



CECIL HILLS

HIGH SCHOOL



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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Cecil Hills High School is the leading comprehensive high school in the Liverpool area. It is strongly supported by the local community and is the school of choice with significant demand for enrolments. The school motto is "we believe in success" and this phrase underpins our approach to every aspect of teaching, learning and leading. Our staff are highly energetic and motivated and work as one to make our school a credit to public education. Our comprehensive curriculum and wide variety of subject choices enhance student engagement and attainment. Our students are respectful, responsible and successful and we explicitly teach these values through our FOCUS program which is based on the principles of Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Mark Sutton
Principal

AT CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL WE:

- Encourage students to excel in academic, sporting and creative endeavours
- Encourage students to develop self-confidence, independence and a healthy self-esteem
- Provide students with opportunities to expand leadership qualities and enhance social skills through a wide variety of activities
- Foster responsible conduct and pride in personal appearance
- Provide opportunities for parents, carers and community members to participate in the development of the school
- Create equal opportunities for all students in all aspects of school life
- Provide a curriculum with depth and variety which caters for a wide range of student abilities, interest and needs
- Maintain an effective support structure to identify and cater for student needs
- Foster staff morale and cohesion by acknowledging and valuing staff contributions, commitment and achievements
- Provide professional development programs which enhance the staff's capacity to improve student learning outcomes .





ACADEMIC RESULTS

Cecil Hills High School has a proud history of academic success. Every year, a number of students are placed on the *HSC All Round Achievers List* for attaining Band 6 results in all their courses. Band 6 results are achieved in every faculty area including English, Mathematics, Science, PD/H/PE, History, Social Sciences, Creative and Performing Arts and Technology and Applied Studies.

In the last few years, the highest annual ATARs were 98.40, 98.20 and 98.50. Our individual student achievements include a student who achieved a perfect 100% in Mathematics Advanced, a student who placed 6th in NSW for Community and Family Studies and students who placed 5th and 7th in NSW for VET Business Services. In the last few years, the number of Band 6 results (a result of 90% or above in a course) across the school have been significant, with the school scoring in the 95th percentile for value-added growth from Year 9 NAPLAN to the Year 12 HSC.



PROUD HISTORY OF SPORTING SUCCESS

Cecil Hills High School excels in the classroom and on the sporting field. As regular champions of the Bernera Zone, our students are provided opportunities to compete at the highest levels in swimming, cross country and athletics, with students progressing to regional, state and national championships. Our students participate in a range of Combined High School (CHS) knockout competitions. We have excelled, in particular, with our boys and girls football (soccer) teams being crowned regional champions on multiple occasions, reaching state finals series and touring NSW.

Our students compete in regional and state championships in oztag and futsal. In recent years, two students have represented the Australian Schoolboys in football and travelled to the UK. One student has proudly represented our country in international tournaments for the Young Socceroos. A significant number of graduates of Cecil Hills High School have achieved prestigious Zone, Regional and CHS Blues Awards in a range of sports.

Cecil Hills High School boasts impressive sporting facilities including a high quality grassed oval, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, netball courts, badminton courts and an indoor gymnasium, with plans to build a fitness studio as part of a school upgrade.



LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cecil Hills High School has a strong emphasis on extracurricular and sporting activities. As a large school, we are able to offer the full range of additional activities to students. Our students successfully participate in sporting gala days, public speaking, debating, string and musical ensembles, chess club, St John Cadets and much more. Our leadership programs instil a sense of responsibility in students through our Student Representative Council, House Leadership Team and Year 12 Leadership Group.



CURRICULUM

Cecil Hills High School is able to offer a wide variety of subject choices to students in all grades. For senior students, we offer blue ribbon academic courses including Physics, Engineering Studies and Economics and all extension courses in English and Mathematics. We also offer a wide range of vocational education courses including Hospitality, Construction, Business Services and Entertainment Industry. The school runs an Accelerated Mathematics programs for gifted students who wish to complete an HSC course in Year 11. We offer a full suite of HSC courses that allow students to pursue their passions and develop their talents. Our school has written Year 8 innovation electives including Street Art, Create a Cake, Computer Aided Design, Football 101, Survivor, School of Rock, MYOB and Crime Scene Investigation to provide an engaging and future-focused curriculum.



FACILITIES

Founded in 1996, the school is very modern and is still one of the more recent schools to be built by the NSW Department of Education. The school is set on attractive grounds and visitors to the school comment on the excellent tone and atmosphere provided by the physical outdoor spaces and positive student interactions. Cecil Hills High School enjoys facilities that surpass any other school in the local area and exceeds the expectations of parents with up-to-date classrooms and technology. The school has dedicated science laboratories, computer rooms, a library and gymnasium. The school is fully-equipped to take advantage of wireless technology under our Bring Your Own Device policy. Our school has advanced facilities for technology, art, music and drama and caters for all students whatever their talents, passions and interests. In the 2018 NSW state budget, a major upgrade for Cecil Hills High School was announced. The upgrade will be completed in 2022-2023 and will include a new gym/hall, fitness studio, upgraded canteen, indoor and outdoor bistros, covered outdoor construction workshop, art gallery, music performance spaces and new classrooms and practical workshops for all Key Learning Areas. The school upgrade will increase the school's capacity to cater for 2000 students.



UNIFORM

Our school has a strict uniform code to encourage a sense of responsibility. Students show they are ready for learning when they wear their school uniform and our school community comment on our strict uniform code as being an important factor that sets a positive tone each and every day.



PARENTS/CARERS, COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL CARE

Cecil Hills High School enjoys significant support from our parent body. Our P&C holds an evening and daytime meeting each month which includes advice for parents on a range of topics including homework, study skills, technology, parenting and literacy and numeracy.

Our welfare programs support all students and help them develop both as individuals and as students. We ensure that their potential is realised. Our highly developed house system means that school spirit and growth are always at the forefront of learning. Cecil Hills High School has been identified as a centre of excellence in the area of student wellbeing by the *NSW Department of Education's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation*. A published case study on the school identified that our students have significantly higher expectations of success, a sense of belonging and advocacy within the school. Our *Connect* program is delivered through morning roll call and focuses on study skills and pastoral care, with each *Connect* teacher building strong connections with the same *Connect* class from Year 7 to Year 12 to ensure that all students are known, valued and cared for. Our Library is open on Thursday afternoons for our *Connect After the Bell* program which provides direct homework support to students on a weekly basis from teacher volunteers. Our *Senior Improvement Program* operates on Tuesday afternoons for Year 11 and Year 12 students where academic assistance is given to senior students to help them complete assessment tasks and homework to maximise their HSC results.

We are fortunate to host a support unit at Cecil Hills High School which caters for students with intellectual and physical disabilities. Our mainstream students and special education students all benefit from the unit, as it provides opportunities for all students to learn from one another.

WORKING WITH YOUR TEACHERS



SCHOOL ETHOS

We believe that all students can learn, have a right to learn and most importantly, have a responsibility to learn. Our school develops this responsibility through explicit teaching and learning programs and a comprehensive focus on student wellbeing. By choosing Cecil Hills High School, you have chosen an inclusive, forward-thinking and dynamic school. Cecil Hills High School is a school where the unofficial school motto of “working with your teachers” is witnessed every day.



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