

## learning beyond the curriculum

At Heathcote we offer an outstanding range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for our students. Challenging excursions, two students exchange programs and an exciting outdoor education program (including Duke of Edinburgh Award program) are just some of the opportunities on offer. Our students also benefit from a range of leadership and mentoring initiatives and pastoral care programs to enhance their social and moral growth as young adults.

## learning support

Our student services team case manages the support provided to each student who struggles with their learning. The team includes a support teacher learning assistance who coordinates each student's developmental program, ensuring that available resources are targeted to provide the maximum positive impact on their learning. The school also has a physical support class for students with identified needs.



Excellence, Opportunity and Success for all our students



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# excellence, opportunity and success for all our students

At Heathcote we provide a caring, supportive and safe environment where all students are able to develop academically, socially and morally. Our experienced staff is committed to delivering high quality teaching and learning programs, and to ensuring that the students have the best resources and facilities possible. We have a long tradition of academic, sporting and cultural achievements, and provide a range of opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities.



## awards for excellence

In recent years the school has received wide recognition for its outstanding initiatives in gifted and talented education and student leadership and mentoring strategies. These awards are a testament to our ongoing commitment to student learning and development.

## outstanding academic results

We are very proud of our students' results in both the School Certificate and HSC. Supported by our expert and committed teachers, many achieve in the top 10% in NSW with several students gaining ATARs of 99.00 or above in recent years.

## experienced and dedicated staff

Our teachers understand how students learn, and they care about each student's progress and achievements. They have a strong commitment to ongoing professional learning, and engage themselves enthusiastically in a range of extra-curricular activities. They understand the importance of mentoring structures to the nurturing of each student's potential. In recent years several of our teachers have received accolades for their commitment and skills, including Teaching Australia, Australian College of Educators' Quality Teaching and Director-General awards for teaching excellence.



## broad and challenging curriculum

We offer an extensive range of subjects focusing on the academic, personal and social development of each individual student, with a strong emphasis on experiential learning. In the senior school these include the demanding HSC extension courses, the traditional range of academic subjects, and vocational and general interest electives. Students also have the opportunity to access TVET and other vocational alternatives.



## gifted and talented program

In addition to our Selective Class program, students identified as being 'gifted' in one or more curriculum domains have the opportunity to participate in our gifted and talented program. Our qualified and enthusiastic teacher-coordinator has designed a series of G&T activity days where the students work individually and in teams to think outside the square and really challenge their abilities. Students also have opportunities to participate in academic competitions, Tournament of the Minds and faculty-organised days where identified students can deepen their understanding and skills in areas of special interest.

## selective class

As one of the first comprehensive schools in NSW to introduce a selective class program, we recognise the importance of responding to the very particular needs of gifted and talented learners. Students in a Selective Class complete a differentiated curriculum in the core program, enabling them to meet all relevant NSW syllabus requirements, while also being extended in breadth and depth of study in each course. Our gifted and talented students also have opportunities to participate in a range of enriching activities to further enliven their learning growth.

Entry into the Selective Class is based on the results of a placement test carried out in February, as well as the advice received from each student's primary school.

## shared values – individual growth

At Heathcote we foster a commitment to social harmony and social responsibility in our students. As a school community we recognise the vital importance of shared values including integrity, trust and respect for the rights of others. We encourage our students to wear our uniform with pride and follow our firm but fair discipline code. We also promote the importance of being friendly and courteous and of participating actively in the school and in the wider community.

