



The King's School



## A Brief History

The King's School is the oldest independent school in Australia and was founded in a very real sense at the Battle of Waterloo, where the Duke of Wellington's success in defeating Napoleon led to a popularity that swept him into office as the Prime Minister of Great Britain. There the Duke was able to exercise his preferment and despatch his protégé, Archdeacon Broughton to introduce a "superior description" of education into New South Wales.

So was started in 1831 the most significant school for young gentlemen of its time in the colony. The School has provided education to princes and entertained the Royal Family on several occasions. The Royal family of Thailand also sent their Crown Prince to King's in 1970, and the elected King of Malaysia sent his three sons in 1965. The temptation might be to see King's as exclusive and privileged, however, it has also been successful in imbuing in many of its graduates something of the wonderful Christian tradition of service. In the steps of their God, King's boys have sought to follow their Saviour's example by living lives of sacrificial service as missionaries, aid workers in developing countries, and leaders in compassion and generosity within their own communities.

In sport King's ranks as one of the leading schools in Australia. The King's School Athletics Club, founded in 1873, was one of the earliest in the world. Rugby Union was introduced into NSW by a King's Senior Master, Mr Burkitt, and the first three rugby teams in NSW were The King's School, The University of Sydney and The King's School Old Boys, who called themselves the "Wallaroos". Cricket in some form or other has been played at the School since 1832, and the first competitive game of soccer in Australia was played at King's.

The King's School also has one of the largest cadet forces in the country, and certainly the oldest. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which characteristically sees many students each year being given the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, augments the leadership training within the School.

Spread over 300 acres, 40 families who live on site, over 1,000 day students and recognised as one of the largest boarding houses in Australia, The King's School represents an oasis of learning in Australia's largest city.

## Boys' Education

The King's School is an acknowledged national and international leader in boys' education. Over many years, King's has researched the teaching techniques which have been shown to be particularly effective in helping boys to learn. There is clear evidence to suggest that boys often learn differently to girls. This means that boys must often be taught differently to girls. At King's, we endeavour to apply those teaching techniques which have been shown to keep boys engaged with teaching and in a manner which optimises learning.

Kings takes an active role in: entering into research projects with universities on how to educate boys well. For example, the "Report on Best Practice in Boys' Education" written by Dr Peter West, was a joint project of the University of Western Sydney and The King's School. \* Acting as an advisor to the Federal Government on its "Forum on Boys' Education" \* Running several national and international conferences on boys' education. \* Running regular workshops and giving frequent public talks on how best to educate boys \* Being a trustee of the International Boys' Schools Coalition

## Learning Leadership

A feature of a King's School education is the prominence we give to the development of leadership skills in our students. The first "Centre for Leadership Studies" in an Australian school was built at King's. The Centre was opened by the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. John Anderson (a King's Old Boy) early in 2002. The teaching of leadership at King's does not centre on the pursuit of power, privilege or position, it centres on service and on having the courage to change things for the better. Learning about leadership involves the teaching of values, citizenship and character. It also involves instruction in teamwork and "followership".

Leadership skills at The King's School are developed in many other ways such as through the Army Cadet Program, the Duke of Edinburgh Program, Social Service activities, and a wide range of camps, retreats, talks and seminars.

## Curriculum and CoCurricular

King's is an extraordinary School, made so by a tradition of educational excellence which spans many years. The King's School curriculum and subject choices across the year levels is extensive. We encourage you to visit our website [www.kings.edu.au](http://www.kings.edu.au) for comprehensive information regarding academics.

## Boarding at Kings

The King's School has a long, proud and successful tradition in the provision of residential care. Commencing as a boarding school in February 1832. The School accepts boarders from Year 4 through to Year 12. Boarders reside in a combination of horizontal or vertical House structures depending upon their age and grade. The Houses provide a warm, caring, friendly and family-oriented environment for the diverse boarding population, some of whom may not be able to return home during the academic term.

The Director of Boarding has overall responsibility for oversight of the boarding environment and is assisted in each Senior House by a Housemaster, two Assistant Housemasters and a House Matron. All Senior boarding staff are teachers who have undertaken professional training courses in residential care. Three fully qualified registered nurses rotate shifts to ensure the School Health Centre is staffed 24 hours a day. They are assisted by visiting paramedical staff which ensures boarding students' health needs are assessed and monitored.

Meal times are flexible and emphasise a relaxed family atmosphere with close attention being paid to table manners and acceptable social behaviour. During the weekdays boarders resume their studies after dinner, undertaking set homework or preparing for assessment tasks. Access is available to the Library from 6.30 pm. A vibrant and diverse weekend activity program is offered for boarders, a program which includes adventure activities, films and visits to the theatre, alternative sporting attractions and social events with neighbouring girls' schools.

### QUICK FACTS

School population	1500	Type of School:	Anglican Day/Boarding
Number of Boarders	450	Name:	The Council of The King's School
International Students %	3%		
Teacher Student Ratio	1:12	CRICOS Provider No:	02326F

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