



# 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 2016 HSC, with many courses achieving above the state average.

Outstanding NAPLAN results for 2017. 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
- Filmmaking
- Food Technology
- Forensics
- French
- Getaway
- 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
- English as a Second Language
- English\*
- 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
- Society & Culture
- Software & Design
- Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
- Textiles & Design
- Visual Arts

\*Extension courses available in these subjects

### Also available:

- Saturday School of Community Languages
- Open High School Language Courses
- 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 Mathematics Competition
- ICAS Mathematics Competition
- Australian Mathematics Olympiad

### 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

### TAS

- Programming Club
- ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- PHM Visit
- UNSW Programming Competition
- NCCS Programming Competition
- Castle Hill Show





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

### History

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

### Social Sciences

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

### Geography

- Aust Geography Competition
- Fieldwork

## 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

## Languages

- Language Perfect World Championship
- Language Perfect NSW State Competition
- ACER Competition

## PDHPE

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

## 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
- two 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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