



Parramatta High School

A partially selective co-educational high school
offering excellence and innovation in a supportive environment

Sydney's oldest co-educational high school with high expectations for all students, a strong culture of learning and a tradition of academic achievement



A reputation for delivering quality education to all students

Since its establishment in 1913, Parramatta High School has maintained its reputation for outstanding academic results with high expectations for student achievement.

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers are dedicated to ensuring that students reach their full potential.

Our students are inspired to explore their individual interest in a varied curriculum. We offer innovative student wellbeing programs including Positive Education that promote a healthy lifestyle. Our students access a wide range of sporting activities.

Students are encouraged to be socially responsible citizens by being involved in their community, raising funds for charity and participating in equity forums to present the student views on social justice.



A tradition of outstanding academic success and a bright future as a partially selective school

Strong performances in the 2017 HSC, with all courses achieving above the state average.

Outstanding NAPLAN results for 2018. Year 9 students achieved outstanding growth with results above the state and regional average and other partially selective schools. Year 7 students also achieved growth in all areas of literacy and numeracy.

We celebrate the achievement and success of our students at assemblies and awards nights throughout the year. Our quality teaching and learning programs have been recognised with the introduction of selective classes in Year 7 2010.



A broad range of subjects offered to meet students interests and aspirations

Parramatta High School provides a comprehensive curriculum that caters to the interests of our students. We provide the unique opportunity to study a variety of languages from Years 7 to 12.

Our challenging and innovative programs for Gifted and Talented students are designed to extend and enrich their learning experience.

We offer excellent support programs for students with special needs. Our experienced learning support team develop individual programs for student improvement.

A highly successful careers program ensures that our students have the best possible access to further education, scholarships, early access schemes or full-time employment at the completion of their studies.

Years 7 and 8 Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Personal Development / Health / Physical Education
- Sport—integrated
- Languages—French and Indonesian
- Technology
- Music
- Visual Arts

Years 9 and 10 Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Personal Development / Health / Physical Education

Elective Subjects*

- Behind the Scenes
- Commerce
- Dance
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Elective History
- Imaginary Worlds
- Food Technology
- Forensics
- French
- Graphics Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Indonesian
- Information & Software Technology
- Mission to Mars—Rockets & Robots
- Music
- Physical Activity & Sport
- Re-Engineering History
- Textiles & Design
- Visual Arts
- Where the truth lies

*Students make three elective subject choices

Years 9 to 11 participate in weekly grade, recreational or social sport

Years 11 and 12 Courses

- Ancient History*
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Community & Family Studies
- Design & Technology
- Earth & Environmental Science
- Economics
- Engineering Studies
- EALD
- English Extension 1 & 2
- Food Technology
- French Continuers and Beginners
- History Extension 1
- Geography
- Hospitality VET
- Indonesian Continuers and Beginners
- Industrial Technology
- Information Processes & Technology
- Info & Digital Technology VET
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics*
- Modern History*
- Music
- PDHPE
- Physics
- Retail Services VET
- Science Extension
- Society & Culture
- Software & Design
- Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
- Textiles & Design
- Visual Arts

*Extension courses available in these subjects

Also available:

- Saturday School of Community Languages
- NSW School of Languages
- Traineeships
- Opportunity to study at TAFE

Web-based Communication

- SMS messaging for absences
- School website
- On-Line Subject Selection
- Parent-Teacher Night Bookings
- Payment on line—POP
- Fortnightly Newsletters
- Facebook

Enrichment Activities

English

- Debating Competitions
- Legacy Public Speaking
- NSW Plain Speaking Award
- ICAS Schools English Comp
- ICAS Writing Competition
- ICAS Spelling Competition

Mathematics

- Australian Maths Competition
- ICAS Mathematics Competition
- Enrichment after school classes

Science

- Australian Schools Science Competition—ICAS
- RACI Chemistry Quiz
- RACI Titration Competition
- Big Science Competition
- Science Expo Days
- AAS Challenge
- Lachlan Macquarie Gifted & Talented Days
- Science Olympiads

History

- Australian History Competition
- Fieldwork, museum and university visits
- History Teachers Association HSC Study Days

Languages

- Language Perfect World Championship
- Language Perfect NSW State Competition





Parramatta High School celebrates individual and cultural differences.

Our aim is to develop socially responsible citizens who will make a valuable contribution to the wider community.

HSIE Human Society & Its Environment

Social Sciences

- Society & Culture Personal Interest Project Day (PIP)
- Share Market Games
- Australian Geography Competition
- Australia Business Studies Competition
- Australian Economics Comp
- Chartered Accountants meet the Business Leaders Meeting
- Market Day
- Money Stuff Challenge
- Society & Culture Study Days

Geography

- Aust Geography Competition
- Fieldwork

PDHPE

- School representative sport—swimming, cross country, athletics, gala days
- Grade, Zone and Area Representative Sport

Music

- Stage Band
- Flute & String Ensembles
- Wind Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Music Performance Night
- Rock Shows
- PULSE Choir and Concert
- Music Tuition
- School Assembly Performances
- Dance
- Dance Ensemble

TAS

- Programming Club
- ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- PHM Visit
- UNSW ProgComp
- NCCS Programming Comp
- Zero Robotics Competition
- Science & Engineering Challenge
- Aust Infomatics Olympiad
- Aust Video Game Challenge
- NCSS Challenge
- Powerhouse Museum Visit
- Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) Competition

Developing the talents of every individual

- Social Justice League
- Mind Marathon
- Chess Club
- Environmental Initiatives
- Fundraising Activities
- Debating & Public Speaking
- Music, Dance & Drama Performances & Tutoring
- iCre8—Craft Club
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Leadership Conferences
- School Leadership Programs
- Peer Mediation
- Peer Reading
- SRC
- Youth Forums
- Values Education Forums
- Tournament of Minds
- Lachlan Macquarie College Extension Programs
- High Resolves
- Guided Reading





Lauren has settled into high school really well. She enjoys going to school every day and has made lots of friends. I was very pleased with her recent school report and her teachers gave me valuable feedback at the Parent Teacher Night

Mrs Wragg, Parent

An excellent range of learning facilities and resources

- 2 Future Focus Learning Classrooms
- WiFi connectivity in every learning space
- Interactive whiteboard/projector technology in every classroom
- modern science laboratories
- three dedicated computer labs
- computers for class loan
- 3D printing technology
- graphics technology centre
- language learning centre
- connected classroom
- fully equipped music rooms
- integrated audio-visual system
- specialist art rooms
- technology workshops
- two kitchens—includes a commercial grade kitchen
- specialist textiles room
- modern well-resourced library with access to digital media
- assembly hall
- full service canteen
- senior study centre
- basketball and volleyball courts, cricket nets and playing field

Exceptional support for every student in a well-disciplined school

We are a national leader in the *Positive Behaviour for Learning* approach to student welfare and discipline.

Our school operates on the core values of Respect, Responsibility and Honesty.

Expectations are explicitly taught and reinforced by a system of merit and consequences, creating a safe, happy learning environment.

Our welfare programs are designed to promote resilience, self-confidence, personal development and social skills. Bullying and harassment are totally unacceptable.

Welfare programs include:

- Positive Education
- Yr 6 - 7 Transition Program
- Peer Support Program
- Student Mentoring Program
- Anti Bullying and Anti Racism
- Gender Equity Program
- HSC Stress Management
- Welfare Incursions
- HSC Exam Preparation

A welcoming and friendly school that encourages and promotes parent and community involvement

Parents are invited to attend forums and are a welcome voice in school governance. They have an opportunity to be represented on a variety of committees including enrolment, merit selection, Annual School Report, uniform and school promotions.

A fortnightly newsletter informs parents about school activities and events.

Parents are welcome to contact the school to discuss their child's progress and attend events such as the:

- Year 7 Meet the Teacher afternoon
- Open Day
- Integration Review Meetings
- Parent Teacher Nights
- Year 8 & 10 Subject Selection Nights

Student achievement is regularly celebrated on weekly school assemblies and at special events such as the:

- Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony
- Academic Recognition Ceremony
- Awards Presentation Night

Parents of enrolling Year 7 students receive important information at the Year 7 Orientation Day and Information Evening.



If you would like more information about the exceptional education programs we offer, please contact us or visit our website.

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