

Information for Prospective Students and their Families

Excellence and Innovation in Boys Education



NORTH SYDNEY BOYS
HIGH SCHOOL



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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's (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 I have given you detailed 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.

And if you are thinking about applying to North Sydney Boys from another secondary school, 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 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.

Jo O'Brien
Principal Relieving

Curriculum

The curriculum offered at North Sydney Boys High School is carefully designed to meet the needs of gifted and talented boys. It is continually reviewed and improved to meet the ever changing needs of our students.

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.

Student ability exists in many areas

Gifted and talented students have distinctly above average ability in one or more of the following domains of ability - intellectual, creative, social and physical. We support each student in identifying and meeting his strengths and interests while helping him develop areas of relative weakness.

At North Sydney Boys we ensure each boy's abilities are fulfilled by providing a diverse range of curriculum and co-curricular opportunities.

Gifted students need a challenging and enriched curriculum

Within the classroom

At North Sydney Boys, we offer a curriculum which is broad and taught in a method appropriate to gifted and talented students.

Bright students strive for and develop a deep knowledge of each subject. As our students typically progress through a syllabus faster, there is considerable opportunity to explore the subject area and pursue extension based activities.

Classes challenge and encourage higher order thinking and advanced problem solving. Our students thrive on such challenges and our teachers are accustomed to designing and delivering their subject area in such a manner.



While all our students are high performing, they are generally not grouped according to ability. We find a diversity of student strengths and interests within the classroom makes for an enriched learning environment, more interesting discussion, questioning, thinking and debate. All students are encouraged to undertake extension activities in their areas of strengths and interests.

For students seeking extra challenge, students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to undertake HSC courses in Information Processes and Technology and Business Studies.

Our students in Years 11 and 12 study English at the Advanced level. Extension English, Languages, Maths, History and Music are also offered in Years 11 and 12 for students seeking further challenge beyond the standard courses.

North Sydney boys enjoy a highly supportive environment with teachers and peers working together to support the learning of each student. Our students thrive in an environment with likeminded and talented peers, sharing a passion for learning and achievement.

Beyond the classroom

Outside of the classroom, students have a breadth of opportunity open to them through the enrichment programs offered in every subject. Competitions, challenges, workshops, camps, extension classes, performance showcases and Olympiad training all offer opportunity to further develop a boy's understanding in a subject.

Creative and performing arts students have many opportunities at school and also enjoy the benefits of state education activities through the DEC Arts Unit including ensembles and State Music and Drama camps.

We also offer co-curricular programs for students to explore their interests and develop their strengths. The co-curricular activities are designed for gifted and talented students.

A student's personality and environment can help or hinder the translation of potential into achievement

A student's ability is just one factor that determines the translation of potential into achievement. Equally important are personality and environment.

Over the six years of a boy's secondary education, a partnership exists between school and family. This partnership is based on shared responsibility and mutual respect. Together we aim to realise the potential and satisfaction of each boy.

We support each boy through our student wellbeing program. We have a team of staff working to ensure each student achieves his full potential.

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 learning to meet the ever developing educational needs of talented young men.

Boys need a broad curriculum

Boys do best when they are engaged in subjects that meet their interests and strengths. A North Sydney boy enjoys a broad curriculum, opening up extensive opportunities to explore and then work towards his chosen career.



Boys require a focus on literacy

Research consistently shows boys tend to lag behind girls in literacy. At North Sydney Boys we have made literacy a focus in the teaching and learning of each subject and additionally we offer a range of co-curricular extension workshops.

Boys need particular teaching and learning methods

Research has found boys have a preference for particular methods of teaching and learning:

- Hands on (kinaesthetic) approach to learning
- The visual presentation of information
- The use of technology
- The delivery of information in smaller chunks with short term goals
- Activities with some competitive elements

Our teachers design lessons that meet these needs with a particular focus on the use of technology as this supports the need for hands-on and visual learning. All boys from Year 9 have their own laptop for use in and out of the classroom. All learning spaces are connected to the wireless network and most have data projectors.

Our outdoor education (camp) program, spanning years 7 – 11, is a critical contributor to the positive learning our boys' experience.

Boys respond to the right teacher

Recent research suggests that individual teachers have the most significant impact on the educational success of boys.

At North Sydney Boys we focus on developing quality relationships between teacher and students based on mutual respect. We recognise each student is an individual and will learn and grow in a unique way.

Our teachers have highly developed skills in teaching boys, providing each student with the opportunity to excel. Our teachers are experts in their subject and have a passion for teaching; many are also involved in curriculum setting and HSC exam marking giving our boys the benefit of specific knowledge.

Personal development needs to be a focus

Underpinning strong academic outcomes for boys is overall personal development. Consistently we see students, who have explored and developed all areas of themselves, have the most successful educational outcomes.

At North Sydney Boys we run a range of programs aimed at developing the whole student. We focus on developing the boys' leadership skills, provide opportunities to mentor and be mentored and encourage their contribution to their local community. We understand the importance of a balanced life and encourage all boys to explore opportunities outside the classroom.

Our outdoor education program focuses on personal development over the six camps each boy attends.

Our close association with North Sydney Girls High School gives the boys valuable opportunities for their social development. Joint activities such as the public speaking club and the annual musical production allow our students to forge friendships that will be with them beyond their school years.

Boys need opportunities to try new pursuits



Boys need opportunities to try out and participate in activities and we have a rich offering of co-curricular activities at North Sydney Boys. We encourage every boy to be active in school life whether it is sport, music, debating or robotics. We know from our own research, our happiest and most successful students are those who are involved in the full life of the school. Our outdoor education program also gives the boys

wonderful opportunities to try new activities, encouraging them to test their own boundaries.

Subject offering

At North Sydney Boys, students have the opportunity to study a diverse curriculum in traditional and innovative disciplines.

A broad curriculum suits the learning needs of gifted and talented boys, resulting in increased engagement, stronger outcomes and greater opportunity to work toward the career to which they aspire. At North Sydney Boys we offer an extensive curriculum designed to meet student needs and interests.

At North Sydney Boys we focus on the integration of information technology across all subject areas. Technology enhances the quality of teaching and learning and is identified as important in the learning needs of boys. We deliver a wide range of computer based programs and services to students and teachers.

English

The study of English at North Sydney Boys is creative, exciting and intellectually inspiring. Students undertake studies in classical and contemporary literature, film and multimedia texts to develop skills which experiment with ideas and expression both analytical and creative. We offer a range of opportunities for the boys to learn about the power, value and art of the English language for communication, knowledge and pleasure. In Years 11 and 12 all boys study Advanced and Extension English in which they excel.

Debating and public speaking are integral to the junior and senior course of study. The confidence to address an audience is a critical skill for the future and it is with this objectives in mind and syllabus requirements that oral confidence is promoted in all levels of study.

Mathematics

We encourage the boys to develop strong mathematical thinking so they can appreciate mathematics as an essential and relevant part of life. Through inquiry, problem solving, reasoning and reflection, the boys undertake creative and challenging study.

In Years 9 and 10, boys study mathematics at the highest level offered by the NSW Board of Studies (Stage 5.3). In Year 11 all boys study Mathematics or Mathematics Extension 1 and in Year 12 boys can choose to study Mathematics and both Extension level courses.

Science

Through the study of science students develop knowledge, understanding and skills to explain and make sense of their world; so they can make responsible decisions as individuals and as part of their community. We teach the boys to think scientifically, applying investigative, problem solving and communication skills. The boys' learning is supported by an extensive program of experiments, information technology, excursions and guest speakers.

Many of our teachers have professional experience as scientists having worked in the areas of environmental science, geology, computer science and chemistry.



Human Society in its Environment

Human Society in its Environment involves the study of people, culture, societies and environments in different places and times.

In the junior years this includes the study of Geography, History and Commerce. In Years 9 and 10 interested students may qualify to study Business Studies as an accelerated HSC course. We also offer Elective History in Years 9 and 10.



In the senior years our students have the choice of Geography, Ancient History, Modern History, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Economics. We also offer History Extension in Year 12 for those with a passion for the study of History.

Through their studies we encourage our students to develop a strong understanding of the society in which they live so they can better understand how they can positively contribute.

Study within the classroom is supported by a specifically designed excursion program involving fieldwork and specialised site visits and a variety of extension activities.

Languages

At North Sydney Boys we proudly offer six languages through to HSC level, one of the few New South Wales schools to do so. The languages offered are Classical Greek, French, German, Indonesian, Japanese and Latin.

In Year 7, boys are introduced to all of these languages, with the exception of Classical Greek (which can be chosen from Year 9), studying each for a period of 8 weeks. From Year 8, students can choose up to two of the languages studied in Year 7.

Students from Year 10 to 12 are often successful in gaining scholarships for short and long term stays overseas and Year 10 and 11 students have the opportunity to participate in overseas study tours to Japan and New Caledonia.

The use of online and internet resources is an integral part of the teaching and learning of languages, extending the range of learning experiences offered to the students.

We enjoy a passion for languages at the school with many of our students studying a language to Year 12 and beyond.

Information Technology

Information technology is integrated across all subjects. Technology is influential in helping teachers to expand beyond linear, text-based learning and to engage students. A significant investment is made each year in hardware, including expansion of the wireless network, support and development of e-learning platforms. For students wishing to challenge their knowledge and skills, they can choose to study Information Processes and Technology in Years 9 and 10 as an accelerated HSC course. Software Design and Development is offered in Years 11 and 12.

Creative and Performing Arts

Students are encouraged to pursue their creative side in the fields of music, drama, visual arts, and photography. Our boys develop confidence and valuable communication skills as they learn to express themselves in a variety of performing and visual media.

An extensive performance and exhibition schedule encourages our students to pursue excellence and hone their creativity. An annual Creative and Performing Arts Expo showcases visual arts, drama and music class work from Years 7 – 12.



Students can study Drama, Music 1, Music 2 and Visual Arts right through to the HSC. We offer music at the Extension level in Year 12 for those students seeking challenge beyond the standard HSC.

Technology and Applied Studies



Through their study over six years, our boys gain an awareness of how appropriate solutions can be developed to respond to specific global and environmental needs. The boys develop problem solving skills, management skills and teamwork. They also learn how to apply state of the art technology and work with a range of materials.

Design and Technology is mandatory for Years 7 & 8 students. Elective subjects in Years 9 and 10 include Food Technology, Power Systems, Wood/Metal Technology,

Graphics Technology and Engineering. In senior years the HSC courses, Engineering Studies and Design and Technology, are available.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDH&PE)

The North Sydney Boys school community is committed to the boys' emotional, social and physical health and the study of PDHPE delivers and develops important skills and knowledge in this area.

All boys take PDHPE in Years 7 – 10 and in Years 9 and 10 students can choose to study Physical Activity and Sports Studies as an elective. In Years 11 and 12 students can opt to study PDHPE as an HSC subject.

Sport

The boys participate in grade or recreational sport every Wednesday afternoon, giving them the opportunity to improve their physical fitness and have fun.

We have grade teams in the following sports:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Futsal
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Oz Tag
- Rugby Union
- Soccer
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water polo
- Baseball

Students who don't play grade sport, can choose from a wide range of recreational sports:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Fencing
- Fitness training
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Futsal
- Ice Skating
- Indoor rock climbing
- Lawn bowls
- Soccer
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

We also enter our students in a number of state-wide knockout competitions in a range of sports such as basketball, cricket, hockey, lawn bowls, table tennis, soccer, tennis, volleyball and water polo.



Learning Areas		Stage 4			Stage 5			Stage 6		
		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12			
					Yr 9 & 10 students choose 3 electives from the electives listed below in addition to the compulsory courses listed					
English		English	English	Compulsory English	Compulsory English	Compulsory: English		English Advanced English Extension 1 English Extension 2		
Mathematics		Mathematics	Mathematics	Compulsory Mathematics Stage 5.3	Compulsory Mathematics Stage 5.3	Compulsory Mathematics or Mathematics Extension 1	Mathematics Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2			
Science		Science	Science	Compulsory Science	Compulsory Science	Compulsory Science	Physics Chemistry Biology	Physics Chemistry Biology		
Human Society in its Environment		Geography History	Geography History	Compulsory Geography History Civics Elective Commerce History Acceleration offered (Preliminary) Business Studies	Compulsory Geography History Civics Elective Commerce History Acceleration offered (HSC) Business Studies	Compulsory Modern History Ancient History Business Studies Economics Geography Legal Studies	Modern History Ancient History History Extension Business Studies Economics Geography Legal Studies			
Languages		Each language covered for 8 weeks French German Indonesian Japanese Latin	Choose up to 2 from French German Indonesian Japanese Latin	Elective French German Indonesian Japanese Latin Classical Greek	Elective French German Indonesian Japanese Latin Classical Greek	<i>All subjects offered in Continuers and Extension:</i> Classical Greek French German Indonesian Japanese Latin	<i>All subjects offered in Continuers and Extension:</i> Classical Greek French German Indonesian Japanese Latin			
Information Technology				Elective <i>Acceleration offered</i> Preliminary Information Processes and Technology	Elective <i>Acceleration offered</i> HSC Information Processes and Technology	Software Design and Development	Software Design and Development			
Technological and Applied Studies		Technology	Technology	Elective Food technology Power Systems Design and Technology Wood Technology Graphics Technology Engineering	Elective Food technology Power Systems Design and Technology Wood Technology Graphics Technology Engineering	Engineering Studies Design and Technology	Engineering Studies Design and Technology			
Creative and Performing Arts		Music Visual Arts	Choose up to 1 from: Drama Music Visual Arts	Elective Drama Music Visual Arts Photography and Digital Imaging	Elective Drama Music Visual Arts Photography and Digital Imaging	Drama Music 1 Music 2 Visual Arts	Drama Music 1 Music 2 Visual Arts			
Personal Development, Health and PE		PDH&PE	PDH&PE	Compulsory PDH&PE Elective Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)	Compulsory PDH&PE Elective Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)	PDH&PE	PDH&PE			

Outdoor Education Program

Over his six years at North Sydney Boys each student attends six outdoor education camps. Through the camp education 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 and beyond. The Year 11 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.

In Year 11 the camp is held at Jindabyne where the boys ski and snowboard. We are joined by the students from Burwood Girls High School, giving the boys the chance to forge new friendships, many of which continue beyond the camp. 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.

The final camp, in Year 12, is a study camp, which helps students improve the effectiveness of their study program for the HSC. It offers students the opportunity to form study groups, work productively in teams, link more broadly with their peers academically beyond their social circle, reflect on their study skills and performance from their recent assessment tasks, participate in outdoor activities, as well as looking at their general wellbeing.



Enrichment through our co-curricular program

At North Sydney Boys our co-curricular program is designed to enrich the experience of our students. With this objective, it is known as the enrichment program.

The enrichment program is designed to encourage students to develop a range of skills that they will carry beyond their school years. Our students develop skills in leadership, communication, management and team work during their school lives to help build their self esteem and confidence.

Our enrichment program enables our boys to make friends and have fun as they join with fellow students to enjoy their passions and interests.

We understand the importance of a balanced life. We provide an engaging, diverse and active enrichment program which helps students achieve this.

Involvement in enrichment activities is essential for boys to reach their potential and enjoy school life beyond the classroom.

Each student has a wide range of activities from which to choose.

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.

Saturday sport

Saturday sport is offered at the school through our parent run organisation, Falcon Sport. Boys can choose to be part of a Falcon Sport team with their friends and compete in club sport in the following sports – basketball, cricket, futsal (indoor soccer), orienteering, soccer, table tennis, tennis and Taekwondo.

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 including Australian football, basketball, cricket, fencing, hockey, lawn bowls, soccer, tennis, volleyball and water polo. 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 challenging for the Crawford Shield. This exchange takes place on a rotational basis in March of each year. Each school fields teams in athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, cricket, debating, fencing, futsal, lawn bowls, music, table tennis, tennis, and water polo.

Performance Opportunities

Creative and Performing Arts



Our creative and performing arts program offers the opportunity for our boys to participate in over 13 musical and drama ensembles incorporating over 250 students, 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. Recent trips have included ensembles performing in Singapore and at the Merimbula Jazz Festival.

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 and a public speaking club with North Sydney Girls High School runs every week. Our teachers work closely with students keen to develop their critical thinking, debating and public speaking and presentation skills. Debating workshops are delivered by an external provider promoting these 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.

Design and Media

Students are responsible for the design and production of the school's yearbook using commercial graphic design programs. Through the application of contemporary design principles the boys produce a commercial quality publication and a great record of the year at North Sydney Boys.

We also have a team of school appointed student photographers who are responsible for capturing the events and day to day life of the school for use in the yearbook, school publications and for our archives.

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.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an international program for young people aged 14 – 25 years. At North Sydney Boys all students over the age of 14 years are eligible to take part in the program. The program aims to equip young people for life by encouraging service, physical activity and the experience of adventure. The Award comprises three levels, each progressively more challenging: Bronze for those over 14 years, Silver for those over 15 years and Gold for those over 16 years. The choice to do The Duke of

Edinburgh Award Scheme is entirely voluntary and every Award is different. Each participant chooses which activities they want to take part in for each section. It is a very personal program that offers young people a structure to fulfil their passions and ambitions in a way that suits them.

Leadership program

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 seven formal student leadership groups – Student Representative Council (SRC), Charities Committee, School Environment Committee, Peer Mediation Team, Social Justice Committee, Peer Support Team and our Prefect Body. In order to be considered for Prefect in Year 12, a student must have contributed significantly to the school through the co-curricular programs and 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 Year 7 to 10 students are involved in High Resolves Global Citizenship and

Leadership Programs which present a unique opportunity to develop the motivation, skills and confidence to become engaged global citizens and leaders ready for success in a global future.

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.

Max Potential is a 22-week leadership development program offered to Year 11 and 10 students. Student participants are guided through an action learning program that gives them experience in principles of personal leadership. Over the second half of the program, each student applies these principles in a community service project.

Year 8 and 9 students are offered the opportunity of being involved in ISMO (In School Mentoring Opportunity) run by Raise Foundation. Students involved benefit from having an external trained neutral positive role model who assist them with identifying and achieving leadership goals.

Travel

North Sydney Boys students have the opportunity to travel locally and internationally with sporting and cultural exchanges.

Each year we challenge Melbourne High School in a long standing sporting and cultural challenge spanning four days. The location of the competition alternates between the two cities, giving the boys the opportunity to travel as well as be hosts to their guests at home.

Overseas language and cultural tours are available to our students. Our Japanese students have the opportunity to travel to Japan in a long standing exchange with the prestigious Tokyo Metropolitan Kokusai High School. We also host students from this school giving our boys the opportunity to forge friendships, develop their Japanese language skills and explore the culture. Other cultural tours including French and German are offered by the school to enrich the boys' experiences. North Sydney Boys supports students wishing to undertake international student exchanges and scholarships.

Our musicians have the opportunity to travel with a regular touring program including local, national and international performances. In the past, various musical ensembles have travelled to places such as Canada, Hawaii, mainland USA and Singapore. We also tour regional New South Wales and combine with other schools for workshops and concerts.

Co-curricular Program

Sport

"Saturday" sport run by parent group Falcon Sport. Over 300 students participate in Falcon Sport

- Basketball
- Badminton
- Futsal
- Orienteering

- Soccer
- Table Tennis
- Tennis

State wide knockout competitions

- Australian Rules Football
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Fencing
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls

- Rugby
- Soccer
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

Crawford Shield – annual sporting and cultural exchange with Melbourne High School

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Chess
- Cricket
- Debating
- Fencing

- Futsal
- Lawn Bowls
- Music
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Water Polo

Performance Opportunities

Creative and Performing Arts

Music Ensembles

- Symphony Orchestra
- Symphonic Winds
- Concert Band
- Stage Band
- Choir
- Vocal Ensemble with North Sydney Girls HS
- Chamber Ensembles

Performances

- Annual musical production with North Sydney Girls High School.
- Musicale – a showcase featuring all music ensembles.
- Regional, state and international festivals and concerts including National Band Championships, Music and Drama Festivals, State Music and Drama Camps and ensembles.
- Theatre Sports
- Creative and Performing Arts Expo – featuring a Visual Arts exhibition and Drama Music performances.

Year 7 students are invited to participate in Choir, Concert Band and/or Orchestra (string players). No audition is necessary and all levels of ability are accepted. Concert Band members may be invited to join Symphonic Winds if they meet the required standard.

Performance Opportunities

Debating, Mock Trial and Public Speaking

Debating

- Weekly workshops
- Competitions

Mock Trial

- Run by the Law Society of NSW for Years 10 and 11.

Public Speaking

- Public speaking club with North Sydney Girls
- Competitions

	Co-curricular Program	
Leadership Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefect Body • Student Representative Council • Charities Committee • School Environment Committee • Year 10 peer support leaders for Year 7 students • Peer Mediation Team • Social Justice Committee • High Resolves for Year 7 – 10 boys aimed at developing the boys’ understanding of their role in improving the outcomes for all in a global context. • Raise ISMO • Max Potential • Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme 	
Design and Visual Arts	Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and production of the school year book • Program covers and other design opportunities for school publications
	Multimedia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimedia group
	Visual Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School appointed school photographers
Intellectual Challenge	Competitions, Olympiads, Challenges and forums	<p>Offered across a broad range of subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Studies • Economics • English • Geography • Information Technology • Languages • Maths • Science
	Chess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess club and competitions
	Robotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotics club
Travel	Regional, interstate and international travel with sport and music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students travel to numerous festivals and events including regional and overseas travel. • Our music students have had opportunities to travel to and perform in Singapore, Hawaii and mainland USA. In December 2015 64 student musicians will be travelling to Europe to perform at schools and in public venues in some of the most exciting cultural cities including Vienna and Salzburg.
	Overseas language tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange program with Tokyo Metropolitan Kokusai High School – 2014, 2016 • French and German Language tours – in 2015 the French students will be travelling to New Caledonia • Scholarship and exchange opportunities regularly awarded to NSBH students
	Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school has actively supported students who have applied for scholarships with various organisations and governments. Recent scholarships have been located in Japan, Germany and France.

Student Wellbeing

At North Sydney Boys we value and create a school environment where every boy feels safe, cared for and supported. We achieve this through our school community, culture and student wellbeing program working in partnership with parents and carers.

From the beginning of Year 7, students are linked with Year 10 students who are trained peer support leaders to ease transition to high school. In addition boys are supported by a team of teachers dedicated to student support as well as a team of trained peer mediators.



Each student has a Year Adviser and an Assistant Year Adviser who supports him through his years at North Sydney Boys, building a strong and open relationship. All students have access to counselling services. This professional support is integral to our student wellbeing program.

We are proudly a happy, safe and caring school and have no tolerance for anti social behaviour such as bullying.

We celebrate each boy's achievements and successes as well as provide support and discipline when required. Our boys have the confidence to be themselves, in a school where they know they belong.

Who is responsible for student wellbeing?



Everyone at North Sydney Boys is committed to ensuring each student is happy, safe and reaching his fullest potential. Individuals and teams made up of teachers, counsellors and students all come together to provide a supportive learning environment.

We also value the partnership that exists between school and family. This partnership is based on shared responsibility and mutual respect.

Together as a school community, we aim to realise the potential and aspirations of each boy.

How do we support the wellbeing of each student?

At North Sydney Boys we enjoy celebrating the successes of our students and do so on a regular basis through our reward system, public recognition and participation rewards.

From time to time, students may need individualised support. We have a formal framework to manage issues of wellbeing, learning support and behaviour management. The framework is there to guide students and staff to a positive resolution and is personalised to each student and situation.

We encourage students to address any concerns at an early stage. If concerns continue, our three dedicated support teams (Wellbeing, Learning Support and Behaviour Management) work with students and families to achieve a positive outcome.



School Community

A deep sense of community exists within the school. We enjoy the benefits of a highly supportive school community that works to improve the experience for all within North Sydney Boys.

Our boys play a critical and valued role in their school community, contributing to the school's priorities through involvement in school community groups, student committees and student led activities.

Our boys acknowledge and celebrate each other's achievements and talents. They develop and enjoy a deep sense of school pride that carries them beyond the school gates.

We also actively encourage and support students to contribute to their local community. In doing so our boys gain an understanding of social justice issues, develop a sense of their place in society and understand where they can best make a difference today and in their future pursuits. The boys gain valuable experiences that help develop integrity, empathy and respect.

Our parents are actively involved in the school through the School Council, P&C, Auxiliary, Falcon Sport and Falcon Foundation. They are passionately committed to the school and we greatly appreciate their involvement.



Year 7 student with his Peer Support Leader on Year 7 camp

School Council

The School Council of North Sydney Boys fosters and supports the school's achievement of its mission, vision and core values.

The Council promotes a structured environment and forum for our school community to work together to achieve the highest educational standards and environment for our students, so that they can make an active contribution to their community today and in the future.

The School Council supports the Principal in the planning, achievement and monitoring of the school's strategic plan. It ensures that the school has the appropriate professional support and advice.

The Council is made up of our School Executive team and members from each of our school community groups (P&C, the Auxiliary, Falcon Foundation, Falcon Sport, Old Falconians Union and student representatives) and each member brings a unique view of the school as well their own professional skills and knowledge.

Parents and Citizens Association

The P&C is an integral part of the North Sydney Boys community. It aims to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and to support projects to improve the facilities and equipment for the boys and staff of the school. The funds for these important projects are raised through the voluntary P&C contributions made by parents.

The P&C provides a forum for the dissemination of information on education and related issues within the school community and allows parents the opportunity to talk about issues of concern to them and present their views to the school administration.

Falcon Foundation

Made up of current and past parents, the Falcon Foundation works closely with the school to identify and implement key infrastructure projects and do so with the assistance of parent donations to the Foundation's building fund.

The Falcon Foundation supports the school in meeting its need for continual development in teaching facilities. The Foundation was established because government funding does not provide all the facilities that these talented students require.

The Foundation's current project is the expansion and refurbishment of the school library, doubling its current size. Construction will be completed in October 2013.

Recent projects the Falcon Foundation has successfully achieved are the complete refurbishment of the Library, the AF Henry Hall, the upgrading and refurbishment of science labs and the complete refurbishment of the junior boys' toilets.

Falcon Sport

Falcon Sport is a parent-run organisation that provides a co-curricular sports program for North Sydney Boys students. This is an additional program to school sport and is offered after school hours for boys who are interested.

Approximately 350 players represent the school in sporting competitions each year under the Falcon Sport banner. The sports currently included are badminton, basketball, soccer, futsal, orienteering, table tennis and tennis. In addition, there are about 80 old boys who play in all-age competitions in soccer.



The aim of Falcon Sport is to encourage the enjoyment of sport, and to support the personal and social development of the boys through participation in team sports.

Participating in school-based teams gives boys from different backgrounds the opportunity to develop new friendships and to socialise with their schoolmates. The bonds of friendship developed through Falcon Sport often endure well beyond the school years. Falcon Sport also provides parents with opportunities to get to know each other and to get involved in the boys sporting activities.

Auxiliary

The Auxiliary plays a very important role at North Sydney Boys with active assistance and fundraising.

The Auxiliary's main roles within the school are:

- To host the Welcome Afternoon Tea for Year 7 Parents and the Annual Fundraising Dinner.
- To provide hospitality for key school events such as the Musicale and the annual musical production with North Sydney Girls High School.
- To help at school social and information events throughout the year such as Open Day and Enrolment Day.
- To raise funds for additional facilities and resources for the boys.
- To manage the day to day running of the uniform shop.
- To help the library, drama and music departments.

The Auxiliary fosters friendships amongst parents which in turn maintain our sense of community and cohesion.

Old Falconians' Union

The Old Falconians' Union, our alumni organisation, provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to maintain a link with the school and their friends.

Our old boys also take a great pride in the success and achievements of current students and many continue to contribute to the school by coaching current students in activities such as mock trial, sport and public speaking.



A to Z of Day to Day Life

Canteen

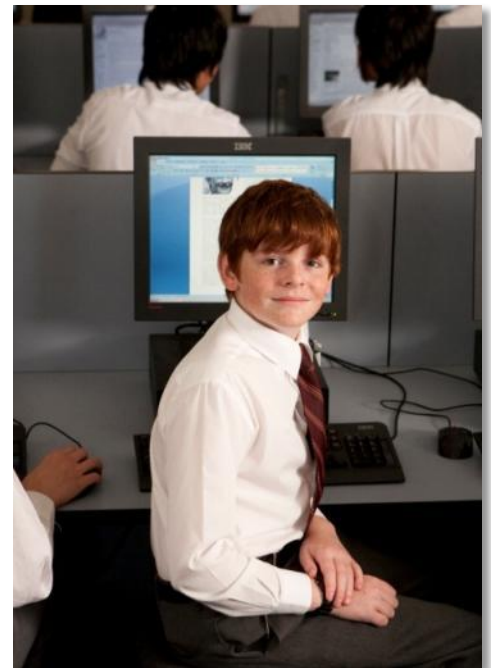
Our canteen is commercially run, awarded by tender taking into account feedback from parents, staff and students. Our canteen serves an extensive range of options for breakfast and lunch and is open all day to serve students during free periods.

Computers

We have six dedicated computer labs. These computers are equipped with CAD, multimedia digital editing, programming, music editing, geographic information systems, robotic engineering command software as well as a range of science and language resources.

All teaching spaces have access to the wireless network and all have data projectors.

The school has developed a BYOD Policy which allows students to bring their own mobile computing device to school and access the wifi network. ICT plays a very significant part in teaching and learning at North Sydney Boys.



Homework

Homework is an important element to study at North Sydney Boys. It assists in the consolidation and revision of work done during the day. Boys will also be given assignments to be planned and completed over a set period of time.

Homework at North Sydney Boys is not about the quantity of homework set but rather the quality of the task set and the expected standard of work returned. We want our boys to enjoy a healthy balance between school work and their interests, and expect that they will be involved in co-curricular and community based activities. Hours of homework you could expect at North Sydney Boys:

Years	Hours per night
7 – 8	At least 1 – 2
9 – 10	At least 2 – 3
11 – 12	At least 3

Hours of the day

School commences at 8.50am each day, with boys expected to be at school by 8.40am to ensure they are at their homeroom for roll call. Boys finish at 3.15pm except on Tuesdays when Scripture is run from 2.33pm and Wednesday afternoon when the boys participate in sport from 1.30 – 2.30pm.

On all days except Wednesday the boys will attend six classes or periods.

Library

Our library, centrally located in the school, has a wealth of resources available to the boys. Over 20,000 magazines, books, study guides and CDs are on offer as well as 37 computers for student use.

Research has shown that boys need ready access to the type of reading they prefer, so we actively seek out and deliver titles the boys want.

For those students who love spending time in libraries, students also have the opportunity to train as library assistants.

The library underwent an extensive redevelopment in 2014 – doubling the size of the library and completely renovating the space. The project was significant, costing \$2.5million, and was entirely funded and managed by our school community.

North Sydney Girls High School

We are fortunate to enjoy a strong link with North Sydney Girls High School giving the boys valuable opportunities. Joint activities such as the annual musical production and the public speaking club



see many friendships form that continue beyond their school years. We also enjoy many social events with the girls, including junior and senior dances, co-ed days and the always fun Senior Challenges between the Year 12 students.

Special religious education (Scripture)

Scripture classes are conducted at the school each week on Tuesday afternoon from 2.33pm until 3.15pm by visiting religious education teachers. We currently have religious classes for the following faiths – Catholic, Protestant, Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish. Students not attending scripture classes are dismissed from class at 2.33pm.



Text books

All textbooks are issued by the school on loan and should be covered and treated with proper care. They are to be returned when recalled and when leaving the school.

Transport

North Sydney Boys is located on the corner of Falcon and Miller Streets and is well serviced by public transport. Your son is likely to travel with students from North Sydney Boys and other nearby schools, making travel fun and safe. For transport information see the integrated transport website 131500.com.au

Train

Students from the north shore, upper north shore and western regions of Sydney are serviced by the North Shore and Western train lines to St Leonards and North Sydney stations. The Northern line services North Sydney station from which students can walk or catch a regular bus service to school.

Bus

Bus services to and from the north shore, lower north shore, north-west suburbs and the northern beaches run directly past the school making access easy for students located on the north shore. Details of school bus services are available at <http://www.sydneybuses.info/schools.htm>.

Travel passes

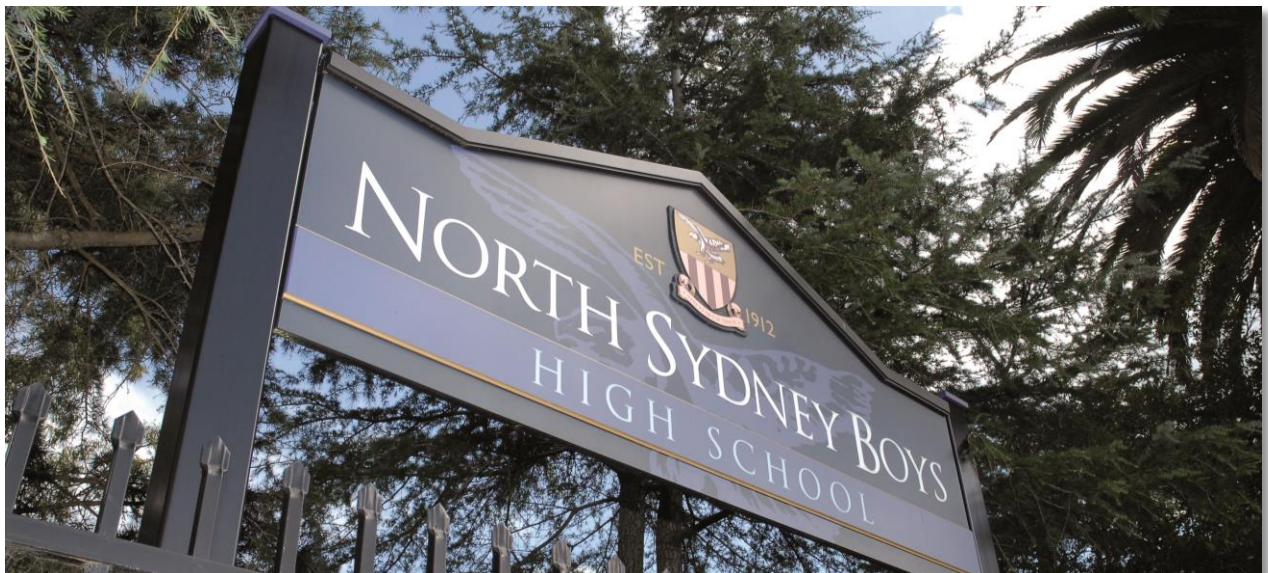
Students travelling to North Sydney Boys by public transport may be eligible for subsidised travel to and from school under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), managed by the NSW Ministry of Transport. For detailed information about the scheme including eligibility visit <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/>

Voluntary school contributions

We seek financial support from each family to ensure we can offer the education our students require.

1. General Contribution – this is used to supplement educational resources, infrastructure programs and camps.
2. Elective Subject Levy(s) – which help meet the costs of materials used and consumed by students in elective subjects.
3. Annual P&C membership – Funds collected by the P&C Association are generally used to purchase items of equipment and other resources to be used in the school's teaching and learning programs.
4. Falcon Foundation Building Fund – voluntary and tax deductible.
5. Annual P&C grounds maintenance.

Full details on contribution levels and our preferred collection dates are issued at the start of the year. Charges for sport, excursions and other extracurricular activities are notified at the appropriate times during the school year.



How to Apply

North Sydney Boys High School is an academically selective high school. Placement for Year 7 is based on the results of your son's school performance at school and in the DEC Selective Schools test. Placement in Years 8 – 11 is based on your son's academic ability and his involvement and achievements in co-curricular and community activities.

Year 7 enrolment

Each year 150 boys are selected for entry to North Sydney Boys High School. The application process for Year 7 is handled by the High Performing Students Unit, at the Department of Education.

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/types/selectiveschools.php>

Entry into these schools is determined by your son's results in the Selective High School Placement Test in English (including reading and writing), mathematics and general ability, together with his primary school's assessment in English and mathematics. Other evidence of academic merit may also be considered.

Boys are offered places on the basis of a score comprising results from the above measures and a preference list, nominated by the families, of up to four schools.

Application forms are available from selective high schools and from state primary schools and district offices. The application package can also be downloaded from the Selective High School and Opportunity Cass Placement Unit.

The Selective Schools Unit website contains useful information. Please take time to read and watch the presentations made available for parents.

Year 8 – 11



In Years 8 – 11, we offer limited places for enrolment. In Years 8 – 10, we maintain a waiting list to fill vacancies that occur from time to time and in Year 11 we take a new cohort of students.

Places on the waiting list are maintained for 12 months only. To be considered for the waiting list for a subsequent year, families need to undertake the application process again.

The application process for enrolments in Years 8 – 11 is managed by the school and consists of the following steps.

1. Completion of the application, which consists of the following elements. The application deadline is usually the end of July of the preceding year.
 - a. DEC application form
 - b. North Sydney Boys High School Summary of Achievements form
 - c. Copies of the student's two most recent semester reports
 - d. Evidence of co-curricular and community involvement and achievements.
 - e. Payment of an application fee (non-refundable)
 - f. Photo identification form to be presented on the day of the exam.
 (Incomplete applications will not be considered)
2. Sitting of the North Sydney Boys High School Selective High School Entrance Exam. This usually takes place in early August.
3. If required, an interview with the selection panel consisting of the Director Public Schools North Sydney, Principal (or delegate) and Year Adviser.
4. Advice of the outcome of application is posted in late August.

Selection Criteria

Students selected for enrolment at North Sydney Boys are expected to support and enhance the culture of the school in its pursuit of academic excellence, through a commitment to personal academic achievement and participation in a range of co-curricular activities including sport. The Selection Committee considers:

- the educational history of the student
- his performance in academic competitions
- his sporting interests and accomplishments
- his co-curricular interests and abilities
- his reasons for wishing to attend North Sydney Boys High School
- the availability of subjects/courses or combinations of these
- compassionate circumstances



Year 8 - 11 in 2017

If you are interested in enrolment to Years 8-11 in 2017 applications will be available late June 2016, and will be posted on the school website after this date. Applications may also be collected from the school Front Office during school hours after late June.



NORTH SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

VISION

To be the premier boys school in New South Wales.

MISSION STATEMENT

Preparing young men to be our future.

CORE VALUES

Our vision will be realised by:

Achieving academic excellence

Learning in an inspirational and innovative environment

Creating opportunities to lead, engage and play

Nurturing young men

Belonging to and serving our community.

EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION
IN BOYS EDUCATION