



## Principal

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## School Motto

Wisely Sincerely

## Established

1972

## School Population

Total number of students	750
Average class size	26
Number of international students	25



I have enjoyed being at the school. I have improved my academic skills and I have met some wonderful friends.

**Yoko Fukudome, Year 11, 2006, Japan**

## GENERAL SCHOOL INTRODUCTION

Davidson High School has developed a reputation for excellence in all areas of student endeavour. Its strong academic emphasis is complemented by opportunities in sports, the performing and creative arts, vocational education, overseas exchanges and student leadership.

Importance is placed on students achieving their personal best in a secure and stimulating environment.

The student welfare system is designed to create a safe, well-disciplined school where positive behaviour is encouraged.

An ongoing tradition of success in the Higher School Certificate examinations, sporting competitions, eisteddfods, debating, public speaking and academic challenges has given students a sense of pride in being members of Davidson High School.

The teaching staff is experienced, caring and dedicated to each child achieving his or her potential.

Parent participation is encouraged and the school is supported by an active P&C. Davidson High School has a continual record of success, the latest technology, innovative teaching methods, excellent facilities, a tranquil setting and a clear sense of purpose.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAMS

- ESL classes in Years 11 and 12

## LANGUAGES TAUGHT

- Japanese and Japanese for background speakers
- Italian

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Gifted and Talented program including extension classes and thinking skills
- Concert bands, stage band and choir
- Elite dance and drama programs
- Interschool and intraschool sporting competitions
- Australian schools' competitions including English, mathematics, science and computer studies
- Interschool debating and public speaking
- Strong focus on leadership programs for the junior and senior school
- International links with sister-schools in Japan
- Inter-Cultural Education Today – a program which hosts international students for one to three years

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Senior support academic programs
- Mentoring for HSC students
- Year advisers
- School counsellor
- Senior and junior leadership programs
- Full-time careers adviser
- Peer support and mediation programs

## SPECIAL FACILITIES

- Well-resourced library with internet facilities
- Computer laboratories
- Multipurpose hall including basketball and netball facilities
- Fully-equipped dance studio
- Drama studio
- Concert band rehearsal room
- Visual arts facilities with digital photography
- Large oval for sporting competitions

## 2006 HSC RESULTS AND YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY/TAFE PLACEMENTS

- A high proportion of students achieved a UAI above 90.
- A high proportion of Band 6 results were achieved over a variety of faculties.
- Results in over 70% of courses were significantly above the state average.
- Students who gained university and TAFE NSW placement were well above the state average.

## FEATURES OF LOCAL AREA

- The Frenchs Forest Davidson area is 20 km north of Sydney and is noted for its leafy bushland setting.
- Davidson High School is situated in a beautiful environment surrounded by trees.
- Frenchs Forest is located close to Manly and is a 20-minute bus ride to Sydney central business district.
- The school has an excellent name in the local community and is renowned for its academic success, the quality of its performing arts programs, the variety of sporting opportunities and the range of international exchange programs.