### Specialist and Focus Programs 2017

**Aviation | Graphic Design Media | Netball**

**Academic Extension | Music in Focus**

*Application Open NOW*

*Applications Due 11 March 2016*

*Testing Dates 30 March or 1 April 2016*

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- Placement is for four years (Years 7-10) and is subject to maintaining specific achievement standards.
- There are opportunities for other age groups to be tested for top-up vacancies as they arise (not AEC).
- Students can study two Specialist programs (plus AEC or Gifted and Talented). Grid clashes preclude GDM and Music in Focus being studied together and Netball and Aviation cannot be studied together.
- All the above programs are for two sessions per week in Year 7 increasing to four from Year 8.

Please Note: GAT students can also study up to two Specialist programs at Melville SHS. If you are applying for GAT it is advised you also sit the Specialist /Focus Test. There are two separate tests and students often wish to be involved in multiple courses or may get into one and not the other.

### Gifted and Talented 2017

**Selected Academic Program**

Year 7 in 2017 (plus Years 9-11 top up testing)

*Applications Due 8 February 2016*

*Testing Date 12 March 2016*

- The Gifted and Talented (GAT) Selective Academic Program is chosen through testing by the Education Department. Information on enrolment can be found on the WA Education Department website (a link to this is at www.melville.wa.edu.au).
- Selected students study Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences and English together as a unified group from Years 7 to 10. This model has proven to be successful in cultivating a culture of genuine teamwork, peer support, high-level motivation and encouragement.
- Teachers of GAT students are specifically trained to understand characteristics of the gifted learner and know how to teach to enable such a student to manifest their talents.
- Years 11 and 12 remain supported as a group as they complete their ATAR. Our Dux for 2015 is a GAT student, as are our Head Boy and Head Girl.

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*Interviews (Aviation/GDM) 3 - 5 May*

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*Music Audition 3 - 10 May*

*Netball Trial Date 26 May*

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### Academic Extension

**AEC offers students from Years 7 to 10 a diverse range of extended academic opportunities. AEC students make up the top mainstream class in each year group. The Program has two parts, Mathematics and Science being one and English and Humanities & Social Science being the other. Students can be accepted into one or both. Students selected are in separate extension classes for these subjects from day one.**

### Aviation

**The Aviation program has two qualified teachers with industry experience, commercial pilot’s licences and flight instructor qualifications. A purpose-built Aviation Centre has two flight simulators and the remainder of the course time is spent at airports and in the skies. The course caters for the learning needs of all students, from those seeking a career in aviation, science or engineering to other aviation-related pursuits.**

### Graphic Design Media

**GDM has highly experienced teachers utilising purpose-built facilities and the latest ITC software. Projects are drawn from exercises aimed at increasing core skills as well as giving relevant industry context and include drawing for design, photography, print design, animation, film production, stage and costume design, 3D and spatial design and multimedia.**

### Music in Focus

**The Music course offers SIM lessons in flute, classical guitar, electric and bass guitar, percussion, brass, clarinet and saxophone. Students are required to join the Intermediate Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, Junior or Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble and/or the Vocal Ensemble. They rehearse once a week before or after school. Each band/ensemble is engaged in many performances throughout the year.**

### Netball

**As one of only four schools endorsed by Netball WA, this program offers your child the opportunity to excel at the sport they love. Committed teachers and coaches are former state and national level representatives or coaches. The players compete in local and International competitions and students come to understand the level of commitment required to achieve success.**