

Christ Church Grammar School

Perth, Australia



Freshwater Bay frontage anchors an Anglican boys' school where rowing tradition and strong ATAR results define the culture

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	76/100
Academic outcomes	81/100
University placement	78/100
Prestige & heritage	76/100
Alumni network	77/100
Facilities	79/100
Transparency	74/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Christ Church Grammar School occupies a strong niche in the Perth market: an Anglican boys’ school with boarding, a deep riverfront setting and the scale to offer breadth without turning diffuse. Founded in ****1910****, it serves boys aged 4–18 and enrolls more than ****1,700**** students, which puts it in the large-school bracket by Western Australian standards. The Freshwater Bay frontage matters. It gives the school a physical identity that many urban campuses lack and underpins a culture in which rowing carries real weight, not token status. This is not a boutique prep school stretched into secondary years; it is a full, established institution with a clear sense of itself, a substantial Senior School and a boarding offer from Years 7 to 12.

What puts Christ Church on a shortlist is the combination of *old-school confidence*, strong academic performance and a conspicuous investment in boys’ formation beyond the classroom. The school itself points to consistently strong results, and its market reputation rests heavily on that claim, with ATAR outcomes forming a central part of the school’s appeal. It also pushes character education hard: Anglican framing, service, and outdoor education are not peripheral here. The school’s “rite of passage” expedition on Western Australia’s south coast signals an appetite for challenge, exposure and managed discomfort; parents who want schooling with *steel in the spine* will read that as a serious strength. The parent body is engaged, places are in demand, and the atmosphere is that of a school with *institutional momentum*.

The trade-off is equally clear. This is a boys’ school with a traditional, high-participation culture, and that does not suit every child. Boys who thrive here will value structure, competition and belonging to a school with visible rituals, strong peer identity and *unmistakable tribal loyalty*. Rowers, team-sport boys, boarders, and academically able students who want results without the narrowness of a selective-entry model fit the brief well. So do families who want Anglican values present in the life of the school, not parked in the prospectus. Boys who want a looser culture, less institutional expectation or a co-educational environment will find stronger alternatives elsewhere.

In market terms, Christ Church sits in the top tier of Perth independents for families seeking a non-selective boys’ school with boarding, academic credibility and a *commanding sense of place*. Its appeal lies in synthesis: riverfront tradition, broad educational provision, a serious outdoor program, and a school culture that aims to produce *capable, resilient young men*. For the right boy, that package is compelling. For the wrong one, it is too defined, too structured and too steeped in expectation. That clarity is one of Christ Church’s strengths.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1910, Christ Church Grammar School is a long-established Anglican day and boarding school and a member of Perth's Public Schools' Association (PSA), Western Australia's traditional GPS-equivalent competition.
- Consistently strong WACE outcomes: in a recent year 100% of eligible students achieved the WACE, and in 2024, 23 boys (13% of the ATAR cohort) scored 99 or above, with 39 (23%) reaching 98 or above.
- A deep-rooted rowing culture on its own Swan River frontage, with 21 PSA Challenge Cup wins including 2025 and Old Boys who have gone on to Olympic rowing.
- The main Claremont campus overlooks Freshwater Bay on the Swan River and includes a 50-metre heated pool and a dedicated visual arts and design and technology centre.
- Offers boarding from Year 7 to Year 12 alongside day places, giving country and international families a residential option within a single-sex boys' setting.

TRADE-OFFS

- It is a boys-only school throughout, from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12, which will not suit families wanting a co-educational environment for their son.
- As with other established Perth PSA schools, senior-school fees sit at the upper end of the local independent school market, and a non-refundable enrolment fee is payable on acceptance of a place.
- Anglican religious observance, including chapel services and religious studies as a curriculum subject, is a compulsory part of school life rather than an optional extra.
- The academic and co-curricular programme is broad but built around a traditional PSA framework (rowing, cricket, football, rugby, cadets) rather than a niche or highly specialised offering.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points run from Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 12, with the main intake points at Pre-Kindergarten, Year 7 (start of Senior School) and occasional places elsewhere subject to vacancies. Families apply directly to the school, and a non-refundable enrolment fee equivalent to one term's Senior School tuition is payable once an offer is formally accepted. As a long-established, non-selective but academically strong PSA school, demand for popular year levels can exceed supply, so early registration is advised, particularly for boarding places from Year 7.

WTS RATING 

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