts

- 1 Western Australia is 1/3 of Australia
- 2 Closer to Asia & Europe than any other Australian capital city
- 3 A spectacular fusion of natural scenery and city delights
- 4 Has a well-developed and inexpensive transportation system
- 5 The most days of sunshine in Australia
- 6 Was recently voted as the world's 4th most liveable city
- 7 Magnificent white sandy beaches

“ It was a large benefit for me to study in a small Cambridge Proficiency class and it was interesting since students have different nationalities. ”

– Sophie (Switzerland)

About the College



The heritage-listed buildings were originally completed in 1935. The campus was extensively renovated in 1990 to incorporate modern facilities and to complement the beautiful landscaped gardens, creating a first class, relaxed environment for learning.

Lunchtime and recess can be spent chatting around the fountain, lazing under the Jacaranda trees or enjoying a delicious meal from our canteen. Set on a truly magnificent campus just 7 minutes from the Perth city centre, students can enjoy the benefits of being close to shopping malls, restaurants, cinemas and theatres, the State library, Art Gallery and Concert Hall.

Campus Facilities

- 36 fully equipped air-conditioned language classrooms
- Computer Laboratory
 - English language software
 - Limited free of charge internet and email access
- Free Wireless LAN
- First class library resource centre
 - A comprehensive collection of fiction and non-fiction books
 - A range of magazines and newspapers
 - An extensive teachers reference library
- Independent Learning Centre
- Theatre Room
- 15 metre Swimming Pool
- Gymnasium (Table Tennis, Billiard Table and Badminton)
- College canteen
- Academic counselling service
 - Assistance with application for entry into Perth's most prestigious high schools
 - Information on business and technical colleges and universities
- Student Services
 - Organise your homestay and airport transfers
 - Provide support for visa and travel arrangements
 - Provide a listening ear on personal matters
 - Arrange and make reservations for monthly activities and excursions
- Airport Pick-up

Student Services

For most overseas students, studying abroad is a new experience, and, whilst it is exciting, there is a great deal to learn about life in a new country. It is comforting to know that the student services staff provides a wonderful support system for students as they settle into their new environment.

Our Student Services Department ensures all students receive helpful information for their accommodation needs. It is a valuable resource for information on a wide range of issues (hiring a car, legal and financial problems, visas, recreation etc) to enable students to make informed decisions.

Activities and Tours

Studying at GEOS Perth St Mark's International College is not all hard work and no play. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the recreational facilities at the college. After all, they are for student use. Students can enjoy an afternoon swim or if they prefer, play indoor badminton and table tennis.

Western Australia has many exciting attractions, from the magnificent, rugged gorges and natural wonders of the north to the towering Karri forests, the surf and vineyards of the Margaret River region down south. Away from the school, and around Western Australia, students can try sand boarding, golf, camel riding, scuba diving, surfing and more. These activities and tours can be booked through Student Services.

Homestay

The language and cultural benefits of homestay are enormous, and valuable life-long friendships can be formed. The student services team visit every home to ensure quality accommodation for you.

Students are placed in a home, which may comprise a married couple or single parent, with or without children. You can enjoy being part of a family environment where you can share and participate in family events and social activities. Breakfast and dinner are provided everyday, with lunch included on the weekends.

GEOS Colleges uphold the very core of the Australian cultural value system, which promotes multi-culturalism with no discrimination based on race, sex, age or religion.

Accommodation

There are a variety of accommodation options available to students. The Student Services Department can advise you on other options as listed below.

- Local Youth Hostel or Backpacker
- Rent a flat
- Share house

Quick Facts

- 1 A beautiful open campus
- 2 Full time study - 23 contact hours per week
- 3 Highly qualified, experienced and caring teachers
- 4 Wide range of study options



“ If I have to write everything about St. Mark's I would write a book! I will never forget this school. Definitely I can say I had the time of my life! ”

— Andre (Brazil)

“ St. Mark's has an enormous number of students, so I could meet many people from various countries. We could understand and accept our differences. I made the right decision of choosing this school. ”

- Yuta (Japan)



Credible Education System

Teaching Staff

Through its team of specialist teachers and the carefully structured and closely monitored course programmes, the College has developed a fine reputation for providing students with a solid English background to meet their future challenges with total confidence.

A leader in its field, GEOS Perth St Mark's International College's teachers are dedicated to helping every student to learn English as quickly and effectively as possible. Our teachers come from a range of age groups, backgrounds and countries. An on-going staff development programme ensures our teachers use a blend of proven approaches and new techniques, and take into account a range of learning styles and cultural backgrounds.

GEOS Global Network

Global Educational Opportunities and Services – GEOS Corporation was founded in Japan in 1973 with the goal of furthering international communication through English language education. GEOS has over 550 colleges throughout Australia and New Zealand, Europe, North America, South Africa, South East and North Asia.

GEOS International Colleges Oceania

GEOS Oceania is made up of 10 schools over Australia and New Zealand. As well as Perth, GEOS Oceania has colleges in Adelaide, Auckland, Brisbane, Cairns, Christchurch, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Sydney and Wellington.

Please refer to www.geos-oceania.com for further information.

Superlink

The GEOS Oceania Superlink programme has become very popular as it allows students to study at any two Oceania colleges and the airfare between the colleges is free*.

**Conditions apply.*

Awards

GEOS Perth St Mark's International College won the 2004 Western Australian Industry and Export Award and was a finalist for the same award in 2005, 2006 and 2007. The prestigious award recognises the high quality of education and service that GEOS Perth St Mark's International College provides its students. The College was party of the GEOS International Colleges Oceania team that was honoured with the Australia Latin America Award in 2005.



Courses to Suit You

GEOS Perth St Mark’s International College provides a comprehensive programme of courses for all students of all levels of ability. Students spend time learning a new language and practising their speaking, reading, listening and writing skills.

General English (full-time)

This course is designed for students interested in learning English for travel, academic study or employment purposes. The course is divided into morning and afternoon components. All courses use specifically targeted course books, authentic supplementary materials and incorporate work with audio and video media. (Accredited under the National ELT Accreditation Scheme)

Testing

Exit Description	Level
Advanced	6
Upper Intermediate	5
Intermediate	4
Pre-Intermediate	3
Elementary	2
Beginner	1

Cambridge University Exam Preparation

These 10 or 12 week courses focus on preparing students for all aspects of the internationally recognised Cambridge examinations. These classes have a maximum of 12 students per class. (Accredited under the National ELT Accreditation Scheme)

English for High School Preparation

EHP is a highly specialised and structured programme for overseas students, between 12 and 17 years old, wishing to continue their education in Australian High Schools. This full-time course is designed to cover reading, writing, listening and speaking with an emphasis on vocabulary for science, mathematics and studies of society and environment. Students are expected to complete daily homework in addition to research assignments. There is also a compulsory sports afternoon every Wednesday. (Accredited under the National ELT Accreditation Scheme)

IELTS Preparation (full-time)

This course prepares students for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). If students are planning to go on to further study it may be necessary to achieve an appropriate IELTS band. This course familiarises students with the test format and content and provides useful strategies. (Accredited under the National ELT Accreditation Scheme)

Part-time courses

Students can also choose to study part-time (tourist and working holiday visa holders only). The part-time options include morning (15 hours) or afternoon (10 hours).

Group Packages

The College can tailor a package to suit any group. These packages are available at any time of the year for any length of time and for students aged between 10 and 70. The package can focus on any aspect of English, from survival English to exam preparation. In addition, the school can include excursions in the package (cultural, sporting or sight-seeing).

Private Tuition

One to One tuition can be arranged for students of all ages.

Orientation

Your first day at GEOS Perth St Mark’s International College is very important as you will learn about how the college functions and which facilities are available to you. You will be introduced to staff members and given a tour around the beautiful campus. Student services staff will also provide you with information about GEOS Perth St Mark’s International College and the city. They will assist you in the following areas:

- Opening a bank account
- Medical Insurance
- Lesson times
- Transportation
- Embassy requirements

“The teachers and their way of teaching and school excursions made learning fun. For me it was a really amazing experience!”
- Kasia (Poland)



Sample Weekly Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lesson 1	Reading and Vocabulary About physical appearance.	Language Focus More work on comparatives and superlatives. Broadening the context.	Language Focus Making requests and asking for permission.	Language Focus Intentions and wishes. Contrast between ‘plan’, ‘hope’ and ‘want’ to.	Weekly Test, Feedback & Tutorial
	Morning Break				
Lesson 2	Language Focus Comparatives and superlatives - With physical appearance in particular.	Language Practice Listening and speaking – describing and identifying suspects.	Language Practice Role-plays using “making requests and asking for permission”. Highlighting formal and informal situations.	Language Practice Vocab and listening – further practice of intentions and wishes.	Speaking Task To review and practise the grammar and vocabulary from the week’s lessons.
	Lunch				
Lesson 3	Vocabulary Parts of the body. All four skills to learn and practise using this vocabulary.	Speaking – Questionnaires Students make questionnaires about cultural expectations for appearance, and personal likes and dislikes – leading to discussion.	Writing Error correction, Listening A song which reinforces “can” for permission.	Speaking in real life Role-plays - restaurants. Ordering food, making conversation, getting the bill.	Free afternoon + extra classes Pronunciation, Conversation Curriculum Vitae & Job Club
Homework	Grammar Comparatives and superlatives worksheet.	Reading Wanted ads – matching to descriptions.	Speaking Find opportunities to make requests and ask for permission. Report back to class next day.	Grammar Write 5 things you plan to do, want to do or hope to do.	Use your English!
Self Study & Recreation facilities (Open all day throughout the week) <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Library & Independent Learning Centre for listening, grammar, pronunciation, reading, writing & vocabulary extension exercises.■ Computer Laboratory for limited free of charge Internet, email and word-processing.■ Gym for badminton and table tennis & Swimming pool open during summer months.					

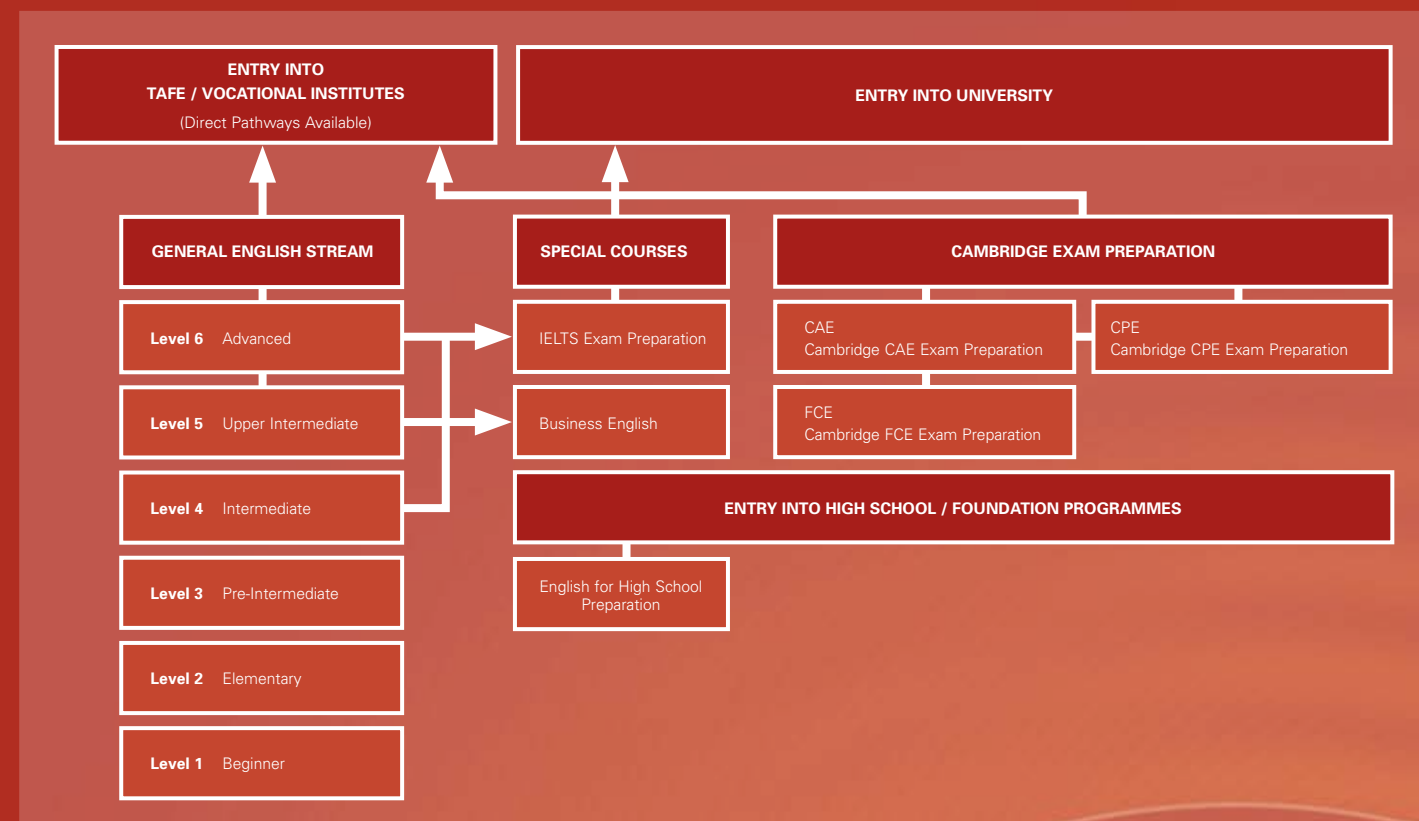


Programmes listing

COURSE	FEATURES	STRUCTURE
General English (Full time)	Focus is on developing students' understanding of and ability to use grammar and vocabulary, with lots of practice in all four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Teachers endeavour to ensure that the course comes as close as possible to meeting the needs of all students. Morning or afternoon part-time options are available. Levels: Beginner to Advanced	Total: 23 hours per week Notes: Start any Monday of the year
Business English	This course gives students the opportunity to develop their English Language Skills in a Business context. Focus is on grammar and vocabulary, with lots of practice in all four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Levels: Intermediate to Advanced	Total: 23 hours per week Notes: Start any Monday of the year*
IELTS Preparation	This course gives students the opportunity to develop their skills with regard to successfully completing the IELTS test. Levels: Intermediate to Advanced	Total: 23 hours per week Notes: Start any Monday of the year*
Cambridge Preparation Programmes	Courses aimed at 4 different levels and focussed on enabling students to pass the individual exams, and improve all their English skills at the same time. Levels: PET, FCE, CAE and CPE	Total: 23 hours per week Notes: Courses start Jan, Mar & Sep*
High School Preparation	This course is specifically designed to prepare students for high school in Australia. The focus is on language and academic topics likely to be covered in mainstream high schools. The course also includes academic excursions and sport. Levels: Beginner to Advanced	
Young Learners' Programme	A fun programme to provide students with the opportunity to extend their English language during their breaks from the more serious term work. The focus is on communicative language, in particular speaking and listening.	
Study Tours	Apply with details to reception@geosperth.com.au for a programme and quotation. Levels: All	

* All new students must complete a pre-entry test. Some courses entail minimum English proficiency. Seats in all courses may be subject to availability. Where a student's course starts on a Monday that is a Public Holiday, the student will start on the Tuesday.

Pathways



“ St. Marks gave me the best quality education including lots of fun. I met lots of different culture student and we exchanged our traditions. I highly recommend this school every age every country people. ”

- Yigit (Turkey)



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