



Pittwater House

Senior School Co-curricular Activities



The broad co-curricular offering at Pittwater House caters for a diverse range of interests and provides students with the opportunity to develop their talents beyond the classroom.

Many of our Senior School co-curricular activities build on those offered in the Junior School and allow students to continue to enhance their talents or develop new skills.

The School's programs are run by qualified staff and in many instances external professionals who have excelled in their relevant professions in sporting, the arts and military fields.

Leadership and Outdoor Education

Pittwater House has an extensive leadership program in the Boys' Grammar School and Girls' College: Year Prefects, Student Representative Council and other leadership opportunities are also available. All students can become school leaders after completing a two to three year Leaders Program. This program helps students develop the confidence, skills and knowledge to be a good leader.

Outdoor Education is also a critical area that helps students build leadership skills and confidence and is available to all Senior School students. The program is structured so students work together in small groups and deal directly with concepts such as leadership, inclusiveness and the value of working towards a common goal.





Youth Development Programs and Expeditions

Pittwater House students have the opportunity to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh Award. Open to students aged 14 and over, The Award is a structured youth development program in which participants must learn a skill, improve their physical well-being, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment. The Award consists of three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold - each progressively more challenging.

In addition to The Duke of Edinburgh Award, students in Years 9, 10 and 11 can also opt to participate in ten-day immersion programs to remote Indigenous Australia with Red Earth School Immersions. On these developmental journeys, students learn from Traditional Custodians who have a deep connection with their culture and history, raising funds for and working on projects that benefit host communities.

Cadets

As a voluntary program open to students from Years 7 to 12, the Cadet Unit, PHSACU, offers invaluable opportunities for personal growth and skill development.

Through engaging activities focused on navigation, fieldcraft, leadership, and team building, students cultivate essential qualities such as service, courage, respect, integrity, and excellence.

Notably, these values are instilled by ranking cadets who, having themselves acquired crucial leadership skills and knowledge, now pass on their expertise to their peers.

The culmination of these teachings occurs during two annual camps, where students have the chance to put their newfound skills into practice in real-world scenarios.

Beyond the classroom and campgrounds, our Cadet Unit plays a vital role in supporting local RSL groups from Manly to Avalon. Participation in ANZAC services, ceremonial parades, and various school functions throughout the year underscores our commitment to community engagement and active citizenship.

Together, through service, camaraderie, and a dedication to excellence, our Cadet Unit continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of our students and the broader community.

Sports

Sport plays a significant role in the life of Pittwater House students and as such we offer a variety of co-curricular sporting activities and competitive sporting opportunities throughout the year. With experienced coaches on hand, our students' skills are cultivated to allow them to reach their full potential.

Pittwater House students also benefit from many 'on-campus facilities' such as a swimming pool, large multi-purpose playing field, an indoor sports complex and tennis, basketball and netball courts.

Clubs and Academic Competitions

From chess to theatre sports, Pittwater House students have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of clubs and academic competitions to test their skills and cultivate their interests. A summary of the types of clubs and competitions on offer is listed within this brochure.

Elite Athlete and Performer Program

Our PH Elite program recognises the significance of fostering talents in both the sporting arena and the performing arts stage.

Your aspiring star will be supported and mentored by our Elite Athlete and Performer Advisor, who is committed to empowering students with a holistic approach, aiding them in navigating the delicate balance between academic commitments and pursuits in athletics or the arts.

It is important to note that eligibility criteria apply to this program, and levels of support are contingent upon the impact of the student's training commitments on school life.

We believe in tailoring our assistance to individual needs, ensuring each participant receives the appropriate guidance to flourish in their chosen field, while maintaining a successful academic journey.

Music and the Arts

The study of music, performing arts and dance allows for the expression of emotion, imagination, the intellect and the exploration of values.

Through these pursuits, students are given the opportunity to develop both their self-confidence and skills.

We offer a wide range of dance, drama and music opportunities for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels including private tuition, ensembles membership and performance at community and school events.

In addition to curriculum subjects to HSC level, performing arts and dance are offered to Senior School students as a co-curricular option to further develop their performance skills. We have a variety of events in which Senior School students can get involved, including the musical production, performing arts festivals and other events.

Co-curricular Activities at a Glance

Co-curricular Sports and Academies		
SPORT ACADEMIES	Netball - College	Hockey
Advanced Boardriders	Rugby Union – Grammar	Mountain Biking
Running Academy	Touch Football – College and Grammar	Netball
Basketball Academy	Water Polo – College and Grammar	Rowing
Fitness Sessions (College and Grammar)		Rugby League
Swimming Squad	PATHWAY SPORTS	Rugby Union
	AFL	Sailing
SPORT PATHWAYS	Athletics	Snowsports
CDSSA – Combined District Schools Sport Association	Baseball	Softball
AICES – Association of Independent Co-Educational Schools	Basketball	Surfing
CIS – Combined Independent Schools	Canoeing	Swimming
NSW All Schools	Cricket	Tennis
SSA – School Sports Australia	Cross Country	Touch Football
	Diving	Triathlon
SPORT COMPETITIONS	Football	Ultimate Frisbee
Basketball – College and Grammar	Golf	Volleyball
Football (Soccer) - College and Grammar	Gymnastics	Water Polo
Futsal (College and Grammar)		
Co-curricular Performing and Creative Arts		
COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS	CO-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES	SCHOOL EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES
Dance Eisteddfod	Allegro and Andante	HICES Jazz Academy
Dance Festival	Big Bands	HICES Music Festival
Community Concerts	Contemporary Bands	Music Festival
Manly Jazz	Guitar/Bass Ensemble	Performing Arts Night
Northern Beaches Eisteddfod	Marching Band	School Musical Productions
Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival	Orchestra	Senior Play
Pittwater House Performing Arts Showcase	Percussion Ensemble	
Theatre Sports Competitions	Senior Concert Band	PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION
Official Ceremonies	Senior Dance Companies	Piano
Various Seasonal Competitions	Senior Drama Club	Reed Instruments
	Senior Choir	Woodwind Instruments
	Stage Crew	Brass
	String Ensemble	Percussion
	Vocal Ensemble	Vocal
Subject Competitions		
ASX – Share Market Game	Future Problem Solving	ICAS Writing Competition
AMT Australian Mathematics Competition	GATEway8	Mosman Youth Awards in Literature
AMT Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition	HICES Debating	NCSS Challenge (Programming)
Australasian Problem-Solving Mathematical Olympiads	HICES Maths Competition	SMH Young Writer of the Year
Community Problem Solving	ICAS English Competition	Tournament of Minds
Da Vinci Decathlon	ICAS Maths Competition	
Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards	ICAS Science Competition	
Clubs, Groups and Activities		
Cadet Unit	Engineering and Coding Workshop	Red Earth School Immersions
Chess Club	French Club	Science Club
Commerce – Year 9 Market Day	'HEROIC Questioners' Ethics Club	Set Design and Props Club
Community Heroes Club	Learning with Python	Sustainability Club
Creative Writing Club	Mandarin Club	Tabletop Gaming
Debating Club	Maths Study Centre	Theatre Sports
Duke of Edinburgh	Newspaper Club	Visual Arts Club



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