Excellence and innovation in boys education
Welcome

Welcome to North Sydney Boys High School.

North Sydney Boys High School is an academically selective high school for boys. Every student is provided opportunities to develop skills that will carry him beyond his school years. Our school offers excellence and innovation in boys’ education.

We are proud of the outstanding academic success North Sydney boys achieve. Our students thrive in an environment that promotes independent, confident learners. Learning alongside likeminded and talented peers, our boys enjoy a rich and supportive environment.

Our curriculum is diverse, and is taught by expert teachers who are passionate about their subjects. Our teaching team is experienced and knowledgeable in meeting the specific needs of talented boys, giving each student the opportunity to excel.

We encourage all boys to have a balanced life. Our co-curricular program is designed to enrich each student’s experience at North Sydney Boys. Each boy is offered opportunities in sport, culture, leadership, outdoor education and creative and performing arts. An education enriched with a broad range of experiences develops skills that will equip each boy for success.

At North Sydney Boys we aim to provide students with a caring environment. We support and respect all students through our school community and wellbeing programs, which involve parents, carers, teachers and peers.

Students contribute to and connect with their local community in a variety of ways. This enables them to gain a better understanding of how they can make a difference and helps them to develop empathy, respect and integrity. Within the school a deep sense of community is nurtured through the valuable contributions of the boys and our many wonderful, committed parent groups.

Robyn Hughes
Principal
Achieving academic success

At North Sydney Boys our students achieve outstanding academic success.

Our boys become independent, confident and successful learners who go on to university studies of their choice. Students thrive in a dynamic environment with likeminded and talented peers. The boys achieve academic excellence through sharing a passion for learning.

We offer a diverse curriculum in traditional and innovative disciplines, giving every student the greatest opportunity to study subjects that he enjoys and that will lead to a career to which he aspires.

At North Sydney Boys we focus on the integration of information technology across all subject areas. Technology enhances the quality of teaching and learning for our boys and the school delivers a wide range of innovative programs and services to students and teachers.

In an increasingly complex and global world, literacy is a key skill and important focus at North Sydney Boys. Literacy is addressed in each subject area so that appropriate skills are developed and applied.

North Sydney Boys is one of the top performing boys’ schools in the state. We are proud of this tradition of achievement.

**English**

The study of English at North Sydney Boys is creative, exciting and intellectually inspiring. Including studies in classical and contemporary literature and film, students develop skills to experiment with ideas and expression.

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.

Debating and public speaking are integral to the junior course of study. The confidence to address an audience is a critical skill for the future.

All students in Years 11 and 12 study English at the advanced level. We offer further study in English Extension 1 course and Year 12 students have the option to study English Extension 2.

**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.

We offer courses and programs designed to meet the needs of each student. In the junior years all students study Mathematics leading to Stage 5.3 (previously known as Advanced). In Year 11 students study 2 Unit Mathematics or Extension 1 and in Year 12 they can choose to study 2 Unit Mathematics, Extension 1 or Extension 2.
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.

At North Sydney Boys we offer general science in the junior years and Chemistry, Physics and Biology in the senior years.

Human Society in its Environment

Human Society in its Environment involves the study of people, cultures, societies and environments in different places and times. In the junior years this includes the study of Geography, History and Commerce. In the senior years our students have the choice of Geography, Ancient History, Modern History, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Economics.

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 Japanese, Indonesian, French, German, Latin and Classical Greek.

In Year 7, all boys study five languages – Japanese, Indonesian, French, German and Latin and then choose which languages they would like to continue in Year 8.

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. For students wishing to further develop their knowledge and skills, they can choose to study Information Processes and Technology in Years 9 and 10 as an accelerated HSC course, or Software Design and Development in the senior years.

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Creative and Performing Arts

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

Music and visual arts are studied by all Year 7 students and drama is offered from Year 8. In the senior years students have the option of Music 1 and 2 and Music Extension, Drama and Visual Arts. Photography is offered to Year 11 students.

An extensive performance and exhibition schedule encourages our students to pursue excellence and hone their creativity.

Technological and Applied Studies

All students in Years 7 and 8 study the subject Technology which aims to develop their ability to design, produce and evaluate a solution to a specified need. Working with wood, metals, plastics, computers, graphics and allied materials, the boys learn to apply their thinking to real life situations.

In Years 9 and 10 students can choose to focus their technological and applied studies skills and knowledge in one or more of the subjects offered - Design and Technology, Engineering, Food Technology, Power Systems, Technical Drawing and Wood Technology.

In Years 11 and 12 students can further develop their engineering skills with Engineering Studies. This subject provides the boys with the skills, knowledge and understanding required in engineering giving them a strong foundation for further 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 technology.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

All students study Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) in Years 7 - 10. 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.

In Years 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to study Physical Activity and Sports Studies as an elective subject. This subject gives students a broad view of physical activity and the many ways in which individuals can build activity into their lifestyles.

In Years 11 and 12 students can elect to study PDHPE which involves students learning about and practising ways of maintaining active, healthy lifestyles and improving their health within a social and scientific context.

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 basketball, cricket, hockey, futsal (indoor soccer), lawn bowls, Oz Tag, rugby, table tennis, tennis, volleyball and water polo. A wide range of recreational sport is offered including tennis coaching, indoor climbing, Taekwondo and ten pin bowling.

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Learning in an inspirational and innovative environment

Our boys enjoy learning with teachers who are experts in their subject, many of whom are involved in HSC exam setting and marking and the development of curriculum.

Our teachers have highly developed skills in teaching talented students, providing each student with the opportunity to excel in a rich and challenging learning environment.

The teaching team at North Sydney Boys is experienced and knowledgeable in meeting the educational needs of boys. They are passionate about bringing out the best in each student through innovative teaching.

Meeting the educational needs of boys

At North Sydney Boys we understand the educational needs of boys. Extensive research in this area supports the teaching and learning applied by our teachers, ensuring the boys are engaged and challenged.

We continue to update our knowledge in this area, so we can meet the ever developing educational needs of young men.

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Opportunities for the gifted and talent student

Our boys have exceptional talents in a range of areas – intellectual, creative, physical and social.

These talents create a particular demand for opportunities both within and beyond the classroom. At North Sydney Boys we offer each boy opportunities to extend himself across all subject areas.

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

Beyond the classroom, students have a breadth of opportunity open to them through the extension programs offered in every subject. Competitions, challenges, workshops, camps, extension classes, performance showcases and Olympiad training are offered.

At North Sydney Boys every student has the opportunity to challenge himself and quench his thirst for knowledge and learning.
Creating opportunities to engage, lead and play

At North Sydney Boys our co-curricular program is designed to enrich the experiences of our students. With this as its 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. Leadership, communication, management and team work are all developed by our boys during their school lives to help build their self esteem and confidence.

Our enrichment program enables our boys to forge and strengthen lifelong friendships as they join with friends 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.

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, 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.

Creative and Performing Arts

The Creative and Performing Arts program offers the opportunity to participate in numerous musical and drama ensembles incorporating over 150 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 Musicale, 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 and Training's extensive program of concerts, camps and ensembles to further enrich their performing arts talents.

Students are responsible for the design and production of the school's year book using commercial graphic design programs. Through the application of contemporary design principles the boys produce a commercial quality publication.

Intellectual challenge

Students are encouraged to participate in intellectual pursuits beyond the classroom.

Competitions, challenges, forums and Olympiads are offered across a broad range of subjects including Languages, Maths, Science, Geography, 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, with old boys mentoring current students, is offered. Some of our students have competed internationally.

Our boys are also involved in robotics and chess which are popular amongst the students. A chess club operates weekly after school.
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 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.

Outdoor education

Over his six years with the school each boy attends five outdoor education camps. Through the camps, 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 lasts through their six years and beyond. The Year 11 Peer Support Leaders attend this camp so a support network for our new students is developed. The final camp the boys attend is skiing and snowboarding and is held in Year 11. 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. We also offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award, giving the boys the opportunity to further develop their life and leadership skills.

Leadership programs

At North Sydney Boys we offer a 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 our Prefect Body. 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.

Travel

North Sydney Boys students have the opportunity to travel locally and internationally with sporting, cultural and music exchanges. Each year we battle Melbourne High School in a 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 to host 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 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 are offered by the school to enrich the boys’ experiences. North Sydney Boys supports students wishing to undertake international student scholarships and exchanges. Our musicians have the opportunity to travel with a regular touring program including local, national and international performances. In the past, overseas tours have included Canada, United Kingdom, North America and the Bahamas. We also tour regional New South Wales and combine with other schools for workshops and concerts.
Belonging to and serving our community

At North Sydney Boys we understand the importance of being active in our community. By contributing to their local community our boys gain an understanding of social justice issues. They develop a sense of their place in society and 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.

A deep sense of community also 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.

Parents are actively involved in the school through the School Council, P&C, Auxiliary, Falcon Sport and Falcon Foundation. Our parents are passionately committed to the school and we greatly appreciate their involvement. Our boys play a critical and valued role in their school community and their voices contribute 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 which they carry beyond the school gates.

At North Sydney Boys we nurture the leader within each boy to enable him to positively contribute to his community both today and in the future.

Nurturing young men

We have an enviable record of providing an outstanding learning environment for boys, while working to meet the needs of each student.

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

From the beginning of Year 7 students are linked with Year 11 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 who supports him through his years at North Sydney Boys, building a strong and open relationship over six years. All students have access to counselling services. This professional support is integral to our student wellbeing program.

Our boys have the confidence to be themselves, in a school where they know they belong.

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Application process

Year 7
North Sydney Boys is a selective school and enrolment is managed by the Selective High Schools and Opportunity Class Placement Unit of the Department of Education and Training. Students are required to take an entrance test which is undertaken in March of the preceding year.
For enrolment to Year 7 contact the Selective High Schools and Opportunity Class Placement Unit of the Department of Education and Training.
Phone: +61 (2) 9797 6262
Fax: +61 (2) 9707 6265
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Years 8 – 11
For enrolment to Years 8–12, applications open in late June for the following year, and close in July. The application process and form are posted on the school website. Applications may also be collected from the school Front Office during school hours.
For further information please contact the school.
Email: office@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au
Phone: +61 (2) 9955 4748

Open Day and School Tours
During term 3 we open the school to allow families a chance to see the school in action, on Open Day. For details of our Open Day please contact the school or visit our website.
In addition small group tours are conducted throughout the year. Please contact the School Development Officer for further information on +61 (2) 9955 4748.

Location
North Sydney Boys is located on the corner of Falcon and Miller Streets and is well serviced by public transport. Our boys travel from all over Sydney and train and bus links make this easy. Your son is likely to travel with students from North Sydney Boys and other nearby schools, making travel fun and safe.

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

Bus
Bus services to and from the north shore, lower north shore and the northern beaches run directly past the school making access easy for students located on the north shore.
For further transport information see the integrated transport website www.131500.com.au

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 www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/