# St Cecilia's Catholic School Balgowlah

# Highlights

## Curriculum

- Listed in *The Australian* in the top 50 Academic performing schools in NSW in 2016
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- NAPLAN- Results above State and Diocesan average for Years 3 and 5
- Northern Beaches Community of Catholic Schools Debating Competition
- Whole School Public Speaking program
- 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Northern Beaches Community of Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition
- School Choir Northern Beaches Eisteddfod
- Maths Olympiad Program Yrs 4-6
- Future Problem Solving Program
- Robotics
- Night of the Notables Year 6
- St Cecilia's Learning framework to underpin an inquiry approach to learning
- Reflective practice explicitly taught
- Thinking skills program
- High Distinctions and Distinctions in the UNSW ICAS competitions
- Lesson focus sent to parents weekly
- The Lion King Jr Musical
- Recorder and ukulele
- EMU Program
- Maths Challenge Stage 3
- Stage Canberra Camp
- Academic Awards
- da Vinci Decathlon placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ideation
- Genius Hour across the school
- Coding
- Worry Woos K 2
- Sustainability Program
- Healthy Harold

#### Mission

- 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Ceremony of Light / Welcome Mass
- Weekly Values awards
- School Values Award Ceremony each term
- Meals on Wheels
- Good Samaritan Fund Raisers
- Mission Mass
- Easter liturgies
- The Awareness Examen / Meditation
- School values inform our school rules
- Family Come Gather Masses
- Christmas Carols
- Social Justice initiatives GIFT, Seekers' Supplies

Participation at School level Gala Days for Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Netball,

Christmas Hamper Donations

#### Sport

Rugby, AFL, Eagle Tag, Tennis, Hockey, Cricket, Soccer

- Representative sport trials at Diocesan level and Polding level
- Students Yrs 3 6 attend weekly lunch or recess games experiences at the oval
- Weekly sport block at oval for all students Yrs 3- 6

### Well Being

- Buddy Program
- Student Leadership Program
- Well Being weeks
- Play to Learn
- Secret Garden promoting imaginative play
- Daily Examen (meditation)
- Lego Club
- Flexible learning spaces in in Yr 3 and Stage 3
- Transition to school program
- Garden Club
- Student Representative Council
- Peer Support
- Disco
- Reflection Garden

#### Parent Engagement

- Mothers' Monday
- Fathers' Friday
- Grandparents' Day
- Gala Dinner
- Canteen
- Reading on Rugs
- Class Parents
- Advisory Committee
- Parent Network Meetings
- Curriculum Evenings for Parents
- 'Heaven of Earth' Parent Faith Formation
- Open to Learning mornings
- Working Bees
- Social Justice
- Cyber Safety

#### Extra Curricula

- Laid a wreath at the Manly ANZAC Day memorial service
- Choir performances outside the school
- Science Club
- Tennis Club
- Chess
- Drama Club
- Band
- Taekwondo
- Before and After School Care





