At North Rocks Public School our purpose is to develop in children attitudes, skills and knowledge enabling them to learn and achieve with an environment which encourages safety, honesty, personal responsibility and respect for others.

Welcome to North Rocks Public School

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At North Rocks every student has the opportunity to attain high standards of performance in academic, sporting and cultural areas. Students who attain such standards will be those who work hard to maximize their gifts. We value and recognise quality achievements and improved performances.

Our students are part of the decision making processes of the school, exercising this responsibility through the Student Representative Council. We invite all parents to share in school decision making and encourage attendance at functions of the parent organisations.

Exciting opportunity await your child

Students at North Rocks have many diverse opportunities to play, sing, dance and perform drama through the school’s arts and sporting programs. These programs are immensely popular and allow students to immerse themselves in performance. Students can join the:

- Beginner Band, Training Band or Concert Band
- Junior Choir or Senior Choir
- Dance Group
- Chess Club
- Interschool summer and winter sporting teams
- Interschool debating

Students at North Rocks enjoy:

- Well resources classrooms,
- Computers in every classroom and a dedicated computer lab,
- Interactive whiteboards,
- Our well stocked and vibrant library,
- Large grassed playing fields

Meeting the educational needs of all students

At North Rocks Public School we work towards improving educational outcomes for all students. Our staff are committed to developing excellence in literacy and numeracy through a variety of modern and practical teaching and learning programs.

- The national and school based assessment schedules provide teachers and parents with accurate information on each child’s development and performance in these key areas.

- The NAPLAN assessments in Years 3 and 5 enable the school to monitor the performance of students over a number of years. Our results in these assessments are regularly above state average and demonstrate clearly the quality of education provided at North Rocks Public School.

- Staff work tirelessly to support all students taking great care to differentiate programs of learning to meet the needs of all students.

Our school also offers...

- Opportunity classes for the districts academically gifted students. This two year program commences in Year 5 after an entrance test coordinated by the Selective Schools Unit in Year 4.

- A class for Moderately Intellectually impaired students

- An Autism Intervention Unit. This class provides a two year program aimed at supporting students with autism to integrate into mainstream schooling.
Today, students at North Rocks Public School take pride in their past, as they prepare for their future. The school is proud of its heritage and the important role the school has played in the life of the local community.

The name “North Rocks” dates back to the beginning of settles at Parramatta, which at first was called Rosehill. In 1789 Governor Phillip reserved large areas to the north and west for the use of Government stock. The reserve to the north was described as extending as far as “the North Rocks”, a massive stone outcrop which was used to build many public buildings in Parramatta.

North Rocks came of age when its first Public School was opened in April 1823 with the names of 50 students on the rolls aged from 4 to 13 years. At this time North Rocks Road was little more than a dirt track - with children riding horses or walking several kilometres to school.

For more information regarding the history of the area visit the school website [www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Quality Learning Environment

Our school provides a safe, friendly and secure environment for all students. Teaching and Support staff pride themselves on fostering a positive and productive atmosphere that is backed up by a strong student welfare structure that ensures students are provided with a supportive learning environment that is backed up by a strong student welfare structure that ensures students are provided with a supportive learning environment.

North Rocks Public School aims to:
- Provide a safe and happy learning environment for all students
- Develop a set of values to guide individual behaviour and encourage student responsibility
- Develop a sense of personal dignity and worth
- Encourage positive and supportive relationships within the school community
- Develop a sense of cultural identity and tolerance
- Provide a supportive environment conducive to taking risks in learning

A variety of student welfare programs are offered for students including:
- Peer Support where Year 6 students mentor Kindergarten students
- APEL Program to develop social skills
- Class Buddies

In addition to highly qualified and dedicated teaching staff, we have a trained counsellor working closely with our staff to provide a support network that is widely recognised as best practice.

At North Rocks our students are...
- Safe, responsible and happy
- Caring towards each other and their social environment
- Respectful of each other and school property
- Self determined and proud of their school
- Involved in the decision making processes of the school

A Supportive School Community

North Rocks Public School fosters the home school partnership aimed at working together to enhance each child’s development. The school has an active and support Parents and Citizens Association which welcomes new members and encourages parents to participate in their children’s education. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the staff room. The P&C plays an essential role in the strategic planning, management and development of the school.

You can join the P&C and become involved with
- Parents ‘Fun and Fundraising’ Group
- Canteen
- Uniform Shop
- School Band
- Parent Contact Directory
- Working Bees
- Parent classroom helpers

An active Before and After School Care program also runs on the school grounds, offering care for students from 7am - 6pm.

Keeping you informed

- The school issues a fortnightly newsletter, published each Thursday and distributed to the eldest in each family. This newsletter, also available on the school website, provides the latest news and events within the school and reports from the School Executive, P&C Association and special interest groups.
- Direct contact with staff is welcomed and formalised during the ‘Meet the Teacher’ Evening and Parent Teacher interviews.
- Student semester reports provide information regarding student performance.
- The Annual School Report, distributed each year, provides a comprehensive review of the school's performance.

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