



# Coogee Boys' Preparatory School

Gentleman • Scholar • Sportsman



## A Small School with a Big History

This objective was born out of the vision of our founder William 'Bill' Nimmo in 1914 who realised the importance of the first stage of a boy's schooling. Coogee Boys' Preparatory School was established before many of the now successful independent High Schools had their own Junior schools. In the 100 years leading to our Centenary in 2014, the School has been led by only three Headmasters, Mr. William Nimmo, Mr. Nicholas Brown and Mr. John Dicks, providing stability and a long-term vision unique to Coogee Prep. We have the focus, commitment and ability to provide an **inclusive 'all-round' boys' education**, under our motto of 'Gentleman Scholar Sportsman', and are recognised as the leading fully independent boutique boys' primary school in the Eastern Suburbs.

## A Strong and Caring Learning Environment

Our **academic focus** is on the development of challenging and innovative Numeracy and Literacy programs that are key to the exceptional educational outcomes of our students. With rigorous and diligent curriculum planning and implementation, we successfully prepare our students for NAPLAN and ICAS testing and entry into the High Schools of their choice.

Our emphasis includes STEM initiatives incorporating components of thinking and working mathematically and scientifically, where investigation, experimentation and critical thinking are major features in a boy's learning. The use of technology as a teaching tool is central to Coogee Prep's commitment to ICT in the classroom and constantly exposes the students to new learning processes to meet the challenges of the modern world. Whether it's creating and posting videos, using Google Docs, coding, robotics or being challenged on Mathletics or Math Space, our students can work independently or collaboratively across many academic disciplines and platforms.

Our Spelling Mastery program consolidates students' spelling skills and proficiency, by building on and revising essential principles, fostering long-term retention and understanding of spelling rules. We encourage in the boys a strong love of books and reading which is crucial to the creative development of an enquiring mind.

We recognise the importance of a robust **Learning Support** program, with a framework of intervention strategies and programs to support boys with learning needs across all aspects of the curriculum, in particular reading, writing and spelling. We incorporate the Macquarie University developed PreLit, MiniLit, MultiLit and MaqLit programs to support students K-6, who need extra assistance to reach their full potential.

Both our **summer and winter sports' programs** encourage boys of all capabilities to 'do their best' while instilling in them a sense of teamwork and sportsmanship, regardless of the outcome of the game. Summer Sports include Swimming, Cricket, Touch Football and Basketball, whilst Winter sports include Athletics, Rugby 7's and Football (Soccer). Annually, a select group of boys throughout the School qualify for representative teams at a district and state level across a wide range of sports. This representation extends to both IPSHA and CIS (Combined Independent Schools) levels, competing in either individual or team sports.

A key element of Coogee Prep's curriculum is its diversity across all areas of learning. We incorporate **many extra Co-curricular activities** including the fine and creative arts, music, debating, public speaking, drama, chess, coding and robotics, sailing, golf and tennis. Years 2-3 and Years 4-6 annual camps and a biennial tour visiting rural New South Wales and Canberra for Years 5-6. Each of these programs encourages students to develop their knowledge and skills, and express their creativity, while promoting a well-rounded and comprehensive learning experience across many areas and facets of life.







Annually we involve every boy in our School Concert and in alternate years an 'Art show', where artistic talents are showcased and appreciated by our whole School Community. Every second year the Primary boys participate in the memorable IPSHA (Independent Primary School Heads Association) Performing Arts Festival at the Sydney Town Hall.

There are a number of significant initiatives to support **student welfare and well-being** in the school, such as our Student Representative Council, Peer Support, ALPHA Leadership and Bounce Back programs. These initiatives promote the development of gentlemanly behaviour such as courtesy, respect, honour and camaraderie, which helps build self-esteem, resilience and leadership skills.

As our wider society is largely created from within our schools, it is primarily from the **shared partnership of parents and teachers** that a love of learning is acquired. It is not only the academic, sporting and cultural aspects of the curriculum that are drawn to our attention, but the important role that parents and teachers play in shaping the values and attitudes of the students. They have every reason to believe that they do make a difference in young lives at Coogee Boys' Preparatory School. It is a strong partnership that has stood the test of time for well over 100 years!



## Why Parents Choose Coogee Prep

Parents are looking for an affordable, boys only Preparatory School that is set within a contemporary and supportive learning environment, underpinned by traditional values, diversity and inclusivity. Parents are also looking for a comprehensive and creative academic emphasis, including numerous and exciting cultural, social and sporting pursuits. It is within this context that boys are given an 'all-round' experience that prepares them for higher learning and the complex modern adult world. Parents are looking for a school that fosters partnerships, where their sons will feel happy and safe. We are that school!

## Our mission

Coogee Boys' Preparatory School takes great pride in knowing that it offers a truly authentic and inclusive primary education for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our goal is to nurture and develop boys into students who are motivated, enjoy learning and who go on to realise their full potential as they transition into High School and beyond.

At the heart of our mission is a student-centric, values-driven education, which aims to bring out the best in every boy by equipping them with an inner compass to guide them through many life changes. We aim to help them develop an understanding of the values and character traits that will enable them to succeed in life, cooperate with others and contribute to the wider community.

*'Providing a nurturing, supportive learning environment where boys develop into gentlemen, scholars and sportsmen'*



## Benefits of a Coogee Prep Education

- Affordable Independent schooling
- Single stream K-6 classes capped at 25 students
- A boy friendly curriculum tailored to their interests and needs
- Innovative student welfare and well-being initiatives
- Comprehensive Summer and Winter Sports' programs
- A supportive and inclusive environment and a close, welcoming community
- Dedicated Year 5 & 6 Leadership Program including High School preparation



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