

KINROSS WOLAROI SENIOR SCHOOL

Regional Heart, Global Spirit



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INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

“As the Principal of Kinross Wolaroi School, I am thrilled to welcome you to our dynamic community. At Kinross Wolaroi we ignite a passion for learning and nurture the unique talents of every student. Join us on this exciting journey of growth and discovery.”

Mr Timothy Kelly

Nestled in the heart of New South Wales, in the beautiful city of Orange, Kinross Wolaroi stands as one of the nation's premier independent, co-educational day and boarding schools. Since 1886, we've upheld a tradition of delivering exceptional education to families from across the State. Spanning Pre-Kinder to Year 12, our school encompasses both a Junior School (Pre-Kinder to Year 6) and a Senior School (Years 7 to 12), with boarding facilities accommodating forty percent of our Senior School students.

Situated across two campuses, our school boasts over 90 acres of meticulously maintained grounds, providing an idyllic setting for a diverse and engaging learning environment. At Kinross Wolaroi, we are renowned for our outstanding teaching and co-curricular offerings, which aim to instil a lifelong passion for learning in our students.

Recognising the uniqueness of each individual, we have developed innovative programs and state-of-the-art facilities to cater to diverse interests and abilities. Through tailored learning experiences, we empower students to navigate their educational journey confidently.

Central to our ethos is our commitment to co-education, fostering an environment of respect and support among students, preparing them for success beyond school. Our comprehensive curriculum offers over 30 subjects at HSC level, alongside non-ATAR pathways and academic extension subjects.

In our Junior School, literacy and numeracy are paramount, complemented by specialist teachers and enriching extracurricular activities. Across the entire curriculum our commitment to experiential learning provides a vital connection between classroom knowledge and real-world applications.

Beyond academics, our school prioritises holistic development through comprehensive co-curricular and student wellbeing programs. National recognition for sporting programs like rowing and swimming, one of the State's top Music Faculties, and opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards program and Cadets ensure every student experiences challenge and develops character.

As a Round Square School, we champion character education and academic success, fostering internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, service, leadership, and adventure. Our international exchange program encourages students to embrace diversity and develop a global mindset.

At Kinross Wolaroi, we nurture the leaders of tomorrow through character development and holistic growth. Our school is a place of happiness, where students flourish academically and personally. We welcome you to experience our exceptional school first-hand and look forward to meeting you.

Mr Timothy Kelly,
Principal

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE, ACADEMIC CARE

At Kinross Wolaroi Senior School, we design our curriculum to support each student's unique academic growth and learning needs. Our expansive curriculum cultivates a well-rounded education that inspires a lifelong love of learning. In a dynamic environment led by skilled and dedicated teachers, students are encouraged to engage actively in their learning and strive to achieve their full potential.

With nearly 20 elective options in Years 9 and 10 and over 30 subjects available in the HSC years, students have a wide selection to explore their individual interests. This includes a broad range of ATAR-accredited subjects and academic extension opportunities for those pursuing tertiary education. For students considering alternative pathways, we offer a comprehensive suite of vocational courses.

HSC Success

Our school's outstanding HSC results reflect our commitment to academic excellence. We are ranked in the State's top 150 schools and as the top academic school in the Central West. Our students achieved remarkable success in 2023, with 19% of students scoring ATARs above 90, and including a prestigious Premier's All Rounder Award, 1st place in the state for both Biology and Textiles and Design, and top 10 rankings in various other subjects. 35% of students made the Distinguished Achievers list. Our dedication to excellence is evident in subjects where 100% of students scored in the top band, including Ancient History, Drama, Music 2, Textiles & Design, Visual Arts, Latin Extension, and Music Extension. Our students are frequently selected for HSC showcases for Textiles and Design, Visual Arts, Music and Technology.

Academic Enhancement

HIGH POTENTIAL STUDENTS

We are committed to nurturing and challenging our high-potential students, including Academic Scholarship recipients. These students engage in a wide range of enrichment opportunities, and our Gifted and Talented Mentor supports these students by organising curriculum-based and extracurricular activities that promote accelerated learning, inquiry, and advanced thinking. The Mentor also guides students on subject choices, organisation, motivation, and study skills, while serving as a resource for parents, teachers, and faculties.

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

The Learning Enhancement Team (LET) at Kinross Wolaroi supports both students and teachers in creating an inclusive environment that caters to diverse learning needs. LET identifies students who require additional support and collaborates with teachers to implement effective teaching practices that foster engagement and growth. Key services include Study Club that is open to all students, individualised learning plans, modified programs, literacy and numeracy support, and assistance with organisation and exams. Our goal is to inspire students to enjoy learning, set meaningful goals, and make continual progress.



Real World Learning

Experiential learning is at the heart of our educational philosophy, bringing concepts to life through hands-on experiences that deepen understanding and ignite curiosity. We believe students learn best when they can actively engage with their environment, applying knowledge in real-world contexts. Through field trips, labs, outdoor activities, and creative projects, students have the chance to explore, experiment, and make meaningful connections between theory and practice.

Tracking Growth

The School's commitment to tracking student data offers powerful insights into each student's academic journey, enabling us to tailor learning strategies that truly meet individual needs. This data-driven approach allows us to quickly address challenges, enhance learning outcomes, and create a nurturing environment where students are set up to excel and thrive academically.

Digital Literacy

Competency in the use of digital technology is a key capability for successful learners. Our students utilise their own laptops and develop the skills needed for digital literacy, creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and responsible digital citizenship. The school's online learning hub provides a single platform to learn, communicate and collaborate between parents, teachers and students.



THE WHOLE PERSON IS THE WHOLE POINT

Dynamic Wellbeing

At Kinross Wolaroi, wellbeing encompasses so much more than mental health - it is a dynamic state in which individuals develop their potential, self-worth, and build respectful relationships. Delivered by dedicated educators and anchored in wellbeing science and research, our Wellbeing program engages students through structured lessons, presentations, and experiential learning. This approach equips students with the essential skills and knowledge to take ownership of their wellbeing, enabling them to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

A thoughtful approach to peer relationships and behaviour management is further supported by our House System, with each student assigned to a Wellbeing House. Each student is guided through their school career by a Head Mentor and Wellbeing Mentor. These staff play a significant role in the development of each student, ensuring they are supported, heard, seen, and encouraged to thrive and succeed. The House structure allows each student to have an advocate who knows them, their strengths and their aspirations.

We recognise that a student's wellbeing is built upon a positive and productive relationship between home and school, and we will work closely with you to ensure your child's wellbeing journey is one that equips them with the necessary tools to live a fulfilling life and to meet the challenges of our modern world.

Support to Flourish

Our expert team of psychologists and student support staff are integral to the success of the wellbeing program. As students mature, we want them to feel empowered to take ownership of both their academic and wellbeing journeys with confidence and resilience. Our counselling services are focused on supporting students' mental health and equipping them with the tools they need to flourish.

Faith at Heart

Kinross Wolaroi School fosters a community based on Christian values and the teachings of the Uniting Church, whilst embracing people of every faith as part of our inclusive community. Students attend chapel, where messages typically give a Christian perspective on the themes of self, leadership, character and empathy. The school has a long tradition of community service that forms an important aspect of school life and leadership development, and our Christian Fellowship Group for students meets weekly, providing a place to explore life, faith and scripture.

Leadership by Design

Our student body is led by exemplary School Prefects and Student Leadership teams, who initiate and lead programs to enhance school spirit, unity, and pride. This commitment to servant leadership is actively developed through opportunities for leadership experience and training throughout a student's school life, including participation in Round Square, Cadets, and co-curricular captaincy.

Character Education

As a Round Square member, we join a group of schools that are like-minded in their shared understanding of the hard-wired link between character education and academic success. We believe that in order to equip our students for positive, active and engaged global citizenship we must offer them more than academic knowledge and qualifications. In doing so, as a community we celebrate our spirit - of internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, service, leadership and adventure.

Round Square students connect with other young people from around the globe in virtual and physical spaces to learn from one another and explore their opinions, similarities and differences, and celebrate diversity. Programs such as international and national student exchange, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, community service and international conferences are just a few of the activities encompassed in a program designed to make learning an exciting adventure of exploration and discovery, with students at the centre of every experience.

Beyond the Classroom

Our outstanding co-curricular and extra-curricular program is another reason Kinross Wolaroi is a school of first choice for our families. Find out more in our 'Beyond the Classroom' brochure.

Collaboration for Educational Excellence

Become part of a vibrant community of families dedicated to educational excellence. Our supportive and friendly parent and carer network collaborates closely with the school, ensuring that each student receives the highest quality educational experience. By joining us, you're not just enrolling in a school, you're embracing a partnership that prioritises your child's success and wellbeing.

START YOUR JOURNEY

Choosing the right school for your child is a big decision. We invite you to experience Kinross Wolaroi School in person by joining us for a tour or Open Day event. During your visit, we will provide you with insight into the exceptional opportunities we provide for our students.

When to Enrol

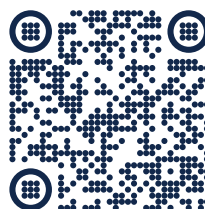
Our formal enrolment process is finalised 18-24 months prior to entry. While our intake years are Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, we consider other year groups based on availability.

Join us at Kinross Wolaroi School and give your child the best possible start to their educational journey.

Scholarships

The School offers a range of scholarships to support exceptional students. Scholarships are offered annually for academic, music, boarding and general excellence. For more details please visit our website.

For further information or to book a tour contact our Admissions Team on 02 6392 0300 or email admissions@kws.nsw.edu.au



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