



THE HILLS SPORTS  
HIGH SCHOOL PROSPECTUS  
2022

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Hills Sports High School has a proud tradition of high standards and of students “striving for their best” in academic and sporting areas of education. We are now considered as one of Australia’s leading sports high schools. We continue to attract short term enrolments from overseas and requests from foreign schools to form links with us.

We offer a high quality academic program of study which leads students towards the award of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and the NSW Higher School Certificate. Our range of elective courses and flexible patterns of study enable academic and sporting students to excel. Recent results show improvement in literacy and numeracy as well as very high achievements in the Higher School Certificate. Many students have excelled in their chosen Higher School Certificate courses which may also include links to TAFE and other Vocational Education courses including hospitality (pictured below).

We also have many students successfully accumulating the HSC results over several years by following an approved “pathways” pattern of study – a program which also assists elite sports students to cope with their training commitments outside of school.



Our academic classes in Year 7 & 8 include opportunities for gifted and talented students to join our “self-select” class for students motivated and determined to do well academically as well as classes for our best students. This compliments the rest of the pattern of mixed ability classes in these junior years. This “self-select” class is also offered as a part of the core subjects in Years 9 & 10.

The wider curriculum also encompasses our talented sports program where students are selected on ability in 14 sports for enrolment in our school. These students combine their sporting program with our academic program which enables them to learn effectively whilst fostering their sporting talents.

Our curriculum also includes opportunities to become a part of debating, mock trials, dance programs and drama. We also educate students as future citizens in citizenship and values, encouraging an environment of caring for others and striving for the best possible performance in all areas of schooling.

Our strong and effective welfare structures, including the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program, ensure support for students in terms of their emotional and specialist learning needs and generally promote values of safety, achievement, tolerance and respect. Year advisers and mentors for the various sports combine to support all students to achieve their best

The facilities of the school include a hospitality course kitchen, fitness centre, library, a swimming centre, cricket training nets and an “Astro Turf” synthetic playing field and a state of the art STEM room. We provide opportunities for students to learn using technology and other modern teaching and learning aids in classes and on the sporting fields.

Partnerships with local community organisations strengthen our position as a school catering for the needs of local students and also the high quality elite sportsmen and sportswomen.

MITCHELL STRUYVE  
Principal

# HOLISTIC TEACHING APPROACH

- Strong Academic Focus
- Outstanding Academic Results
- Positive Behaviour for Learning Program
- Caring Welfare and Social Skills Program
- Leadership and Inter-Personal Skills Program
- Collaborative Parent/Teacher Relationship
- Athlete Academic Support Programs



# OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

The Hills Sports High School provides a quality education that enables all students to achieve personal excellence. Through the delivery of a diverse and comprehensive curriculum students consistently achieve outstanding results.

The 2020 Higher School Certificate results were outstanding. Over 164 results in the top 3 bands were awarded across subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Engineering Studies, Community and Family Studies and Visual Arts.

Students received ATAR scores up to 96.7. The diverse curriculum offered at The Hills Sports High School provides relevant patterns of study for all students and enables them to pursue a variety of post school options such as work, TAFE or university. 40% of students applied for University places and all were successful.

The Hills Sports High School NAPLAN results continue to be outstanding and clearly illustrate the academic growth of our students. In year 7, 31% of our students achieved in the top two bands (Bands 9 & 10) in Spelling, 26% in Reading, and 28% in Grammar and Punctuation.

In Numeracy 32% of our students achieved in the top two bands. Year 9 students achieved remarkable growth since completing the NAPLAN test in year 7. Over 42% of students achieved results at or greater than the expected growth in all aspects of Literacy (reading, spelling, writing and grammar). In the Numeracy aspect of the test, 56% of students achieved results at or greater than the expected growth. These figures show that students at The Hills Sports High School are able to achieve beyond their expectations through the provision of quality teaching and learning programs that meet the individual needs of a diverse group of students. The school has dedicated programs for literacy including Accelerated Reader, MultiLit and Focus on Reading. The school is also introducing the Quicksmart numeracy program in 2021.

The Hills Sports High School continues to achieve outstanding academic results and provides a high quality learning environment for all of its students. This clearly demonstrates that students are able to achieve their academic goals as well as their sporting goals by attending The Hills Sports High School.

# HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS

## *& How We Cater For Talented Students*



Each year students are given the opportunity to apply for a position within our Self Select classes. A Self Select class is made up of students who are intrinsically motivated to learn and are independent workers. The Hills Sports High School offers a Self Select class in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to students who have committed to take responsibility for their own learning.

Our Self Select classes follow the same curriculum as the rest of their year.

Teachers of these classes present their lessons in ways, which encourage students to think and question, be creative and to develop original ideas. Student in Self Select have high expectations placed on them to learn and be engaged in the various activities on offer.

Positions in these classes are in high demand and we often have a waitlist. Student applying need to provide school reports from their previous year. The applicant is required to explain why s/he should be included in the Self Select class.

Teachers and parents are also required to comment on the student's suitability for such a class.

Whilst students in this class are academically capable, they are not necessarily the students achieving the highest marks in their grade. This class incorporates more group work, and lessons are less formally structured to cater for new line of enquiry and extension work.

Entry to Self Select class is one year and all students need to reapply for the class in the following year.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 was a highly successful year for The Hills Sports High School with 10 Australian (a total in excess of 150 since the School's inception) 40 NSW and more than 150 Sydney West Representatives.

The School had a great year in terms of success in major competitions. The Open Cheerleading Team retained their Australian Pom Championship. Their back-to-back-to-back wins add to their previous successes and they have now won the Australian Championship for four of the last six years.

The Athletics Team were dominant at the NSW CHS Championships. Our 4 x 100m Relay Teams made a major contribution to this success and we had three individual gold medallists.

The Junior Boys' Cricket Team had an outstanding season winning the Sports High Trophy, the NSW Sports High School Championship and a number of individuals played at Junior NSW level.

The Open Boys Rugby League Team took out the NSW CHS University Shield Competition and were runners-up in the NSW GIO Schoolboys Cup competition. A record seven players were selected in the Australian Schoolboys team as well as two in the NZ team.

The Open Boys' Rugby Union Team are the premier CHS Team. Our teams dominated 7's competitions winning State Titles in multiple age divisions.

The Open Girls Netball Team were 2nd in the CHS NSW State KO capturing the while the 15 Years Team finished 3rd in NSW.

There were many outstanding individual achievements by Hills Sports students in 2019. Students winning Australian representation included Holly Williams and Annie Dazcko who were selected in the Australian Schoolgirls team while Jessika Nash CAPTAINED the Mini Matildas (U15). Other Football players winning National selection included Jaiden Kucharski who played in Asian Cup qualifiers for the Joeys (U17).

The Hills Sports High consolidated its position as one of Australia's leading sports schools in 2019 and many of our ex-students continue to make their mark in major adult competitions;

- Brandon Starc represented Australia in many overseas competitions and was an early qualifier for the Tokyo Olympic Games in July.
- Chloe Logarzo and Kyah Simon represented Australia for the Matildas and played key roles in their success.
- Will Skelton continued his Rugby career with Saracens Rugby in Europe and was in high demand from Super Rugby teams.



- Paige Hadley played Netball for the NSW Swifts, won the premiership and was selected in the Australian Diamonds Team.
- Sean Abbott represented NSW in the Sheffield Shield Cricket competition while Jake Doran played for Tasmania. Nathan Sowter played for Middlesex in the English County Championships.
- Rhyan Grant continues to star for the Socceroos and Sydney FC in the A-League Competition while Nick Fitzgerald, Abraham Majok and Kosta Petratos represented Western Sydney Wanderers, Central Coast Mariners and Perth Glory in this competition.
- Wade Graham, Jorge Taufua, Reagan Campbell-Gillard, Oregon Kaufusi and Dylan Brown all played NRL. Wade won NSW Origin Selection while Dylan burst onto the scene as one of the youngest debutants in some time.
- Many other students achieved representative selection or played A-League, W-League or 1st Grade in Cricket, Rugby League and Rugby Union in 2019.



# SPORTS PROGRAM

The Hills Sports High School will offer a selective Talented Sports Program in fourteen sports in 2022 - AFL, Athletics (Track and Field), Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby "7's", Rugby Union, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football (Girls) and Water Polo.

The Talented Sports Program enables students to attain their full potential and provides a pathway to the Australian Institute of Sport and State, National and Olympic representation. The School's Coaching Staff is highly qualified.

The Hills Sports High Talented Sports Program has already produced over 140 Australian representatives in a variety of sports and currently receives TSP applications from students living in all parts of the metropolitan area, country regions of NSW, all Australian mainland states and overseas. The Talented Sports Program has a high National and International profile and students from China, England, Korea, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands have sought placement in the Program in the last year alone.

Applicants for the Talented Sports Program must demonstrate elite ability in a particular sport. They undergo a trial in their chosen sport(s) and an academic review program in which they must demonstrate high standards in attitude, conduct and work habits.

The Hills Sports High School offers a world-class Talented Sports Program (TSP) designed to provide students who excel in particular sports with elite coaching and an academic framework that enables them to reach both their academic and sporting goals.

The Program aggregates talented young sportsmen and women from Sydney's west and northwest in the one school providing them with:-

- Elite coaching and access to modern sports medicine
- A Teaching Staff sympathetic to the unique problems of the sporting champion
- Special academic programs to assist them in coping with absences caused by their sporting commitments
- The opportunity to complete their Secondary Education in the company of peers with similar lifestyles, aspirations and interests.

The School's Curriculum provides students with the maximum opportunity to achieve both their academic and sporting goals. No longer will education have to be sacrificed to ensure sporting success

The provision of HSC Pathways enables students to balance their education and sporting commitments by completing their HSC over several years. This ensures that students have the option of a back-up career if injury or some other factor places them in the position of no longer being able to earn an income from their chosen sport.

Students participating in TSP are contracted to maintain satisfactory progress in their academic curriculum. Students failing to submit assignments on time, for example, will be stood down from school representation until they are up-to-date.

# SPORTING EXCELLENCE IN FOCUS



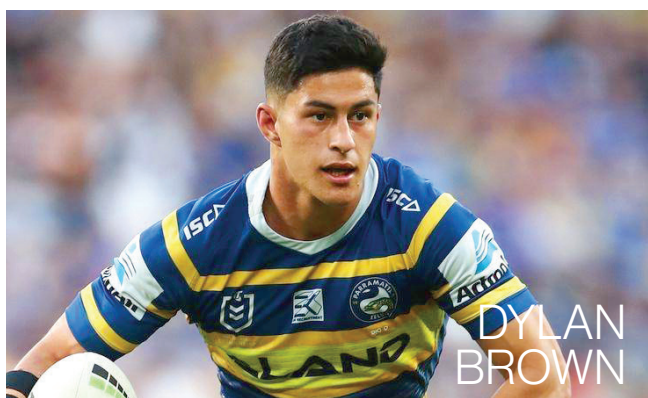
## NETBALL

Diamonds World Champion - Netball World Cup 2015  
NSW Swifts Vice Captain 2017-19  
NSW Swifts Premiership Winner 2019



## CRICKET

2019/20 with Tasmania and Hurricanes BBL



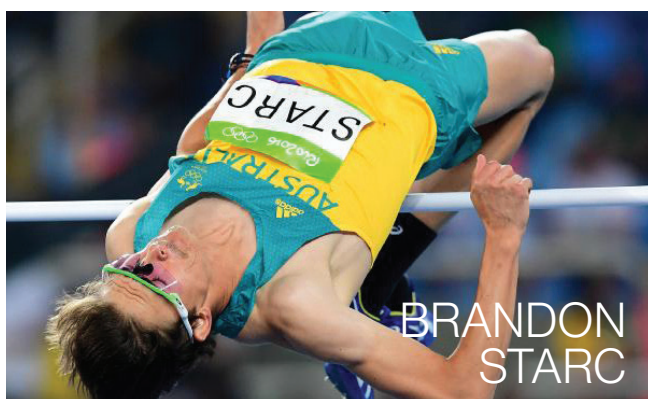
## RUGBY LEAGUE

Parramatta Eels First Grade at 19 years of age



## RUGBY LEAGUE

Rugby League World Cup Winner 2017  
NSW State of Origin Team 2018



## ATHLETICS

World Championship Finalist 2015  
2018 Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist  
2018 Diamond League Champion



## RUGBY UNION

Australian Wallaby  
Super Rugby Premiership winner  
Saracens Rugby (England - 2017-20)

# TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM

## SPORTS OFFERED



*Australian Rules*

Boys: Year 7-12

JODIE HICKS

(Assistant Coach)

- AFLW GWS Giants Player
- Level 1 Coaching Accreditation
- Sydney Sixers Player

MAJOR SUCCESS

- 16's Giants Cup Champions 2013
- Western Sydney Champions 2010-2014
- Swan Shield Finalists 2013



*Athletics*

Boys & Girls: Year 7-8 & 9-12

HOWARD SEARLE

(Head Coach) Sprints, Middle Distance and Jumps

- Level 3 Jumps, Sprints, Hurdles and relays Coach
- IAAF - School Sports accreditation
- Director - Hills Athletics Academy

DAVID BRUCE

(Specialist Coach) Throwing Events

- Australian Level III Accredited Throws Coach
- Discus, Javelin, Shot Put specialist
- Coached multiple Australian champions

NOTABLE STUDENTS

Brandon Starc (Olympian), John Crandell

MAJOR SUCCESS

- 5 x Champion NSW CHS School
- Over 30 CHS Champion relay teams
- Sydney West Champion School 2004-2016





## Baseball NSW Player Development School

Boys & Girls: Year 7-12



NATHAN WRIGHT

(Head Coach)

- Level 3 Australian Baseball Federation Coaching Accreditation
- Hitting Coach Sydney Blue Sox 2013-2017
- Field Manager Baseball NSW U/23 squad

### NOTABLE STUDENTS

Todd Van Steensel (Australia), Scott and Ben Cone (New Zealand)

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- NSW CHS Champions 2009-10, 2016, 2018
- NSW CHS Girls Champions 2011-2016
- Players signed by Philadelphia, Minnesota and other MiLB teams, USA



Boys & Girls: Year 7-12

ALANNA MARCHANT & JESSICA GRAHAM

(Coaches)

- Level 1-6 USASF / IASF Accredited Cheer / Tumble Coaches
- Program Director and Head Coaches at Cheer Energy
- Choreographers for multiple State and National teams/routines
- Global Games Champions 2019

### MAJOR SUCCESS

Multiple Australian Championships - Hip Hop, Cheer, Group Stunt and Pom routines from 2009-2016





## Cricket NSW High Performance School

Boys & Girls:  
Year 7-8 & 9-12



### GRANT LAMBERT

(Head Coach)

- NSW and ACB Level II Cricket Coaching Accreditation
- Cricket NSW Futures League Coach
- NSW 17's and 19's Specialist Coach
- Three times winner O'Reilly Medal (1st Grade Player of the Year)
- Record number of runs in a 1st grade season

### NOTABLE STUDENTS

Sean Abbott, Gurinder Sandhu, Jake Doran, Luke Doran, Nathan Sowter

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- 8 x NSW CHS Champions
- Current Girls CHS Champions
- 6 x Junior Sports High Champions
- 4 x Northern Districts Cup Champions

## Girls: Year 7-8 & 9-12

### JAMES MULCARE

(Coach)

- Netball NSW Intermediate Coaching Accreditation
- Certificate IV Fitness
- Director West Sydney Strength
- Multiple State Age Netball teams coached

### KATH TETLEY

(Assistant Head Coach)

- Netball NSW Elite Coaching Accreditation
- NSW 17's Assistant Coach
- GWS Fury 23's Premier League Premiership Coach
- Multiple Metro League teams

### NOTABLE STUDENTS

Paige Hadley (Australian Diamonds, NSW Swifts)

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- 6 x NSW CHS Open Girls Finalists
- 2017 and 2018 CHS Open Girls Champions
- 3 x Undefeated Year 7/8 Champions
- Sydney West Champions 2006-2016
- 2017 NSW CHS Open Girls Champions



*Rugby League*

Boys: Year 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

**SCOTT JONES**

(Head Coach)

- ARL Level III High Performance Coach
- NSW CHS Assistant Coach 2016-17
- CHS Sydney Gold 15 Years Coach 2013-16
- Parramatta Eels Harold Matthews / SG Ball Coach 2015-17

**KEVIN CHESTER**

(Coach)

- ARL Level II Accredited Coach
- Parramatta Eels Development Squad Coach 2014-16
- Parramatta Harold Matthews Assistant Coach 2017

**BRONSON HARRISON**

(Strength and Conditioning)

- 196 First Grade NRL matches
- 12 Test matches for New Zealand
- NRL Work Ambassador

**NOTABLE STUDENTS**

Wade Graham, Jorge Taufua, Reagan Campbell-Gillard, Manaia Cherrington, Dylan Brown, Jeremy Marshall-King and Oregon Kaufusi

**MAJOR SUCCESS**

- ARL Schoolboy Cup Champions 2010-2011
- NSW CHS University Shield Champions 2009, 2014 and 2016
- NSW CHS 14 Years Buckley Shield Champions 2012, 2015



*Rugby Union*

Boys: Year 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

**TEKI TUIPULOTU**

(Head Coach)

- ARU Level II Accredited Coach
- Extensive work with Tongan National team
- 7's and 15-a side expertise

**NOTABLE STUDENTS**

Will Skelton (Australia), Steve Cummins, David Lolohea, Peter Schuster, Folau Fainga'a (Australia)

**MAJOR SUCCESS**

- NSW Waratah Shield Champions 2010
- NSW Buchan Shield Champions 2014-2016
- NSW 7's Champions 2010-2016





## Girls - Year 7-12

### TEKI TUIPULOTU

(Head Coach)

- ARU Level II Accredited Coach
- Extensive work with Tongan National team
- 7's and 15-a side expertise

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- 3 x NSW CHS Open Girls Finalists
- Players selected in NSW and Australian U/18's teams



## Boys & Girls: Year 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

### MARK CRITTENDEN

(Head Coach)

- Football Federation Australia (FFA)/Asian Football Federation(AFC) A License
- Extensive NSL and NPL Coaching experience
- Blacktown City 1st Grade Coach and Technical Director

### GEOFF ABRAHAMS

(Assistant Head Coach)

- Football Federation Australia (FFA)/Asian Football Federation(AFC) A License
- Western Sydney Wanderers 15's Head Coach
- WSW Y-League Coaching Staff

### NOTABLE STUDENTS

Kyah Simon, Chloe Logarzo, Caitlin Cooper, Teigen Allen (Australia), Rhyan Grant (Australia), Nick Fitzgerald, Hagi Gligor (A-League), Zac Duncan (Australia 20's)

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- 13 x NSW All-Schools Champions (Boys and Girls)
- 3 x Bill Turner Cup / Trophy Champions
- Over 50 Australian representatives at all levels



## Boys & Girls: Year 7-12

DANIELLA COSTAGANNA

(Coach)

- Level 1 Accreditation
- NSW Softball Representative
- NSW Blue Sox Womens Baseball Team

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- 10 x NSW CHS Finalists
- 6 Australian, 19 NSW and over 80 Sydney West Representatives.



## Boys & Girls: Year 7-12

ALYCE BRADAC

(Head Coach)

- Senior Coach GT Performance Swimming
- Silver License Coach
- Level 1 Strength and Conditioning
- Cert III and IV in Fitness
- 19 years of experience in the industry

### NOTABLE STUDENTS

Rachel Wood 7 x World Lifesaving Championships

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- Sports High Champions 2014-2018
- NSW Sports High Champions 2014-2016
- Sydney West Champion School 2005-2016
- Multiple NSW CHS Relay Champions





## Girls: Year 7-12

### TRACEY ELLIOTT

(Head Coach)

- Australian Touch Football Level II Accredited Coach
- Coach U/18 Ryde-Eastwood Women's Team 2006-14
- Australian and NSW Touch Representative (captaining both sides)
- Current Women's Opens Player

### NOTABLE STUDENTS

Ashleigh Quinlan (Australia)

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- NSW CHS Open Girls Knockout Champions 2012, 2013 and 2014
- NSW Touch Association Years 9-10 Girls Champions 2012, 2013 and 2014
- NSW Touch Association Years 7-8 Champions 2012
- Sydney West Open Girls Champions 2009-2016



## Boys & Girls: Year 7-12

### BRUCE DUFFY

(Head Coach)

- Level 1 Water Polo Coach
- National League and Australian Schoolboys Player
- NSW CIS Team Coach 2015-16

### MAJOR SUCCESS

- 4 x CHS Open Finalists Boys and Girls
- 6 x CHS 15's Finalists Boys and Girls

# ACCESS

## TO THE TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM

Students applying for a Talented Sports Program placement must demonstrate elite ability in a particular sport and must satisfy high standards in attitude, work habits and academic achievement.

All students seeking placement in a TSP are required to submit an Application Form (this also applies to local community students). The selection process will include physical and skills testing in their nominated sports in addition to an examination of their school reports.

The 2020 Talent Identification Trials and Fitness Testing will be conducted primarily during the months of May and June. All applicants will be notified of the dates they will be required to attend for testing.

Selected TSP students pay a non-refundable Fitness and Administration Fee of \$100 on their acceptance into the Program.

These funds are used to employ qualified coaching and fitness staff, provide equipment and cover administration costs in each sport offered. The fee also includes the provision of training uniforms for all sports.

AFL	\$675	Rugby "7's"	\$675
Athletics	\$675	Rugby Union	\$675
Baseball	\$950*	Soccer	\$675
Cheerleading	\$675	Softball	\$950*
Cricket	\$675	Swimming	\$350
Netball	\$675	Touch Football	\$675
Rugby League	\$675	Water Polo	\$675

A discount of \$50 applies if the Annual TSP Fee is paid in full by the end of the second week of the 1st Term. Parents may prefer to pay two instalments of 50% of the Annual Fee with the first payment due by Week 2 Term 1 and the second payment due by the end of Term 2. Parents should be aware however, that TSP operates on a "user-pays" basis and that students cannot be permitted to commence TSP until fees are paid. Discounts are also available to parents with more than one child in the Program.



# TSP Application Timetable for Year 7 2022 Enrolment

TSP TRIALS: May-June 2021  
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 7 May 2021  
ENQUIRIES: Andrew Tetley (Director of Sport)  
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