

North Sydney Boys High School



Prospectus

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in North Sydney Boys High School. We are proud of the education we offer and are especially proud of our students.

North Sydney Boys is an academically selective high school but the education we offer extends beyond the academic. We focus on providing opportunities for each boy to develop skills that will support him whilst at North Sydney Boys and stay with him beyond his school years.

Starting high school is a big milestone in every child (and parent's) life. Life as a secondary school student is very different from primary school days, but, I promise, still lots of fun.



In this information booklet you will find information on what we offer at North Sydney Boys, so you can gain an understanding of life in a secondary school, but most importantly, life as a North Sydney boy. This information will give insight into what makes North Sydney Boys unique.

North Sydney boys are busy - busy learning, playing sport, performing in orchestras and bands, debating and working in their communities. They do all of these activities in a supportive environment, guided by fantastic teachers, encouraging parents, and each other. One of the greatest strengths of this school is the boys themselves, who create a school that is inclusive, supportive and fun. Every day, the boys make me proud with their achievements.

Those students who involve themselves in the whole life of the school graduate from North Sydney Boys the happiest and most successful – and this is what I want for every North Sydney boy.

We understand choosing a school for your son can be a difficult decision, and we hope the information provided here and during your school visit assists you.

Robyn Hughes
Principal

Meeting the needs of the gifted and talented student



At North Sydney Boys we understand talented boys. Our boys have exceptional talents in a range of areas and this creates and demands a unique teaching and learning environment; one that promotes challenge and creativity.

As a school community, we aim to develop the gifts of each student, so he can realise his potential. We build

on our students' initiative, interests and learning needs and encourage them to persevere in their endeavours.

Extensive research in the area of gifted education consistently reveals the need for specialised teaching and learning in order to achieve the best for each individual.

Meeting the educational needs of boys

At North Sydney Boys we focus on the educational needs of boys. Extensive Australian and international research supports the teaching and learning applied in our school, ensuring the boys are engaged and challenged. This research shows what most parents of boys already know – boys need the right environment to learn.



We have taught boys since 1912. We partner our experience and knowledge with research findings and ongoing professional development to meet the ever-developing educational needs of talented young men. We know that:

- Boys need a broad curriculum
- Boys require a focus on literacy
- Boys need particular teaching and learning methods
- Personal development needs to be a focus
- Boys need opportunities to try new pursuits

Outdoor Education Program

Over his six years at North Sydney Boys each student attends five outdoor education camps. Through the camp program, the boys gain new found confidence as they conquer challenges, enjoy new experiences and strengthen friendships formed at school.

The first camp is held early in Year 7 where new friendships form and a special bond begins, that often lasts through their six years at North Sydney Boys and beyond. The Year 10 Peer Support Leaders attend this camp so that a support network for our new students is developed.

In Years 8, 9 and 10 the camps continue to promote personal development and teamwork. They focus on improving each boy's self-reliance, confidence and interpersonal skills through a range of challenging outdoor experiences such as abseiling, mountain biking, camping, water activities and more.



The final camp is in Year 11 and is held at Jindabyne where the boys ski and snowboard. It is a great experience for the boys before the demands of Year 12 begin and is always a highlight of their days at North Sydney Boys.

Sport

Sport is an important part of life at North Sydney Boys. It helps the boys stay healthy, promotes friendship and teamwork, helps build school pride, and actively encourages boys to balance school work with other activities.

As part of the curriculum, students participate in grade or recreational sport every Wednesday afternoon, giving them the opportunity to improve their physical fitness and have fun.



Falcon Sport

Saturday sport is offered at the school through our parent run organisation, Falcon Sport, with training after school on the school grounds. Boys can choose to be part of a Falcon Sport team with their friends and compete in club sport.

It is a wonderful way to forge and strengthen friendships as well as provide a chance for the boys to develop new skills and play the sport they love whilst deepening their pride in the school. Our parents also enjoy the opportunity to build friendships as they support their sons.

Knock Out Competitions

The school enters teams in a number of state-wide knockout competitions. Our boys enjoy these opportunities and often progress to a high level in these competitions.

Carnivals

Annual carnivals are held in athletics, cross-country running and swimming. Students displaying talents at these school carnivals have the opportunity to compete at higher levels in zone, regional and combined high school carnivals.

Crawford Shield

A major event on the school sporting calendar is the annual sporting and cultural exchange with Melbourne High School for the Crawford Shield. This exchange takes place on a rotational basis in March of each year.

Performance Opportunities



Our creative and performing arts program offers the opportunity for our boys to participate in musical and drama ensembles, some with North Sydney Girls High School. A highlight of the school year is the annual musical production combined with North Sydney Girls.

The boys display their talents in the annual musicales, musical productions, exhibitions, concerts and participation in theatre sports, with many of our bands performing locally, nationally and internationally.

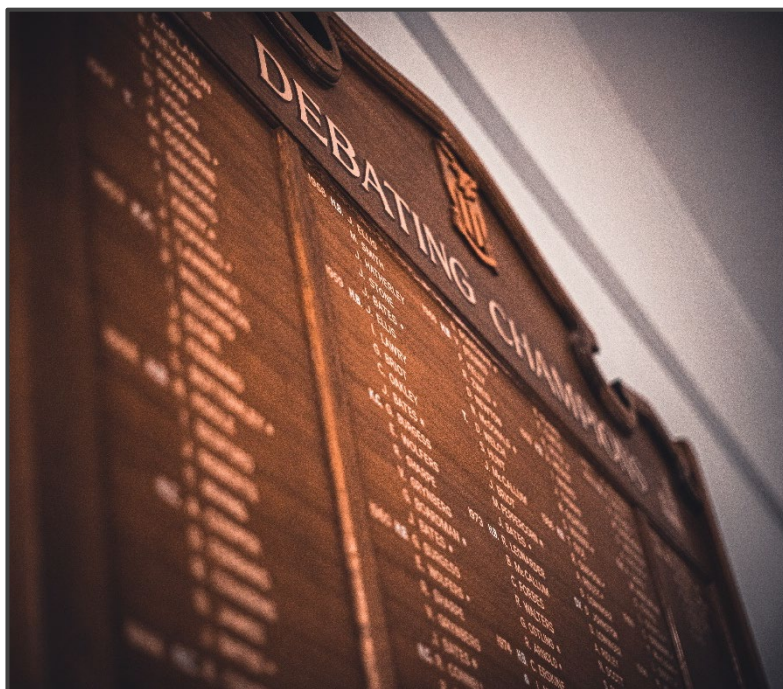
We encourage the boys to participate in the Department of Education's extensive program of concerts, camps and ensembles to further enrich their performing arts talents.

Public speaking, debating and mock trial

North Sydney Boys has a long-standing tradition of success in public speaking, debating and mock trial.

Weekly debating workshops are offered supporting our numerous debating teams. Our teachers work closely with students keen to develop their public speaking and presentation skills.

Mock trial, run by the Law Society of New South Wales, is offered to Year 10 and 11 students. This popular program gives students the opportunity to develop teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills while gaining a detailed knowledge of the judicial system. The boys are trained and mentored by teachers and old boys.



Intellectual challenge



We encourage students to participate in intellectual pursuits beyond the classroom.

Competitions, challenges, forums and Olympiads are offered across a broad range of subjects including Languages, Business Studies, Maths, Science, Geography, Economics, English and Information Technology. Our teachers encourage and support the boys' participation in these activities offered by

external organisations, government authorities and associations. Specialised Olympiad training is offered, with old boys and teachers mentoring current students. Some of our students have competed internationally with great success.

Our boys are also involved in robotics and chess which are popular amongst the students and operate as after school clubs. Other clubs include History Club, The Forum, languages clubs, Archives Club, and Problem Solving Club to name just a few!

Leadership programs

At North Sydney Boys we are committed to nurturing the leader within. We offer a diverse range of opportunities for boys to develop and apply their leadership skills.

We have six formal student leadership groups – Student Representative Council (SRC), Charities Committee, School Environment Committee, Peer Mediation Team, Peer Support Team and the Senior Leadership Council (SLC). In order to be considered for the SLC in Year 12, a student must have contributed significantly to the school through the co-curricular programs and also to his local community.



Our boys actively contribute to the school's priorities through their involvement in the leadership groups and management of student led activities. Their voices contribute to building a strong and proud school.

We also offer the boys additional opportunities to explore leadership within a global context. Currently all Year 7 – 10 boys are involved in a program called High Resolves which focuses on developing the boys' understanding of their role in improving the outcomes of all in a global context. We have also joined the Premier's Student Volunteering Awards for students in Years 9 and 10, which acknowledge a student's involvement in his community.

Enrolment

Applications for Year 7 are managed by the [High Performing Students Unit](#) (HPSU) of the NSW Department of Education. The application process starts when students are in Year 5. For full details, including dates and application forms, please see the HPSU web site or phone 1300 880 367 or email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications for Years 8 – 11 are managed by the school. Applications open at the end of June each year and entry is determined by entrance exams in English and mathematics which are usually held in August. Full details and application forms are available from our [web site](#) when applications open.

Every year a small intake is selected for Year 11, and students for Years 8 to 10 are admitted from a waiting list if vacancies become available.

The school conducts Open Mornings in Term 2 and Term 3. Dates and times are available on the school's [web site](#).



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