

Hale School

Wembley Downs, Perth, WA, Australia



Since 1858, Western Australia's oldest independent boys' school blends a 48-hectare coastal campus with a top-five WA ATAR record.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	61/100
Academic outcomes	67/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	17/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	62/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

A ****48-hectare**** coastal campus in Wembley Downs is the first thing that separates Hale from the rest of the Perth market. Space matters, and boys’ schools that can offer genuine room for sport, outdoor education and adolescent breathing space hold an advantage. Hale also has the oldest-independent-school claim in Western Australia, dating to ****1858****, and that long institutional memory carries weight in a city where family networks and school loyalties run deep. This is an Anglican day and boarding school for boys aged ****3-18****, teaching the Australian curriculum in English, with AHISA accreditation. The boarding offer matters: few Western Australian schools can combine a full boys’ day-school experience with a live boarding tradition on this scale.

The school's market position is clear. Hale sits in the *upper tier* of Perth independent education: expensive, established and culturally confident. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **\$28,345**, with boarding averaging **\$31,710**. Parents are paying for continuity, land, tradition and a boys-only environment that has not diluted its identity to chase every passing fashion. That will appeal to families who want a school with *institutional heft* rather than a shinier newer entrant. It will not appeal to everyone. A large, historic boys' school with Anglican roots and a strong sense of itself can feel *unyielding* to families who want a more informal, softer-edged culture.

Why put Hale on a shortlist? Because it offers a combination that is hard to replicate in Western Australia: historic standing, boarding, a large coastal campus and a clear single-sex model from early years to the end of school. For the right boy, that mix is *highly effective*. The pupil who will want Hale is one who thrives in a structured environment, enjoys the scale and rituals of an established school, and wants breadth in school life rather than a narrow classroom existence. Boys who like sport, outdoor life and the camaraderie of a traditional school community will find a *natural fit*. Boys who need a deliberately progressive, intimate or less tradition-bound setting need to look hard at the culture before signing up.

STRENGTHS

- Founded 1858; long-established Perth boys' school.
- Day and boarding options suit different family needs.
- Ages 3-18 allow one-school continuity.
- AHISA accreditation adds recognised independent-school oversight.

TRADE-OFFS

- Boys-only model will not suit every family.
- Anglican identity may deter non-religious families.
- English-only instruction limits bilingual provision.

ADMISSIONS

Hale School is a day and boarding Anglican boys' school in Wembley Downs taking pupils from age 3 to 18, so the obvious admissions entry bands are the early years, junior school, secondary transition points and sixth-form equivalent senior years. Beyond that, the school context provided here does not publish a full list of named intake years. As a long-established Australian independent school, entry is likely to depend on year-place availability, with boarding applications considered separately where relevant.

The school does not, in the material supplied here, publish precise admissions deadlines, assessment formats or a distinctive multi-stage selection process, so parents should not assume a standardised timeline. Nor is there confirmed information here on bursaries or means-tested financial aid. In practice, families should expect the usual independent-school sequence of enquiry, application and assessment, but the detail needs to be checked directly with Hale. Given the school's standing in Western Australia and its boarding provision, earlier application is the sensible assumption, particularly for oversubscribed year groups.

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