



# Barrenjoey High School

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**Established** 1975 **School motto** Learning through Effort **School population** 640

Located on Avalon Beach, Barrenjoey High School is a coeducational, comprehensive high school that is an integral part of a vibrant, cosmopolitan and creative community. Barrenjoey has a unique blend of academic performance, artistic expression and social awareness. We believe that all students are capable of high achievement and all students are supported by our school to achieve and exceed their potential. With highly qualified, experienced and dedicated staff, Barrenjoey provides a range of opportunities that develop knowledge, skills, positive attitudes and values.

## English as a second language (ESL)

ESL support for individuals • Higher School Certificate ESL courses

## Languages taught

French • German

## Special programs

Sports including surfing, sailing, softball, soccer and tennis • Music programs • Student leadership program • Dance and drama • Mock trial and debating • TAFE NSW courses • Links to Macquarie University in science, technology, engineering and mathematics • Snow team for skiing and snowboarding

## Academic achievements 2009 HSC Results

More than 85% of students go on to further study with more than 50% of students offered university places

## Student support services

Student mediators and peer mentors • Study centre • Extracurricular after school academic support

## Special facilities

Music recording studio and keyboard laboratory • Specialist drama room • Three specialist art rooms, ceramics studio and photography darkroom • Basketball courts and tennis courts

**Local area features** Avalon Beach has a ferry service nearby to the Central Coast and bus services between Palm Beach and the City of Sydney. The local shops are minutes away with supermarkets, clothing stores, restaurants, accommodation and the cinema. Nearby is Palm Beach which is known internationally as the location for the television series *Home and Away*.

Barrenjoey is a fine school which has welcomed me and other international students. The teachers are experienced and helpful and I have made many Australian friends. Today I returned from a ski trip to Perisher Valley and I feel I now have new friends for life. **Arthur Favarato, Brazil**