

OXFORD FALLS GRAMMAR

Prospectus



Confident *in* life!



*"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not
to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

JEREMIAH 29:11



Principal's Welcome

Many of our current students will still be living at the start of the 22nd century.

This raises a significant question for parents and school alike: how do we prepare our students for a world that does not yet exist and one that we can barely imagine?

Oxford Falls Grammar is a school that is 'informed by its foundations, attuned to the present and preparing for the future'. We are strongly anchored in our Christian foundation creating a rich history and traditions spanning more than 40 years. We are engaged and responsive to the world of the present. However, as we look to the future, we are in the business of empowering young people to be lifelong learners and confident contributors to society; to be well grounded intellectually, psychologically and spiritually. We strive to develop our students' talents, capabilities and skills to equip them, now and in the future, to enjoy a successful Christ-centred life.

A contemporary learning focus and the pursuit of high academic achievement provide expansive opportunities for our students in an ever-evolving world. However, this is only part of the story. Equally important is helping our students develop their character, faith, values and sense of self. At Oxford Falls Grammar, students from a range of backgrounds experience a strong Christian foundation and a clear compass with which to thrive and confidently navigate the challenging complexities of modern life.

As a co-educational Christian school, we provide a safe environment in which our students can learn and grow together. Oxford Falls Grammar teachers develop caring positive relationships with their students so that every student is known and supported to be their personal best. We are also a school where little things mean a lot. We value manners, courtesy, respect and personal deportment.

Please enjoy reading this prospectus and exploring the Oxford Falls Grammar website which will give you a glimpse of the amazing opportunities that await your child at Oxford Falls Grammar and how we inspire students to be Confident in Life.

DR PETER DOWNEY
Principal







Who We Are

Oxford Falls Grammar is an independent co-educational Christian school for students from Kindergarten to Year 12, located on expansive grounds in Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Our Ethos

For Greatness



Developing confident servant-hearted people of strong character, purpose and attitude.

For Excellence



Empowering our community to aspire, learn and work to achieve their full potential.

For Christ



Providing a positive and meaningful experience of Christian faith, hope and life.

Our Vision

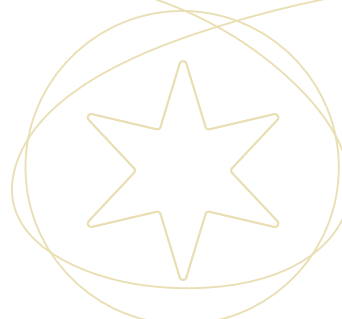
To develop in each child their unique qualities, equipping them to enjoy a successful, Christ-centred life.

Our Mission

To be a learning community providing Christ-centred educational excellence, encompassing the spiritual, physical, emotional, social and academic development of each student.

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The Co-Educational Advantage

Reflecting the world in which we live, work and play, co-education brings many benefits in preparing our students for our complex and evolving world.

Co-education provides a “real world” environment for boys and girls to grow and learn together, interact and relate to each other while fostering respect, co-operation, kindness and equality. Healthy relationships and attitudes are built as students come to an understanding of each other, sharing experiences of childhood and adolescence in a safe and positive environment. Boys and girls enjoy equal opportunities in leadership, academics, sports, camps and co-curricular activities.

Co-education also helps normalise gender interactions, break down stereotypes and encourage appropriate behaviours and perspectives. This approach ultimately equips graduates for the real-world environments they will encounter at university and in the workplace. For families with mixed siblings, the convenience of having both sons and daughters in the same school simplifies daily life, adding to the many benefits of co-education.

Every Child, Every Day

At Oxford Falls Grammar the wellbeing of our students is essential to our approach to educating the whole child. We aim to nurture well-rounded, healthy, aspirational and generous individuals who approach life with a positive attitude, who strive for greatness. Living for greatness also means growing in resilience, independence and integrity.

Our Deans of Wellbeing work with teachers and school counsellors to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment. We believe that when students feel supported, their academic success follows naturally. Research shows that a focus on wellbeing not only enhances learning but also helps students thrive in all areas of life. Through our wellbeing programs, students build strong character, embrace important values and develop a confident identity, equipping them to navigate school life.









High Quality, Engaging Teaching

Teacher quality is hugely influential on your child's educational success.

*O*ur dedicated and experienced teachers bring diverse talents, interests and perspectives to the classroom, guiding students from their early years in Kindergarten through to Year 12. Understanding that every student is unique, Oxford Falls Grammar teachers focus on individual learning needs, teaching to the individual rather than the average.

The Oxford Falls Grammar Quality Teaching Program drives innovation and professional development for every teacher within a collaborative and supportive environment. This initiative has a direct impact on student engagement and learning. At Oxford Falls Grammar, our teachers are committed to recognising and celebrating each student's achievements as they learn and grow.

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Christianity in Action

Oxford Falls Grammar is a school with an inspiring and dynamic foundation that celebrates Christian faith in many ways.

Through active involvement in a caring and vibrant Christian community, students gain authentic experiences as they see Christianity lived in practice. Under the guidance of our Dean of Ministry, Chaplains and Christian Studies teachers, students develop into self-aware, respectful and compassionate adults.

In the classroom, our contemporary Christian Studies program engages students from Kindergarten, as they explore how God connects with people in a meaningful and purposeful way.

Our ministry team deliver the Chapel Program, facilitate Christian courses, connect groups and organise prayer meetings. These activities ensure our students have a relevant and positive experience of the Christian faith. Our School Community Chaplain also has a significant ministry with our parent community including supporting families and staff facing a challenging season.

Outreach

Our Christian ethos is meaningfully demonstrated through the OFG Outreach program, a Kindergarten to Year 12 philanthropic initiative that raises money for families and communities across Australia and Asia.

In Years 10 and 11, students have the opportunity to participate in an annual overseas mission trip, fostering a strong culture of generosity.

“We believe it is important to encourage students to think beyond themselves, develop a global perspective and to help others around them.”










Expansive Grounds

Nestled in the hinterland of Sydney's Northern Beaches, we have some of the finest school grounds in the area.

 Our spacious Junior and Senior School campuses are thoughtfully designed to enhance students' learning, social experiences and physical activity.

“With modern facilities and expansive landscaped grounds, Oxford Falls Grammar offers a wonderful environment for students to thrive.”

The Junior School features the Southwell Oval, an adventure playground, basketball court and a dedicated play area for Kindy to Year 2, providing our youngest

students with a fun and safe space to grow. Senior School students benefit from flexible learning environments, including fully equipped Science laboratories and specialist Visual Arts, Technological and Applied Studies workshops for electronics, woodwork, plastics, Textiles and Design and Food Technology.

Our Performing Arts Precinct includes purpose-built dance and drama studios, music tuition rooms, a production studio and a dedicated rehearsal room for concert and stage bands. The Sports Precinct adds further excellence with additional basketball courts, a fitness centre, a grass oval for recreation and a large undercover car park.



Building Confidence

In K-2 our educational approach captures and cultivates our youngest students' wonder, curiosity and excitement as they commence school.

Our positive learning environment and commitment to excellence in programming builds the spiritual, social, physical and intellectual dimensions of each child, as they discover their passions and develop their identity.

We believe each child is unique and will learn and respond to different styles and approaches.

Our teachers foster a genuine love of learning by preparing creative and innovative lessons with the needs of each student in mind.

Our specialist sport, language, performing arts, creative arts and music teachers develop each child's talents and passions across their areas of interest.

The development of a confident identity with strong character and values are key when educating our youngest students.

Bursting with energy and enthusiasm for learning

Building a student's literacy and numeracy skills is paramount during this stage of schooling. These are supplemented with subjects such as Geography, Art, History, Science and Technology, PE, Music and Drama.

“Kindergarten lays the important foundation for a child's educational journey. Our teachers design stimulating, play-based academic experiences that develop critical thinking and cultivate lifelong learning.”









Nurturing Greatness and Strengthening Character

In Years 3 to 6 our objective is to strengthen students' academic skills, emotional wellbeing, social abilities, spiritual awareness and personal character.

Building on the Oxford Falls Grammar ethos of educational excellence, students are actively engaged in their learning, making meaningful connections across curriculum subjects and understanding the responsible use of technology. Through the 'OFG Way', students build essential learning dispositions and character traits by sharing a unified language centered on respect, learning and growth. Ensuring all individual learning needs are met, our Learning Support program provides a warm and inclusive environment for students needing additional support.

Junior School students proudly participate in a variety of local, national and global outreach initiatives. They research and present information on relevant causes and services for Oxford Falls Grammar to support. This integration of inquiry-based learning with a compassionate mindset shows students how a culture of generosity can

positively impact other people's lives and their community. Through the Oxford Falls Grammar Outdoor Education program, students develop a deep appreciation for the environment while experiencing the great outdoors in safe, sustainable ways. Each camp is designed to build a student's resilience and encourages collaboration through positive interactions with peers and nature.

Camino Program

The Camino Program at Oxford Falls Grammar nurtures high potential and high achieving students beginning in Kindergarten with the early recognition of students' strengths and talents. Specialist teachers lead extension classes that encourage creative, divergent and higher-level thinking. For Years 5 and 6, we offer dedicated classes designed to inspire students who excel academically, helping them realise their full potential.





A Culture of Academic Excellence

Oxford Falls Grammar's Senior School provides an education that is rigorous, engaging and forward thinking.

We empower our students to aspire, learn and work to achieve their full potential. We set high expectations to promote a positive-growth mindset and encourage confidence and self-belief as students push through comfort zones to obtain new knowledge and skills.

In the Senior School, students embark on a challenging and stimulating curriculum that offers a breadth and depth of study, with access to a large range of courses including accelerated coursework.

Students build intellectual confidence through the development of critical analysis and creative thinking as they pursue their educational areas of interest. Senior School students are placed into mentor groups under the care of Year Advisors and Mentors who

are responsible for the academic progress and wellbeing of their students and are the first point of communication with parents. At Oxford Falls Grammar, we recognise that student wellbeing is integral to their development and we are committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals who grow in resilience, independence and integrity. To ensure all individual learning needs are met, our specialist Learning Support teachers provide direct and timely assistance to students that require additional support.

Life in the Oxford Falls Grammar Senior School is both exciting and rewarding, as students are encouraged to pursue academic and personal excellence whilst observing Oxford Falls Grammar's ethos of For Greatness, For Excellence, For Christ.



Camino Program

Our Camino Program continues through Senior School from Years 7-10 and offers appropriate differentiation for our high potential and high achieving students.

“In keeping with research, Camino students engage with a differentiated curriculum deeply exploring complex and abstract ideas at a faster pace.”

International Travel

At Oxford Falls Grammar, we equip students for a global community by integrating international topics into our curriculum and co-curricular programs. We offer international trips that complement subjects and individual interests, providing valuable real-world experiences. Guest speakers and special events further enrich learning, inspiring students’ interests in global citizenship and cultural awareness.

Citizens of the World

Past and Future trips have included:

- » **Missions:** Trips to the Philippines and Sri Lanka to work with local communities and build facilities and mentor children.
- » **Sport:** Touring China and Europe, playing competitive football with local schools and clubs.
- » **Performing Arts:** Touring the East Coast of America, immersing in the world of creative arts.
- » **Language:** Touring France, immersing in French culture and enhancing language skills through real-world experiences.
- » **History:** Touring Germany, Italy, Vietnam and Cambodia gaining a deeper understanding of significant historical events.







Performing Arts

With a vibrant creative arts program and numerous performance opportunities, Oxford Falls Grammar is the ideal place for aspiring performers to grow and share their talents.

Dance

The dance program at Oxford Falls Grammar is highly popular, offering a variety of styles, including contemporary, lyrical, jazz, hip-hop, technique and musical theatre. This diverse program attracts students who dance for enjoyment as well as those seeking a competitive environment. Our Company dance groups have consistently excelled in Eisteddfods across Sydney and at a national level. Additionally, students in Years 9 to 12 have the option to pursue dance as an elective curriculum subject with specialist teachers.

Music

Music provides an exciting avenue for students to engage and express their creativity. At Oxford Falls Grammar, whether your child is drawn to guitar, percussion, woodwind, vocals or brass instruments, there are a variety of ensembles and performance groups to cater to their

musical passions. In Years 9 to 12 Music can be taken as an elective curriculum subject.

Drama

Oxford Falls Grammar students' imagination and creativity thrive in our dynamic drama program. Students develop voice and movement skills to create character and mood while building self-confidence through acting techniques. Students have opportunities to perform through the year and can also engage in interschool competitions. In Years 9 to 12, Drama can be taken as an elective curriculum subject.

School Musicals

The Junior and Senior School Musicals showcase the talents of our Performing Arts students. These productions provide an opportunity for students to shine on stage showcasing their skills in acting, singing and Dance.



Sport

At Oxford Falls Grammar our sports program is designed for both aspiring athletes and those looking to enjoy physical activity. We pride ourselves on being a competitive school, consistently achieving success in interschool competitions across various spots.

At the same time, we offer a range of recreational options, ensuring every student has the opportunity to participate and develop their skills. With a focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and personal growth, our program fosters a love of sports while encouraging students to reach their full potential.

The Falls Academies

Students have the opportunity to participate in the Falls Academies for Football, Basketball, Surfing and Strength & Conditioning. Each Academy develops and enhances individual skill and technical development in each sport. Our coaches provide an inspirational training environment, empowering students to achieve their goals and build confidence.

Sport opportunities

We offer these sports (to varying degrees):

- » Athletics
- » Basketball
- » Cricket
- » Eagle Tag
- » Rugby Union
- » Rugby League
- » Football
- » Futsal
- » Gymnastics
- » Hockey
- » Netball
- » Surfing
- » Swimming
- » Touch Football
- » Volleyball
- » Equestrian*
- » Mountain Biking*
- » Snow Sports*

**Facilitated externally.*





Join our Community

Oxford Falls Grammar is a co-educational, Christian school that welcomes all students through our Open Enrolment policy.

Enrolment Process

1. Apply

Our main points of entry are Kindergarten, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7; however, we accept applications for all years.

To apply:

- ✓ Complete our online Enrolment Application form;
- ✓ Upload supporting documentation; and
- ✓ Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$330 (incl GST) per child.

2. Review Process

Stage 2 of the enrolment process is the collection of recent information about your child or children such as recent school reports or NAPLAN results. The Registrar will be in contact to retrieve this information. An Enrolment Committee, consisting of executive and teaching staff from both Junior and Senior School, will review all enrolment applications. After reviewing applications, some families may be invited for a formal interview. Please note; being on the waitlist does not guarantee an interview or offer of enrolment.

3. Offer and Accept Contract

Successful enrolment applicants will receive an Offer of Enrolment. If you choose to accept our offer, a non-refundable enrolment fee of \$1,500 (GST free) is paid. Your child's enrolment is then confirmed.

Visit us

We invite you to visit us on Open Day, held in Term 1 each year, or register for an upcoming Kindy/Junior School Tour and meet our Principal, Executive staff and students.



Enrolments

For enrolment applications, FAQs and more information, please visit our website.



Virtual tour

Experience Oxford Falls Grammar any time and place, with our immersive online Virtual Tour.

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