

Achieving personal excellence in a safe, respectful learning community



Gardeners Road Public School

Prospectus

Features

- High expectations
- Academic opportunities
- A broad and engaging curriculum
- Inclusive education
- Special education
- Care, values and leadership
- Technology
- Quality school environment
- Valued partnerships



Our school at a glance



Building strong foundations for learning in the early years.

“We have made friends we will cherish for a lifetime, developed the personality that we have today and gained confidence to take us into high school.”

Lara Pagola—School Captain 2012.



Striving for personal best in all areas

Students & Staff

A great strength of Gardeners Road is our school community. We embrace diversity and foster a culture of inclusiveness. An ethos of achieving personal excellence promotes high expectations for all students and staff. A commitment to continual learning and improvement is shared by all.

Significant programs and initiatives

The L3 (Language Literacy Learning) program in Kindergarten is a component of the Best Start initiative that aims to ensure all

students are on track in their literacy learning by Year 3.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a school-wide program that celebrates student achievement and supports student's social, emotional and behavioural needs.

The **Primary Connections** program is a highly engaging and effective strategy for teaching Science. Below are some quotes from students:

Science is about finding explanations, knowledge, experiments and fun.

I think science is about working in a team to figure out awesome things.

I think science is a fun subject about learning complicated things about this modern world.

Multicultural Education includes opportunities for all students to celebrate and learn about their community and broader society.



Bilingual students sharing their stories.

High expectations and academic opportunities

At Gardeners Road Public School we take pride in delivering an excellent education in a warm and inclusive environment. Our teachers are highly trained professionals who are committed to helping all students reach their potential both academically and socially.

We have a strong academic focus with high expectations for teaching and learning. Diverse educational programs cater for individual needs, challenge all students and promote excellent learning outcomes.

School targets are determined each year based on the analysis of school based and system wide assessment data. Key focus areas are English and Mathematics.

The Learning Support Team that includes the principal, school counselor, teaching executive and specialist staff meet every fortnight. The role of the team is to develop, coordinate and monitor programs for individual students to improve learning, behavioural and social outcomes.

Academic opportunities include participation in debating, public speaking, University of NSW competitions and DEC initiatives such as Number Crunchers and the Premier's Spelling Bee.

Student success and achievement is celebrated at Gardeners Road at assemblies and in the Gazette that is published fortnightly.

Our ethos is one of striving for excellence through doing your personal best.

A broad and engaging curriculum

Weekly enrichment activities provide a broad curriculum to engage students.

Opportunities include music tuition and performance in Band, Choir, Chess and Kitchen Garden.

A specialist creative arts teacher provides lessons for all students throughout the year.



Inclusive education Valued partnerships

Our school community is committed to the inclusion of students with disabilities in all aspects of school life.

Our special education classes provide opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities to achieve their maximum potential academically and socially. We are recognized for our commitment to children with special needs.

Students are integrated into mainstream classes for both academic and social development. As well as a focus on the academic subjects, students participate in shopping and community access and travel training.

Ongoing communication between teachers and parents is vital to each student's continued success at school. Class teachers are approachable and available to talk about your child's progress or individual needs.

A *Meet the Teacher* evening to present important information about teaching and learning programs, class expectations and activities is held at the beginning of Term 1 each year. Each class from Kindergarten to Year 2 has a parent rep to facilitate home school communication.

Parent/Teacher interviews are conducted during Term two.

Written reports are sent home at the end of Semester One and Semester Two.

The reports give valuable feedback to students and parents about progress which has been achieved throughout the year.

Our school values its positive partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Successful community partnerships include the SPARK Reading Program organised by the Australian Business and Community Network and supported by staff from J.P Morgan. The support unit benefits greatly from its ongoing relationship with the law firm DLA Piper.



Using technology to support our students learning in the support unit.

Care, values and leadership

Our school has a supportive, caring environment where students are nurtured as they learn. Through Peer Support and a Buddy Program, our students are encouraged to demonstrate empathy, concern and respect for themselves and others.

Through our PBL Program students are explicitly taught the skills to be safe, respectful learners at Gardeners Road.

All students are encouraged to develop leadership skills over time. We are committed to providing opportunities for students to develop a

range of leadership styles and critical thinking skills to be able to express their opinions in an appropriate and respectful way.

Students are empowered through participation in the following programs:

- School Captains and Vice Captains
- Sport Captains and Vice Captains
- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Peer Support

- Student led assemblies and events
- Buddy Program



“We have been a part of this wonderful school community for five years and have loved absolutely every single moment.”
Anna Christofis—P&C President 2012

Technology

Technology is integrated into classroom learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Teachers and students are provided with opportunities to work with our specialist ICT teacher for the purpose of up skilling.

Our school is well resourced with a computer lab and individual class computers. The school community committed resources over three years to install interactive whiteboards in every classroom. Students have access to a connected

classroom and are able to connect locally and worldwide.

Our P&C funds the online numeracy program *Mathletics*. The *Spellodrome* program is being used by teachers and students to improve spelling outcomes.

The school website is an important communication tool. Our P&C have established a Facebook page and use this to publicise events and communicate widely with the community.



Busy Kindergarten students at work

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A Proud History

Gardeners Road Public School has a long tradition of providing quality education in a welcoming and supportive environment.

The school was established in January 1883 when John Maloney opened the school in a temporary wooden school room designed to accommodate 200 pupils. By the early 1920s the enrolment had climbed to 1700 pupils. Children were crammed into the main building, its corridors and a collection of temporary wooden classrooms and weather sheds.

The other buildings existing today were added over time as the school accommodated varying numbers of students. Gardeners Road was functioning as a secondary school until 1961.

The areas of North Rosebery and Zetland are currently undergoing development and gentrification. Our school is looking forward to continued growth and renewal.

Gardeners Road has a proud history of education strengthened by strong intergenerational links with the community.

Our school builds upon this foundation as we look to the future and the priority of providing a quality 21st century education for our students.

Frequently Asked Questions



Celebrating at
Gardeners Road

What are the school hours?

School hours are from 9.00am to 3.00pm. The playground is supervised from 8.30am.

Is there Before and After school Care?

Before, after school and vacation care is provided by the South East Neighbourhood Centre on the grounds of Gardeners Road Public School.

The contact number is:
8338 8506

Where can I buy the uniform?

There is strong support from the community and staff for the wearing of uniform. We believe it helps to promote school pride and

encourages students to be part of a cohesive and supportive community.

Our uniform is available at PSW in Anzac Parade Kingsford. Visit www.psw.com.au to view the pricelist or shop online.

School hats and bags are available from the school office.

How do I enrol my child for Kindergarten?

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program takes place at the beginning of Term 4. It provides important opportunities for our new students to be introduced to school routine, mix with other children and engage in both structured and unstructured play.

If your child turns five

before 31 July they are eligible for enrolment the following year. All children must attend school in the year they turn six.

Enrolment forms and information are available from the school office or online at the Department of Education and Communities website.

Completed forms can be returned at any time during the year for the following year.

When does the P&C meet?

We have an active P&C that welcomes new members and encourages parents to participate in school life.

P&C meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm in the staffroom.