



KINROSS WOLAROI
SCHOOL



PROSPECTUS









COLLECTIVE AMBITION

Our vision is to pursue educational excellence that is focused on the needs of our students in a rapidly changing world. We will achieve this by creating a dynamic community implementing innovative practices to develop independent and adaptable learners.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We seek to provide the best possible and highest quality academic and co-curricular programs, drawing on the talents and creativity of our staff and others who share our vision.

As a Uniting Church School, Kinross Wolaroi School is fully supportive of the values, ethos and Christian approach of the Uniting Church.

VALUES

The School's motto – 'Knowledge, Friendship, Integrity' – is central to all that we do. Underpinning our Christian beliefs as a Uniting Church School, five core values sustain our community:

COURAGE

Through strength of character and determination, we have the courage to accept new challenges and explore new paths as we actively embrace and initiate change. We have the courage to stand up for what is right and to demonstrate personal leadership when challenged.

RESILIENCE

As a learning community we acknowledge the challenges we will encounter as we strive to make a purposeful contribution to the world. Skills of self-management and responsibility and a breadth of knowledge provide the confidence necessary to overcome adversity.

INCLUSIVENESS

We recognise that the world is a rich and diverse place. With a collaborative spirit and a daily commitment to compassionate and considerate behaviour, we celebrate diversity in all its forms and commit to creating a school that is safe and welcoming for all.

RESPECT

We demonstrate respect for others irrespective of difference and show consideration for ourselves and for one another. We strive to understand the needs and expectations of others and by our actions seek to meet them. We are a community that values and respects effort, achievement and a love of learning.

COMMITMENT

We are committed to making a positive contribution to our school and to others. This requires a spirit of service and a willingness to accept challenges we may not otherwise consider and the persistence to see those challenges through. We take responsibility for our actions, we seek out ways to contribute and we keep our promises.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“We passionately believe that enjoyment of learning and the wellbeing of our students must lie at the heart of a school”.

Welcome. I am delighted to introduce you to Kinross Wolaroi School.

We are a close-knit, engaged, friendly community that has been educating children from all over NSW for over 130 years. Kinross Wolaroi values its history, yet it blends traditional values – courtesy, tolerance, respect and decency with a forward and outward approach to education.

At Kinross Wolaroi your child will experience a first class innovative and dynamic learning environment that will provide them with the academic and personal skills to flourish in the 21st century. Academic ambition matters and it is important that every student is inspired to be the best they can be. We possess a vision for learning that encompasses all aspects of life, not just the intellectual but also the social, cultural, physical and spiritual dimensions where education is deliberately structured to develop the whole person in a caring, family oriented environment.

We passionately believe that enjoyment of learning and the wellbeing of our students must lie at the heart of a school. Students learn to think independently and develop a spirit of independence that will allow them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Your sons and daughters will encounter many challenges, choices and opportunities so that they can grow and discover their abilities and passions in life. Kinross Wolaroi enjoys an excellent reputation for its diverse and engaging co-curricular program that forms a significant element of the rich fabric of the School. Here they will develop self-confidence, resilience, social skills and character that can contribute so much to success in later life.

At Kinross Wolaroi your child will enjoy a vibrant contemporary culture and join a family where our inclusive community and grounded culture create a strong sense of belonging.

Our motto “Scientia, Amicitia, Integritas” - Knowledge, Friendship and Integrity - is central to the lived experience of our students. This, combined with the commitment of our dedicated staff, parents and community, will see your child grow into a young adult of integrity who possesses a sense of social justice, qualities that will see them go out into the world to make a significant contribution to society.

I look forward to welcoming you and your family to Kinross Wolaroi School.

With best wishes



Dr Andrew Parry
Principal



OUR STORY

Strengthening rural communities in the Central West of New South Wales has been at the heart of Kinross Wolaroi School for over 130 years.



The history of the School has been well chronicled, with documented triumphs and hardships throughout the years serving only to add to the rich fabric of the School as we know it today. This success owes much to the foresight of the first Principal, Mr TH Richards, who recognised the need for a private School in Orange in the late 19th Century.

On the corner of Byng and Sale Streets, the small boys' school known as Weymouth House was opened in 1886. In 1893, the School was relocated to its current site "Wolaroi" and the name changed to Wolaroi Grammar School. In 1908, it was touted as one of the foremost Grammar Schools in NSW, attributed to its educational excellence and esteemed facilities.

In 1926 the School was acquired by the Methodist Church, adding to its elite schools portfolio. The School became known as Wolaroi College when classes began in 1926 and continued its tradition of educational excellence, whilst also

providing for the boys' love of sport, in particular rugby and cricket.

In the meantime, building on the success of their Sydney schools and having identified the need for a private girls' school in rural NSW, representatives of the Presbyterian Church undertook to establish a girls' college in Orange. In 1928, Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) Orange was officially opened as a girls' boarding school on the western outskirts of town.

In 1975 the two schools amalgamated to become Kinross Wolaroi School, later becoming a Uniting Church School. Following a significant growth phase in the 1980s, the school became the largest co-educational independent boarding school in NSW.

Today, the tradition and heritage of these prestigious schools continues, providing an outstanding platform for students to enrich and develop their educational pursuits.



We are proud of the well-rounded, well-educated, compassionate and community-minded young people who constitute our past and present student body.



WHO WE ARE

Located in Orange, NSW, Kinross Wolaroi School is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school for students from Pre-Kinder to Year 12. Boarding is offered from Year 7, with the security of separate boarding sites for boys and girls.



Kinross Wolaroi School is a Uniting Church School that opens up a world of opportunity for 1100 students in the central west of NSW. Our academic program, unrivalled in the region, is complemented by a vibrant co-curricular program where students discover and develop their individual talents.

Our commitment to our boarding program by reserving 40% of the senior school for boarders, ensures an authentic boarding experience and a vibrant school community and spirit.

Kinross Wolaroi School students thrive in an inspirational learning environment that blends modern facilities and heritage buildings with breathtaking grounds.

Co-educational schooling promotes comfortable and healthy interaction between boys and girls. It provides the foundation for life outside of school. Kinross Wolaroi School is proud of its co-educational focus.

Through our Wellbeing programs, our teachers enjoy a close relationship with their students. They know them as individuals. This personal knowledge gives them a much greater appreciation of what each student needs, educationally and socially.

As a school we celebrate success, but we respect the value of resilience. For over a century, we have been motivating students to become men and women of integrity.

SENIOR SCHOOL

The School views the development of positive attitudes to learning as essential to student success.

Talented and committed teachers ensure students are engaged learners. Our teachers seek to discover the talents of the individual and adapt their teaching style to achieve the best learning outcomes for each child.

Kinross Wolaroi School is a non-selective school that caters for a wide variety of student interests and abilities across a broad selection of subject choices. In addition to highly academic subjects, we also offer skills-based practical courses. This diversity of subjects enables us to tailor a teaching program for future success.

Learning enrichment is available for all students ranging from support for those with learning challenges to academic extension and gifted and talented programs.

Every student is an individual. This implies a unique set of learning needs and an education that takes into account the special characteristics of each student. This belief drives everything that we do at Kinross Wolaroi School in terms of classroom learning, curriculum content and enrichment programs. We encourage all students to pursue the art of scholarship, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, the application of higher-order thinking skills, the discussion and testing of ideas, and the creative exploration of what it means to analyse a point of view and argue its case effectively.

The core reason for the existence of any school is the academic program provided. At Kinross Wolaroi School we take pride in what we offer: a diverse range of challenging subjects to choose from, a focus on academic effort and progress, and celebration of the successes of our students.

After the consolidation of a broad education in the first two years of Senior School, the curriculum becomes more flexible where students choose elective subjects according to their interests and aspirations. This continues through the final years of Senior School, opening pathways to further study and career opportunities.

In conjunction with our extensive co-curricular and student wellbeing programs, this broad

curriculum provides a rounded, balanced and liberal education where your child will be stimulated to learn in an atmosphere of engagement, involvement and commitment by skilled and dedicated teachers.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Kinross Wolaroi School is a community based on Christian values and the teachings of the Uniting Church. We strive to create a secure and happy setting where students and staff are supportive of one another's interests and needs, and where individuals can flourish in whatever areas they choose to be involved. We celebrate diversity and encourage students to be true to themselves and the values of the School and their families.

Staff work together to oversee the ongoing wellbeing of each student. There are formal structures in place to help with this, the most important being the Mentor House system. Each student belongs to a House and has a staff member assigned as Mentor. The Chaplain and School Psychologists are also available for students who require additional assistance. In addition to this, there are structures in place for specific Year groups:

- The Year 7 Co-ordinator provides extra guidance and support in this critical year of transition from primary school, and a Peer Support program runs for all Year 7 students.
- In the Senior Years, Year 11 and 12, students have their Mentor, Head Mentor, and Senior Years Coordinator to assist and support them through what can be a stressful year of preparation for the HSC. Students with the need for extra personalised or emotional support are identified and may choose to have a mentor to provide one-on-one active oversight.





The Derek Pigot Auditorium
Officially opened and dedicated
to the memory of Derek Pigot (1911-1981)
by
Mr. Ian Watt
Minister of the Church of Scotland
1981
Dedicated by the Rev. Canon J. G. Watt
1981

At Kinross Wolaroi School we celebrate success but promote resilience. Students are motivated to become men and women of integrity.





JUNIOR SCHOOL

We provide diverse and high quality educational opportunities for Junior School students, enabling them to become well-rounded students who make a positive contribution to society.

Primary education at Kinross Wolaroi School fosters the development of the whole child. We achieve this through the provision of challenging and innovative classroom programs, enjoyable co-curricular activities and the development of a sense of belonging in a caring environment.

The progression of skills in literacy and numeracy remains a strong focus and builds upon the foundation of Kindergarten to Year 2 learning experiences. As students progress towards their senior schooling, they are gradually prepared to deal with the challenges of life ahead.

We believe that student wellbeing is the single most important facet of Kinross Wolaroi Junior School. Children who are happy at school, who feel safe, secure and have friends, will learn and feel good about themselves. To enable this to occur, we incorporate programs and strategies focused on student wellbeing into our school routines.

Primary education provided in the Junior School aims to foster the love of learning and inquisitiveness with which all children are born. Building on the strong foundations laid in infant school years, the primary education experience consolidates numeracy and literacy skills to assist students to become lifelong learners who give their best.

Differentiated learning activities using digital technology, creative and critical thinking skills, allow children to access and understand information from a wide variety of sources. The students are taught the skills to assist them to be informed and analytical young adults when they move into secondary school and ultimately into their adult life. An interesting and varied co-curricular program further enriches the educational experience of the Junior School.

Participation in sport is compulsory from Year 3 and actively encouraged in the younger years. We strongly believe that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind and our students certainly lead active and healthy lifestyles through their involvement in sport.

Music is an integral part of our week at Kinross Wolaroi School. All children take part in choirs while our Strings Group and Ensembles performance work continues to receive high praise.

Involvement in drama and musicals is compulsory for all children. Students learn to perform on stage and gain great confidence from their involvement in the performances.

The Pre-Kinder program forms the foundation for ensuring that your child is exposed to early childhood education settings where they will experience quality teaching and learning. Successfully transitioning students to Kindergarten is a strong emphasis of the Pre-Kinder program. Our Pre-Kinder students are actively involved in the Kindergarten curriculum, allowing for a seamless transition the following year.

GIFTED AND TALENTED AND LEARNING SUPPORT

At Kinross Wolaroi School we strive to meet the individual educational needs of all our students. The aim of the Learning Support program is to assist students from Kindergarten to Year 6 reach their potential. This support is integrated from Kindergarten right through to Year 12.

While diagnostic teaching and programming forms the basis for daily instruction, some students need extra time practising and implementing basic numeracy and literacy skills: others need academic extension and challenge. Monitoring national testing results and individual assessments provides information to design programs which complement the learning occurring within the classroom.



When students come to Kinross Wolaroi School, they join a family where an inclusive community and grounded culture create a sense of belonging.

BOARDING

Kinross Wolaroi School is committed to maintaining a vibrant and contemporary culture within its boarding community.

The School has a long history of educating boarders, dating back 130 years. Our boarders overwhelmingly come from rural NSW communities, contributing to the feeling of a home away from home on campus.

We are actively committed to creating a warm and secure environment for our boarders. The happy memories of contemporary boarding life last a lifetime, as do the benefits of learning how to live in a community with others.

Consistency of routine and practice amongst all houses is crucial, as are the highest standards of pastoral care. Our boarding staff are passionate and committed to the holistic development of young people, nurturing their talents and interests. The students also have the support of the wider teaching staff, many of whom are actively engaged in the boarding house prep program.

The boarding house environment fosters pride, loyalty and kindness. Students' academic, co-curricular, moral and spiritual development, together with their physical wellbeing, are all nurtured within this setting.

The senior students of the School are expected to model appropriate behaviour and assist with the day to day running of each house, acting as leaders.

We are fortunate to have over 100 acres of wonderful grounds with modern facilities for our boarders to utilise across both boarding sites. Whilst boarding for boys is located on the main school campus, the girls reside on our PLC campus, 4kms from the main school site. Our continuous improvement of boarding structures and facilities ensures that our boarders are well-equipped for study and recreation.

Our single sex boarding facilities allow the School to cater for the individual needs of both genders in safe and secure environments. Each campus consists of four boarding houses, catering for over 320 boarders in total.

The routine presence of teacher-qualified staff in the residences provides for enhanced learning support for the boarding cohort. Additional support from academic staff is provided to all boarders during prep time. Students can also access homework study sessions after school to assist with their academic commitments.

Our boarders have an excellent reputation for high academic achievement whilst also being fully immersed in the co-curricular program.



Opportunities are provided to develop initiative, character, personality, sportsmanship, leadership and selflessness.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Kinross Wolaroi enjoys a first class reputation for the depth, range and quality of its co-curricular programs.



At Kinross Wolaroi School our co-curricular activities are a cornerstone of the School's philosophy. Our outstanding facilities and grounds provide a wonderful playground for the extensive array of co-curricular activities available to all students.

The School strives to educate all students academically, spiritually, physically, culturally, socially and personally. An important element is the provision of the widest possible range of activities outside the classroom.

The co-curricular program is seen as a valuable addition to each student's all-round education. All students participate in sport, cadets or music. Students may choose to participate in other activities from the many programs operating within the School, including the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, debating and public speaking.

The extensive out-of-classroom curriculum complements the formal curriculum and provides additional opportunities for character development, decision making, problem solving and leadership. Through these activities your child will gain wider experiences, a more complete self-knowledge and a stronger relationship with individual members of the teaching staff and other adults.

The School's experience over many years has shown that an engaging co-curricular program complements the success of students in their academic pursuits. Moreover, it is increasingly providing greater access and opportunities for our students, as tertiary education providers and employers seek to recruit well-rounded students with abilities that extend beyond the classroom.

Co-curricular activities at Kinross Wolaroi School are a significant part of what makes the School come to life.

The co-curricular program offered at Kinross Wolaroi School is both diverse and engaging. It is designed to ensure participation in properly directed activities such as music, drama, sport, community service and adventure training, so that each student's life can be enriched.

PERFORMING ARTS

Kinross Wolaroi School has a long tradition of excellence in Performing Arts with many of our former students acknowledged for their work in both national and international arenas.

The School has been recognised as having a leading classroom and instrumental music education program which meets the needs and abilities of all students.

Comprehensive music begins in Kindergarten where students take their first musical steps. Co-curricular music involves a choice of instrumental, musicianship and vocal tuition for students. Students are provided with opportunities to play in a wide range of music ensembles.

All forms of music – classical to contemporary – are studied, and students have the opportunity to perform in the School's varied ensembles: stage band, marching band, chamber orchestra or choir. Students who study music emerge as musically sensitive and capable individuals with the capacity and desire for music to play a significant and continually developing role in their lives. It also fosters an awareness and appreciation of other cultures and traditions.

Our outstanding Drama program plays a vital role in the School's co-curricular program, emphasising the value of dramatic performance for all students. The program provides an environment that is conducive to individual expression whilst also providing the capacity to improve students' confidence and their ability to work creatively.

CADETS

The well-established Cadet Unit of more than 300 students is an important part of the School's co-curricular program with an emphasis

placed on self-reliance and leadership. Students participate in the Cadet Unit in Years 7 to 9 and can elect to continue cadet training beyond Year 9 by completing promotion courses to become leaders in the Unit.

Cadet training is delivered through fortnightly afternoon sessions called "home training". These are conducted through theory and lessons, demonstrations, practical and field activities. It encompasses topics such as bush craft, field craft, navigation, survival, search and rescue, watermanship, radio procedures, abseiling, archery, first aid, orienteering and drill and field engineering. Senior cadets also undertake training in catering, first aid and signals.

Each year students attend Annual Camp and Bivouac, with leadership training courses being offered to those seeking promotion. The Annual Camp and Bivouac are held at a school-developed site off-campus. The School Cadet Unit has earned a strong reputation and many of the initiatives introduced at Kinross Wolaroi School camps have been used as examples of best practice for cadet education in NSW.

CO-CURRICULAR SPORT

Co-curricular sport plays a vital role in educating the whole person. While aiming to win is an integral part of sport, participation and involvement are even more important. It is expected that in striving for the good of the team, students will give their best and work with their teammates to achieve goals.

The diversified co-curricular sporting program also seeks to foster growth and development of individuals by providing pathways to representative selection.

The School is renowned for being highly competitive in the inter-school sporting arena. Students are regularly selected for State and National representation across many sports, including rugby, cricket, triathlon, equestrian, swimming, athletics, hockey and rowing. The School is well supported by quality coaches and an abundance of facilities to support these programs.





“Future proofing our student body by teaching transferable skills is vitally important.”

Sue-Ann Gavin, Director of TREE





LIFE-WORTHY LEARNING

Kinross Wolaroi School offers students a unique program that provides dynamic, hands-on learning experiences outside of the classroom designed to ready students for life and work in the 21st century.

THE KINROSS WOLAROI SCHOOL'S REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT ENTERPRISE

Students from Pre-K to Year 12 at Kinross Wolaroi School participate in The Regional Engagement Enterprise (TREE), which provides cross-curricular, hands-on learning experiences outside of the classroom that are meaningful and transferable to the real world.

The TREE initiative gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in a wide range of student-led activities and development projects every year, taking full advantage of the school's place in the heart of regional NSW. This is done through hands-on activities and excursions designed to ignite curiosity and present new situations to students, which they could never be exposed to in the classroom alone. Each Junior School year level pursues their own project and every Senior School subject has at least one project. TREE also reaches beyond the curriculum to offer exciting co-curricular opportunities. The program helps students to see how what they learn in the classroom will be put into practice outside school and expands their practical knowledge and skills. In addition to the clear learning benefits offered by this hands-on experience, it has the potential to boost an individual's confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

The school delivers this program by utilising its own farms and campuses, as well as through close collaborative partnerships with local business, industry, government and agriculture.

THE PROGRAM

- In the junior years, TREE explores concepts such as 'paddock to plate' with apple and cherry production; sustainability has been explored through building a greenhouse from recycled materials; and viticulture through the mathematics of grape production.

- In senior years students have explored soil science through telemetry and soil sensors and discovered the mathematics of farm management through use of theodolites and GPS tracking.
- Co-curricular opportunities include membership of Cattle and Sheep Teams that don't just show their animals but also develop a holistic understanding of their respective industries. Our Paddock to Plate Program creates its own business for six months, selling produce from school gardens and farms at local events.
- Boarding students participate in TREE cooking classes and our Agriculture Club plants, cultivates and harvests produce grown on site for use in the boarding kitchens.
- Each year the program offers a number of unique industry internships to students in Year 10, completing a special project for half a day per week over 20 weeks. To secure a place, the students must pass an application process, interview and deliver a convincing pitch.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HANDS-ON LEARNING

In the information age of the 21st century, an evolved set of skills are required of young people taking their first steps into work and study; they are expected to be flexible and proficient in collaboration, communication, problem-solving, self-regulation and information technology.

This means it is ever more important to strike a balance between academic studies and real-life experience. With this tacit knowledge key to the transition between school and work, gaining additional skills through practical experience and field trips strongly supports a student's theoretical work.

Kinross Wolaroi School continues to set new standards for holistic, contextual learning through TREE - opening endless opportunities for the future of its students.



WHY CHOOSE US?

Kinross Wolaroi School opens up a world of opportunity for every student. Our academic and co-curricular program, unrivalled in the region, inspires students to become young men and women of integrity.

Set within a dynamic regional location, our spacious and secure grounds provide over 100 acres of expansive learning and recreation space which supports our extensive academic and co-curricular programs.

Our stimulating learning environment and dedicated staff inspire innovative thinking, creativity and problem solving proficiency, instilling invaluable life skills.

Our commitment to rural communities by reserving 40% of the senior school for boarders, ensures an authentic boarding experience and a vibrant school community and spirit.

Our vibrant co-curricular program underpins our goal to provide a world of opportunity for every

student, where both participation is encouraged and achievement celebrated.

Our inclusive community and grounded culture are supported by over 130 years of heritage and tradition which has been forged by a strong collaboration between students, staff and parents.

Our supportive wellbeing programs provide a nurturing platform for promoting resilience and creating a sense of belonging.

Our commitment to co-education reflects life beyond school where students are equipped to easily transition from high school into tertiary education or the workforce.

START YOUR JOURNEY

Deciding on a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. The benefit of Kinross Wolaroi School being co-educational, is that you are making one choice for your family.

To gain an insight into life at KWS, the true essence and atmosphere can only be experienced by visiting us on a normal school day. We invite you and your family to tour the School and see first-hand the exceptional opportunities provided for our students.

WHEN TO ENROL

Our formal enrolment process is finalised 18-24 months prior to entry so we encourage prospective families to start the journey as soon as possible.

Our intake years are Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, Year 3, Year 7 and Year 9. Other year groups will be considered but will be determined by availability.

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