

On offer



SENIOR
SCHOOL
TERM 1
2018

Our wide offering outside the classroom provides extensive opportunities for each girl to develop the personal qualities essential to her adult life. Whatever her tastes and talents, there should be an arena in which she can forge resilience, perseverance, commitment, focus, tolerance and generosity.

ELIZABETH STONE, PRINCIPAL

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*ALL CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Queenwood is one of only a few schools in NSW to offer both HSC and IB pathways in Years 11 and 12. Both are excellent credentials and each girl has the opportunity to choose the style and pattern of study that best suits her individual interests and preferences. We have offered dual pathways for over 15 years and our girls have had remarkable success during that time. Refer to the Year in Review for our results.

There are frequent opportunities during the year to learn more about each pathway, and we provide girls and parents with tailored advice and guidance during the course of Year 10 to assist in making the choice. After completing the HSC or the IB, students are awarded an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) which is used for entrance into Australian universities. Students wishing to study overseas can choose either the HSC or the IB and are assisted in their applications by our Careers Advisor.

About the HSC

The Higher School Certificate is the highest academic credential within the NSW school system and allows a particularly flexible choice of subjects.

Girls undertake 12 units of study in Year 11. Most subjects count for two units.

Girls typically take 11-12 units of study in Year 12 with further subject specialisation options available.

Around 20 subjects are offered. Only English is compulsory.

About the IB

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a two-year course of study for Years 11 and 12 that has a distinctive educational philosophy and is offered in over 140 countries.

Girls must undertake one subject from each of six categories: English Language and Literature, Foreign Language, Humanities, Sciences, Mathematics and the Arts.

They must also undertake additional courses and activities: the Extended Essay; Creativity Activity Service; Theory of Knowledge.

Girls are awarded a final score out of 45.

Around the world, there is increasing interest in the IB Diploma. You can hear a discussion of the reasons behind this trend by an expert here. <http://www.abc.net.au/newsradio/content/s4600184.htm>

Year 7

CORE
English
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
Latin
PDHPE
Music
Visual Arts
Technology
ELECTIVES
French
Mandarin

Year 8

CORE
English
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
PDHPE
Music
Visual Arts
Technology
ELECTIVES
Coding
Explorations
French
German
Japanese
Latin
Literature
Mandarin
World Studies

Year 9

CORE
English
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
PDHPE
ELECTIVES
Commerce
Design & Technology
Drama
French
German
Information & Software Technology
Japanese
Latin
Music
Visual Arts
Year 10
CORE
English
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
PDHPE
ELECTIVES
Commerce
Design & Technology
Drama
French
German
Information & Software Technology
Japanese
Latin
Music
Visual Arts

Years 11/12 HSC

Advanced English
Standard English
English Ext
Mathematics Ext
Mathematics General
Mathematics
Geography
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Music 1
Music 2
Music Ext (Yr 12)
Drama
German Ext (Yr 12)
Ancient History
Modern History
History Ext (Yr 12)
Italian beginners (Yr 12)
Latin continuers
Japanese continuers
French continuers
German continuers
Economics
PDHPE
Physics
Textiles & Design
Multimedia
Design & Technology

Years 11/12 IB

Language & Literature
Literature
Maths Higher Level
Maths Standard Level
Maths
Maths Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Economics
Environmental Systems & Societies
French
German
Japanese
Latin
Mandarin ab initio
Spanish ab initio
Music
Visual Arts
History
Geography
Theory of Knowledge
Physics
CAS

NB: Curriculum offering is subject to change.

Advanced Technologies and Engineering at Queenwood

Engagement in coding, robotics and computational thinking will be a huge benefit in the workplaces of the future. The Queenwood Advanced Technologies and Engineering (ATE) program allows students to engage with these areas in a non-selective, fun environment as part of the extra-curricular offer in the School. In 2018 we offer:

Lego Robotics

YEARS 6-12

Lego Robotics has a long history at Queenwood with students competing at the State and National levels. In this activity student teams design and build programmable Lego robots which undertake a variety of challenges such as dancing to music or playing soccer. This entails skills in coding, computational thinking and engineering. Students enter two competitions during the year, RoboCup in August and The First Lego League in November. We have two Queenwood teams, the Year 6 team and a senior team for Years 7-12.

The Science and Engineering Challenge

YEARS 9-10

This is a premier competition for the enrichment of these subjects. Students undertake a range of activities during a one day excursion held at Sydney Olympic Park in August. Teams earn points for the school team, with one school declared the winner at the end of the day.

MiniSprint Solar Racing

YEARS 7-11

MiniSprint solar racing requires students to design and build small racing boats and cars powered by solar panels. These vehicles are raced at the UNSW open day, on the first Saturday in September. Construction of these vehicles combines electronics, design and engineering.

Maker Club

YEARS 8-11

The Maker movement is a relatively modern one. It involves repurposing discarded items, an understanding of electronics combined with 'hacking' code to produce new useful items. This combines the key elements of design with an understanding of coding, but is suitable for a novice coder. Projects include developing a word clock, building your own radio and other electronics and coding ideas which are driven by the interests of the students.

COORDINATOR:

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Art, Design and Digital Technology

Photography & Film Club

Embroidery Club

Coding Club

Maker Club

Visiting Artists

Exhibitions

Year 11 HSC

IB Visual Arts Art Camp

Textiles students participate in an intensive 3 day Foundation Camp at Bundanon and Riversdale, The Arthur Boyd Education Centre. This energizing camp provides students with an opportunity to undertake rigorous practical and conceptual investigations in both art and design with connections to place, history and the Australian Identity. Students undertake a wide variety of workshops, ranging from eco-dyeing papers and fabrics, to drawing and printmaking.

Year 9 Cockatoo Island Excursion

This 1.5 day camp aims to provide students with an opportunity to conduct visual research in a unique post-industrial environment. The Year 9 theme of Transformations lends itself perfectly to this historic site, with its connections to place, history and the Australian Identity. Students undertake activities in drawing, night photography and installation art.

Illuminators Photography and Film Club

This lunchtime club offers students the opportunity to develop their own photographic practice, undertaking fun activities that explore both traditional wet photographic and contemporary digital techniques. Students are encouraged to participate in external photographic competitions, such as the Moran Photographic Prize.

ELIGIBILITY: All

WHEN: Lunchtime

COORDINATOR:

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Balmoral Lectures

A series of lectures from distinguished Australians seeking to stimulate public understanding and discourse on topics of importance to our community.

ELIGIBILITY:

All. Compulsory for Year 11.

WHEN:

Dates advertised on our website and in the School Newsletter.

COORDINATOR:

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Careers

Year 12 Study Day at UTS

Includes an alumni event
WEDNESDAY 7 FEB

Year 10 Careers testing

AT SCHOOL
MONDAY 26 FEB

Years 10 and 11 Careers Connections Alumni Evening

Careers Expo Moore Park

FRIDAY 1 JUNE

University of Sydney Year 10 Information Evening

TUESDAY 15 MAY

Year 12 Planning Day

AUGUST

Cambridge Information Evening

COORDINATOR:

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Exchanges

Queenwood offers an enriching programme of events and trips designed to broaden the experience of Queenwood girls and staff. The following exchanges are on offer in 2018:

New Zealand

ST PETER'S CAMBRIDGE

In Term 3, the four successful applicants will host four girls from St Peter's school in New Zealand for three weeks. They will stay at their Queenwood 'sister's' house and come to experience life at Queenwood. The host family will be responsible for showing the St Peter's student the sights and culture of Sydney. On conclusion of the three weeks, the New Zealand students return home and a week later the four Queenwood students go to New Zealand to experience three weeks at St Peter's.

ELIGIBILITY:

Year 9, reciprocal exchange

WHEN:

Term 3

COST:

Return flights and spending money

COORDINATOR:

Rachel.Brown@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

England

CHELTENHAM LADIES COLLEGE

ELIGIBILITY:

Year 10, reciprocal exchange

COST:

Return flights and spending money

COORDINATOR:

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French Exchange

In Term 4 of Year 9, girls studying French and interested in taking part in an exchange are offered an expression of interest form. Girls are paired with students based on mutual interests and compatibility.

ELIGIBILITY:

Year 10, reciprocal exchange

WHEN:

June-July: Hosting a student in Sydney.

Dec-January: Living with penfriend and attending school Blanche de Castille Girls School, Versailles

COST:

Return flights and spending money

COORDINATOR:

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Japan Exchange

ELIGIBILITY:

Year 10, reciprocal exchange

COST:

Return flights and spending money

COORDINATOR:

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Catalyst Program

The Catalyst Program has been developed to support high potential learners. The Catalyst co-ordinator works with individual girls and small groups to support their identified academic strengths and to develop the strategies needed to become autonomous learners. In addition, a series of external competitions and programs are offered for girls wanting to pursue interests in particular fields.

Sydney Writers' Festival

Good Pitch

Academy Lectures

Write a Book in a Day

Da Vinci Decathlon

YEARS 7-11

An initiative of Knox Grammar School, this "decathlon with a difference" is an academic interschool gala day run in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon, with events of an academic nature. The tasks are exciting and challenging with a particular emphasis placed on higher order thinking skills. Students compete across ten disciplines: English, Mathematics & Chess, Science, Engineering, Code Breaking, Philosophy, Art & Poetry, Creative Producers, Cartography and general knowledge. Five teams of eight students are selected to participate in this event.

ELIGIBILITY:

Years 7-11, teacher recommendation, academic excellence

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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Women of Substance

YEARS 7-8

Women of Substance is an individual, interdisciplinary, enrichment project for Years 7 & 8 students. As part of the project girls will choose a woman of substance and research her life. The project will culminate in an evening presentation in which the girls dress as their subject. Guests will be invited to tour a waxworks museum of the women and interact with girls, learning about the life and achievements of the subjects.

ELIGIBILITY:

Years 7-8, self-nomination

TRAINING:

Weekly meeting with mentor in Term 2

EVENT: End of Term 2

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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Mock Trial

YEARS 10-11

The Law Society of New South Wales' Mock Trial competition has been running since 1981. Open to schools across NSW for students in Years 10 and 11, the program aims to introduce students to the NSW judicial system by providing practical experience into the running of a court case in a true-to-life adversarial setting. Students learn advocacy, debating and problem-solving skills.

ELIGIBILITY:

Years 10-11, teacher recommendation, academic excellence

TRAINING:

Weekly workshops in Terms 1 & 2 with external legal practitioners

EVENT: End of Term 2

REGISTRATION:

Permission note given to selected students

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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Mock Mediation

YEARS 9-10

Mock Mediation is an initiative of The Law Society of New South Wales assisted by volunteers from the legal profession. Mock Mediation is a structured problem-solving process designed to encourage the parties to identify the issue in dispute, consider options and work towards an agreement that will meet the needs of all parties. The skills required for mediation are particularly relevant to personal development and include: active listening; self-awareness; questioning; analysing; empathising; speaking clearly and logically and creative thinking. Mediation is based on values such as respect for self and others, accepting difference, personal integrity and a belief that conflict, if handled properly, can result in a change for the better.

ELIGIBILITY:

Years 9-10, teacher recommendation, academic excellence

COACH:

External legal practitioners

TRAINING AND COMPETITION:

Weekly workshops in Terms 1 & 2

REGISTRATION:

Permission note given to selected students

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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Catalyst Program cont...

Young Justice Program YEARS 7-8

The NSW Young Lawyers Justice Education Team was established in 2010 and began hosting Law & Justice Leadership Conferences for upper-level primary school students in Western Sydney in 2011. In 2013, the program won a national award from the Law Council of Australia in recognition of its impact and importance and was rebranded the Young Justice Program in 2014.

The Program aims to: expose students to local and global justice issues; encourage students to think about the role of the law in bringing about justice in our society; develop students' problem solving and debating skills; and encourage team work amongst participants.

ELIGIBILITY:
Years 7-8 (10 selected students)

EVENT: May 2017

REGISTRATION:
Permission note given to selected students

SUPERVISING TEACHER:
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Model UN YEARS 9-12

Evatt is a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9-12. More than 2,000 students compete in Evatt each year. It aims to educate young people about Australia's place in the world and empower them as active citizens by developing public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, research, and diplomatic skills.

The competition takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council. Teams of two students debate, amend, and vote on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round.

ELIGIBILITY:
Years 9-12, self-nominated teams of 2

SUPERVISING TEACHER:
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Debating

This challenging and highly rewarding extra-curricular activity involves the art of constructing and presenting a formal argument to an opposing team, adjudicator and audience. Students are required to use their general knowledge, skills of reasoning and higher order thinking processes to consider contemporary issues relevant to modern society. A specialist debating coach works with the debating teams each week providing insight and expertise to support the students in developing their debating skills. In 2018, Queenwood aims to enter two major debating competitions as outlined below, as well as other one day competitions offered by Macquarie and Sydney Universities.

ISDA Competition YEARS 7-12

Queenwood enters six teams across Years 7-12 in the Independent Schools Debating Competition (ISDA) which is held during Terms 1 and 2 each year. The debates cover a range of topics, from environmental and political issues to popular culture and the media. Topics are distributed an hour before the debate commences, allowing the debaters this time to work as a team to develop a case for either the affirmative or negative side. The commitment required to participate in this competition both from students and parents is significant. Team training is usually scheduled for the same afternoon as the evening debates, so students are generally required to be available each Friday for Terms 1 & 2 from 3.20pm until approximately 7.30pm for teams in Years 7-9 and 8.45pm for teams in Years 10-12. The debates are held at various independent schools in Sydney. Buses are provided to transport students to away debates and parents are required to collect their child from the venue (whether Queenwood or another school) at the end of the evening.

ELIGIBILITY:
Years 7-12; teams selected by team trial late in Term 4 2017 / early Term 1 2018

COACH:
External coaches with extensive debating experience

COORDINATOR:
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Drama

Drama instills creative expression and life skills in presentation. For students wishing to extend their experience in drama Queenwood offers ample scope to participate in regular school productions.

The Astra Theatre provides a professional performance space with theatre lighting, sound and rigging. The School Drama Festival provides budding thespians additional opportunities to perform and develop skills.

Girls who are involved in productions need to be available for rehearsals after school and on weekends. As well as affording girls the opportunity to develop acting skills, productions also offer roles in work backstage, in the orchestra or on lighting, sound and make-up.

Offstage

10 FEBRUARY 2018

A night of HSC exemplary Drama works from the NSW HSC Performance Exams. Purchase tickets at the door.

Middle School Production

5 & 6 APRIL 2018, 7PM

Year 10 Class Productions

18 SEPTEMBER 2018, 6PM

Senior Production

29 & 30 NOVEMBER 2018, 7PM

COORDINATOR:

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Duke of Edinburgh

The Award is a youth self-development program for all young people. The Award is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs.

There are four sections that must be completed for a young person to qualify for an Award: Community Service, Skills, Recreation and Expedition. These provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self-esteem which will help them become more confident members of the community. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is highly regarded by many employers.

Three Award levels are available – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Year 9 students may start at the Bronze level. To obtain the Bronze Award students must complete the following sections:

Service

At least three months at an average of one hour a week of voluntary Community Service. Complete an appropriate course of specialised training such as a First Aid course.

Expedition

Complete training and a practice trip and then an expedition with overnight camping.

Skills

At least three months at an average of one hour a week of a cultural or social activity must be pursued leading to a deeper knowledge of the subject and the attainment of a reasonable degree of skill. Examples include: dance; a musical instrument; drama; printmaking.

Physical Recreation

At least three months at an average of one hour a week participation in a physical activity, leading to some improvement in that activity.

In addition, a further three months at an average of one hour a week must be completed in either the Service, Skill or Physical Recreation sections.

For more information, please visit the Duke of Edinburgh website: www.dukeofed.com.au

ELIGIBILITY:

Students in Year 9 (aged 14)

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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English

Writer in residence

**Bell Shakespeare
Actors at Work**

Jewish Museum visit

**Write a Book in a Day
competition**

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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Music

Astra Singers

Cello Ensemble

Chamber Singers

Chamber Orchestra

Choir

Flute Ensemble

Jazz Band

Orchestra

Orion Strings

Percussion Ensemble

Saxophone Quartet

String Ensemble

String Orchestra

Symphonic Wind

Vocal Quartet

Wind Quintet

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

music@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Private Music Lessons

Please log onto the following link to register for the Private Music lessons
trybooking.com/5434

Social Justice

The emphasis of social justice initiatives is to instill in students an understanding of their responsibilities to help others. Engagement with global issues in assemblies and curriculum areas encourage students to think and act locally, nationally and internationally.

Cambodia

Since 2004, Queenwood and four other schools has supported a cluster of primary schools on the outskirts of Phnom Penh in Cambodia – our flagship global initiative. Our active commitment to improving educational outcomes for students in these schools includes an emphasis on teacher training, with Year 10 students given the opportunity each year to visit the schools and teach English to local students in Years 3 and 4.

COORDINATOR:

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50K for 50K

In 2011, Queenwood undertook a student-initiated 50km walk from Palm Beach to Queenwood for Year 10 and 11 students, staff and parents to raise funds for the Cambodia Schools Project. In 2012, the event continued and was given a name – 50k for 50k and continues to grow each year with the goal of raising \$50,000 each time.

COORDINATOR:

Donna.Hughes@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Girls for Girls Campaign

Girls for Girls is a Queenwood campaign which reflects our conviction that the best way to support any girl is to provide her with a quality education. Macleay Vocational College (MVC) has a successful and growing Ginda Barri program which assists disadvantaged teenage mothers to re-enter education, finish their HSC or VET studies and move on to further study or traineeships. It also provides quality childcare, parenting skills and healthcare for their babies while their mothers attend school.

COORDINATOR: Paola.Tamberlin@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Legacy Day

Primary and Secondary students collect for Legacy on Legacy Day, helping raise awareness of those who are still affected by war in Australia.

COORDINATOR: Melissa.Dullege@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Red Shield Appeal

Each year, Queenwood students from Years 6 to 12 actively participate in the Red Shield Appeal. In 2012, more than 200 students volunteered to collect money for the Salvation Army to support their Oasis Centre in Sydney.

COORDINATOR: Paola.Tamberlin@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Societies and other opportunities

Astronomy Club

ELIGIBILITY: Year 7

WHEN: Thursday lunch

WHERE: Lawrance

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

Alyson.Morgan@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Chess Club

ELIGIBILITY: All year groups

WHEN: Weekly meetings on Monday lunch

Competition in Term 2 on Friday afternoons

WHERE: R303

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

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Mathematics tutorials

Tutorials are an optional activity for girls in Years 7 - 12 to attend for extra help in Mathematics. It is similar to a drop-in centre where girls can ask for help on homework, exam preparation or general numeracy skills. These tutorials are very useful for students of all mathematical ability and they can attend at any time.

ELIGIBILITY: All year groups

WHEN: Tuesday - Friday mornings 7:30 - 8:15am

Wednesday afternoons 3:30 - 4:30pm

WHERE: R201 (Mornings)
M313 (Afternoons)

COST: Free

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

Paul.Emanuel@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Public Speaking

ELIGIBILITY: All year groups

SUPERVISING TEACHER:

Jane.Canon@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Sport

AFL

WEEK 3 Trybooking for next Term opens

Aquatics & Swimming

WEEK 5 Trybooking for each Term closes

Athletics

WEEK 6 Late registration period

Basketball

WEEK 7 Sport trials for next Term

Cross Country

TERM 1 trybooking.com/16152

Dance

TERM 2 trybooking.com/20388

Equestrian

TERM 3 trybooking.com/10027

Futsal

TERM 4 trybooking.com/12937

Gymnastics

COORDINATOR:

Daniel.Kozey@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Hockey

Indoor Hockey

Aquatics/swim coach

Ben Davies

Our Head Coach and Program Coordinator is also available for any queries

Netball

Rowing

Snow Sports

PHONE: 0402 590 830

Soccer

EMAIL:

Ben.Davies@queenwood.nsw.edu.au

Tae Kwon Do

Tennis

Tildesley Shield

Surfing

Water Polo

Tennis Centre

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