



balgowlah boys campus

Balgowlah Boys Campus, affectionately known as 'Bally' to all past and present students, has a long and proud tradition of providing northern beaches boys with the opportunity to pursue their personal best across academic, technological, sporting, artistic and cultural fields.



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- *innovation and excellence in boys education*
- *strong discipline in a caring and co-operative environment*
- *quality teaching and enriching programs*
- *outstanding sporting, music and cultural opportunities*



Balgowlah Boys Campus provides a secure, caring and creative learning environment, which meets the needs of its boys, values the contribution of staff and responds to the aspirations of parents and the local community.

As part of the Northern Beaches Secondary College, Balgowlah Boys provides a dynamic centre of learning for its students. Balgowlah acknowledges boys' specific learning styles, provides imaginative and relevant outlets for their needs at different stages of their development and supports and nurtures their academic, social and personal growth.

Creating Opportunities

Balgowlah is more than just a local 'high school'. The Extension Studies Centre allows primary students to participate in a highly regarded gifted and talented program. A wide range of motivational and thought-provoking workshops challenge and extends students in the compulsory areas of English, Maths and Science through the use of advanced computer skills.

Creating Opportunities (cont'd)

All students at the Campus are provided with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of academic and practical subjects at all Year levels. As well, Balgowlah offers students the opportunity to participate in an extensive variety of sports, creative and performing arts, debating and public speaking and computing activities.

Music is given a very high profile at Balgowlah with stage, jazz and rock bands. The Campus has its own recording studio allowing boys to extend their skills to the sound engineering field, for recording, mixing and digitally enhancing music.

Balgowlah has a strong community focus with links to local business and community groups giving students access to experiences aimed at ensuring successful transition from school to work, whether directly or through university or industry training.

Academic Curriculum

In Years 7 and 8, students follow a wide compulsory curriculum consisting of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, French, Japanese, Design and Technology, Music, Visual Arts, PD/Health/PE and Sport.

In Years 9 and 10, Commerce, Software Technology, Food Technology, Human Movement, Visual Art, Multimedia, Music and Dance may also be studied.

Careers Education is taught to all classes in Year 10 and Special Religious Education is provided for all boys in Years 7 to 10. As a campus of the Northern Beaches Secondary College, Balgowlah is able to provide its students with access to over 80 HSC courses. This breadth of curriculum gives boys the opportunity to study courses which are totally relevant to their career aspirations and their own unique talents and interests.

Welfare

A caring school, a comprehensive Welfare and Discipline Policy, developed in conjunction with parents, students and staff, informs life at Balgowlah. This policy encourages students to be self-directed, accept responsibility for their actions and respect the rights of others.

Balgowlah has developed innovative programs to support boys' education including: peer mediation, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) and the Rock and Water Program, a martial arts based resilience and self-esteem program.

Giving our boys the foundation skills to succeed in their chosen career path and to deal confidently and positively with people in both the school and broader social context provides the focus for all welfare programs.



Sport

Balgowlah Boys has an enviable record of achievement in the sporting arena. Participation in sport is designed to develop physical capacity, skills and good sportsmanship. Regular coaching and supervision improve performance while encouraging enjoyment in both competitive and recreational sport.

Balgowlah is proud of the success achieved by its teams and individual sportsmen.

Boys can participate in:

Soccer, Tennis, Cricket, Surf Life Saving, Surfing, Golf, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Touch Football, Basketball, Water Polo.