

The Forest High School



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School Motto

Spectemur Agendo – Let Us Be Judged By Our Actions

Established

1961

School Population

Total number of students	630
Average class size	Junior 23, Senior 13
Number of international students	28



GENERAL SCHOOL INTRODUCTION

The Forest High School is located in Frenchs Forest, a leafy suburb on Sydney's Northern Beaches. It is conveniently placed near transport connections to Central Sydney, North Sydney, Chatswood, Hornsby and the Northern Beaches.

Students from a wide variety of backgrounds choose to study at The Forest because of its high standard of education, outstanding HSC results, sporting achievements, harmonious multicultural school community and reputation for producing fine young men and women.

The Forest High empowers students to build confidence and self-esteem and to achieve personal excellence across the curriculum.

The school has a strong reputation as a caring environment conducive to learning, which is enhanced by its intelligent approach to discipline and uniform. It is supported by an active Student Representative Council, Parents and Citizens Association and School Council.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAMS

- Special ESL programs and HSC ESL courses taught by full-time ESL teachers

LANGUAGES TAUGHT

- French
- Japanese
- Many other languages taught at Saturday School of Community Languages at Chatswood and Open High School

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Australian mathematics, science, computer studies and language competitions
- Young Achievement Australia business skills program
- Extension classes
- Music, dance and band program: instrumental music, concert and stage bands, wind orchestra, vocal ensemble and Rock Eisteddfod
- Professional musical tuition
- Interschool debating and public speaking
- International Student Club
- Links with universities for senior students
- Rotary youth enhancement scheme
- Job placement service and work experience program
- Community service program
- Interschool debating and public speaking
- Japanese exchange visits
- School magazine production team
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme
- Peer reading program
- Vocational Education and Training program

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- Welfare team overseeing students in each year group
- Supervisor of student welfare
- School psychologist
- Mentors for senior students
- School clinic
- Full-time careers adviser
- Mentor for international students
- English as a Second Language teacher
- Student Representative Council

SPECIAL FACILITIES

- Five networked computer laboratories with internet access
- Six science laboratories with video microscope technology
- Three music rooms
- 10 design and technology resource rooms including CNC lathe technology
- Performing arts centre and drama room
- Large, multi-level library with colour photocopier, CD-ROM and internet
- Senior common room
- Art centre with graphics and photographic darkroom facilities
- Large assembly/concert hall
- Gymnasium and sports oval
- Tennis and basketball facilities
- Canteen
- Large tree-lined grounds

2006 HSC RESULTS AND YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY/TAFE PLACEMENTS

- Students achieved very high results and earned a Premier's Award for All-round Excellence.
- HSC results are consistently above state-average with exceptional results in Society and Culture, Music, Mathematics, Science, Biology, Business Studies, Geography, Legal Studies, Food Technology and PDHPE.
- Ranked as the top academic public comprehensive coeducational high school on the Northern Beaches.
- At least 40% of students progress to university, another 40% attend TAFE NSW Institutes and private colleges while 20% enter apprenticeships, traineeships and employment.

FEATURES OF LOCAL AREA

- The school is 20 km north of the city of Sydney and 7 km from the Northern Beaches.
- The school is close to public bus and train transport systems.
- Frenchs Forest is a bushland suburb and the school has extensive grounds.