



NEGS
MORE THAN
A SCHOOL

125
YEARS
1895-2020

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

Whatsoever you do, do it heartily.



Welcome to NEGS



Established in 1895, NEGS has a proud history complemented by a future-focused educational philosophy and contemporary thinking. We are fortunate to be custodians of longstanding traditions, however, our reputation as a leader in education is based on our ability to embrace innovation and 21st Century skills.

For 125 years, NEGS has woven a rich tapestry of educational opportunities in a traditional, rural, Christian environment: enjoying an exceptional reputation in academic scholarship; extensive co-curricular offerings; comprehensive music, arts and dance programs; caring and nurturing Boarding opportunities; excellent student Wellbeing programs; and outstanding facilities including a world-class Equestrian Centre and Regional Sporting Complex.

Resilience, aptitude and a desire to excel are all key attributes to enjoying life far beyond the school gates. These traits are gained at NEGS through small, bespoke classrooms and a chance for each student to truly achieve to his or her personal best. To know and value each of our students, NEGS maintains small year levels and class numbers. Our size ensures all students learn in one central community, within picturesque parkland grounds, with traditional and new buildings and state-of-the-art sporting facilities. We enjoy a reputation for outstanding graduates, confident and capable to make their mark in the global environment.

Our academic, cultural and sporting experiences offer an authentic context within which learners, performers and participants develop the skills and attributes that support achievement of their personal best. Our students are known, valued, engaged and purposeful and a longstanding commitment to a broad liberal education continues to best prepare them for an exciting yet complex world. Our Boarders play an integral part in creating the vibrant, positive and lively NEGS community.

Parents and carers, watch your daughter or son become caring, respectful, courageous individuals with heart and determination beyond their years. As the world changes, NEGS adapts; constantly reviewing and developing its programs to seek an optimal blend of tradition and innovation.

Set on one glorious 50-hectare campus, our School's historic buildings and modern refurbishments create a magnificent blend of past and present. With open space, green grass, playing fields, tennis courts, orchard and forests, Equestrian Centre, horse paddocks and stables, international standard hockey pitch and netball courts, manicured gardens, livestock precinct, and athletics oval with 400-metre track, students enjoy a beautiful learning environment.

Each day echoes with laughter, enjoyment and excitement of discovery as our girls and young boys continue their wondrous learning adventure. I ask that they:

- BE HAPPY
- LAUGH OFTEN
- WORK HARD
- GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY and
- BE KIND

I invite you to browse this Prospectus and learn of some of the extraordinary aspects that NEGS, as an exceptional Day and Boarding School has to offer.

As Principal, it is an honour to work with parents and their daughters and sons as they navigate their learning journey. I look forward to welcoming you and working with your family as you consider the choices available to you and the individual needs of your child.

K Bishop

Mrs Kathy Bishop

Principal

NEGS is a School from Pre-K to Year 12 with equestrian, sporting and boarding facilities. Located on a spacious and beautiful 50-hectare campus in the New England high country, we provide outstanding education outcomes underpinned by Christian values in a family orientated school community.



Vision

Collectively, we are focused on delivering a refreshed strategy across the School that adheres to four pillars.

These pillars are:

- 1. EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING
- 2. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- 3. SUSTAINABILITY
- 4. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Through excellence in learning, we strive to ensure that each student reaches his/her own level of personal and academic achievement and that our professional staff pursue excellence in everything they do.

Values

RESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable for one's own actions, resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contributing to society and to civic life and taking care of the environment. This embraces the virtues of being trustworthy, proactive and of having courage and initiative to change those things that should be changed.

EXCELLENCE

Seeking to accomplish something worthy and admirable and trying hard; pursuing excellence suggests quality and a commitment to enduring worth. It is striving to do one's best in all areas of life and to aim beyond what is simply expected.

INTEGRITY

Acting in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct and ensuring consistency between words and deeds. Integrity encompasses honesty, a commitment to upholding that which is right and to be just in all dealings with other people.

At NEGS, we educate the whole student. While academic achievement is important, we also recognise that co-curricular activities help build character, resilience, and confidence. We are uniquely placed to provide a range of co-curricular activities in our vast, regional setting.

In a fast-paced and changing world, our infrastructure must be sustainable and able to facilitate future growth within our School.

Giving back to the community remains an integral part of the ethos of NEGS. Students are encouraged to participate in, contribute to, and make a difference in their regional and global communities through a range of activities.



Pre-K Program

Nurturing the magic and wonder of early childhood

The NEGS Junior School Pre-K program aims to build a bridge between home and Kindergarten by gently introducing the formalities and structure of education while allowing the magic and wonder of early childhood to be nurtured.

NEGS Junior School

Fostering confidence and enthusiasm for learning in a safe and happy environment

We believe in a holistic education, one that provides our students with the social skills, physical health and wellbeing that gives them the emotional strength to deal with life's ebbs and flows.

At NEGS Junior School, we offer a broad, challenging academic curriculum, intertwined with pastoral care initiatives and sporting and cultural pursuits.

Increased involvement with the Senior School and continued access to our specialist teachers and facilities ensures a breadth of curriculum opportunities and expertise as students choose to focus on areas of

Our students are immersed in a child-centred and creative educational program that addresses the unique needs of childhood learning in a family atmosphere.

We nurture confidence and promote independence by cherishing childhood and encouraging students to learn, laugh, sing, paint, read, write and grow together.

interest and passion in later years. From Maths lessons in the Agriculture Department, or taking Science lessons in our specialist science labs, Junior School students enjoy diverse and exciting learning experiences at NEGS.

For our Years 5 and 6 students, peer leadership works towards the development of respectful, responsible and caring leaders of our school community. All students are encouraged and assisted to develop resilience and social and emotional well-being within themselves and others.

Small, bespoke classes and a rich family focus promotes a fun atmosphere where boys and girls are engaged, motivated and empowered in their learning.

Senior School

Providing opportunities for young women to prosper

NEGS Senior School was formed to nurture and provide opportunities to all girls, to see each student deliver exceptional academic results, and also to grow into the young woman she aspires to be.

The NEGS Senior School is known for a well-rounded education, where students learn with optimal student to teacher ratios, are aided in their learning through exceptional facilities, are encouraged to undertake wellbeing and co-curricular programs and are provided with an abundance of opportunities to grow and create positive change.

We offer a personalised academic program, with a flexible approach to learning, which encourages students to identify and develop their talents and express those talents with confidence. Girls select their courses of study from a balanced curriculum with pathways through Years 7 to 12 in the sciences, humanities, creative arts, languages, agriculture and technology. The small classes are taught by highly-qualified teachers with a genuine passion for learning.

NEGS also conducts a scholars' program in Years 9 and 10, where students can study an area of interest in greater depth, working both independently on chosen projects and with teacher guidance.

We achieve our aims through well-developed programs in a regional setting of curricular and co-curricular activities in which everyone, both staff members and students, participate.



Why a Girl's Secondary School?

'Girls' secondary schools are ideally positioned to educate, inspire and nurture the wellbeing of girls today to become the leaders of tomorrow.'

ACADEMIC ADVANTAGES

Girls in single-sex girls' schools achieve significantly stronger academic results, and are free to pursue academic excellence in any area they choose, including in the 'gender atypical' areas of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Statistics show that girls from girls' schools are more likely to study STEM at school and pursue university studies and careers in STEM fields.

ROLE MODELS AND LEADERSHIP

All leadership roles in girls' schools are filled by girls: from the Captain of the hockey team to the SRC leaders to the Head Prefect. Girls are encouraged to participate, lead, compete and take risks – all of which are advantageous skills for careers and leadership.

A TAILORED CURRICULUM

Girls' education is a specialised field. Teachers tailor their pedagogy for the girls.

SPORT

Researchers have found that mixed-sex sporting activities at school reinforce existing gender stereotypes that boys are 'better' at sport, leading to girls being discouraged from taking part. In addition, especially during adolescence when girls are highly conscious of body image and weight, they are reluctant to wear physical education (PE) uniforms or take part in PE classes and sporting activities with boys. Unsurprisingly, multiple studies find that girls prefer female-only PE classes, sports, fitness activities and outdoor education.

POSITIVE WELLBEING AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

In a secondary girls' school where there are no gender stereotypes, no appearance pressures, much lower rates of bullying, and no sexism or sexual harassment, girls are truly free to be who they want to be, both inside and outside the classroom. Studies show that girls are less self-conscious, more confident and less likely to suffer body image pressures or eating disorders in a single-sex environment. They are also far less likely to be bullied by other girls and, without boys in the school, can participate fully in all aspects of school life without worrying about being the subject of sexist or inappropriate comments and behaviour.

COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Girls at girls' schools enjoy a vast range of opportunities where they can decide to be involved with some activities or all activities. Girls are able and encouraged to explore a career or future in any area.

COUNTERACTING NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

Girls can work through the challenges of adolescence without fear of embarrassment or harassment.

GLOBAL CITIZENS

Girls' schools prepare students to be citizens of the world, using rapidly developing technology and forming connections with girls in other countries.



Why a Co-Educational Primary School?

NEGS is a co-educational Primary School and offers high-quality education with academic results to match and, as such, it is important to us that those families, who want to keep their boys here to Year 6, have the option to do so. There are many benefits to co-education in the early years.

- Boys and girls gain social maturity through valuable play and shared learning.
- In co-educational classrooms, young girls and boys learn together and from each other.
- Generally, boys use problem-solving strategies well. If one solution does not work, they try the next. Girls can react emotionally when getting things wrong and can lose confidence as a result. By learning with boys and from boys at a young age, girls can change their approach to problem-solving.
- Co-education at an early age offers a broader curriculum where more components of subjects are taught - not just the ones that boys like or girls like.
- Both girls and boys at co-educational primary schools generally have positive self-images, are socially well-adjusted, and enjoy being challenged. They make friends more easily with members of the opposite sex and are more likely to respect members of the opposite sex.
- Girls and boys help to raise standards of the opposite sex due to natural competition between the sexes in these initial years.
- Co-education at an early age encourages the development of a greater variety of coping strategies amongst students, thus preparing them far better for higher learning and secondary school.
- Co-education in the primary years allows children from the same family to attend the same school. It enhances family living and builds on a sense of community within the school. Children can have the same teacher their siblings had. Teachers and parents build strong relationships, making the partnership between school and home much stronger.



Junior Distance Education Program

NEGS Online – Distance Education Re-imagined

NEGS Online allows students from any location in Australia to participate and interact with teachers and fellow peers, with worksheets and information uploaded through specialised software. Imogen Cazdow, now in Year 6, was the first distance education student to study online at NEGS Junior School. For Years 4 and 5, she was online every day with her NEGS classroom and teacher. Her buddy group carried her around (on the iPad) to lunch in the Dining Hall, to PDHPE on the oval, to work with the sheep in the Livestock Precinct, and to other activities in the School. Imogen visited NEGS for one week at a time, as a casual Boarder, for NAPLAN and school events such as camps, swimming, cross country, and athletics carnivals. With 12 places available for Years 3-6, it's a chance for remote students to learn school etiquette and practise social situations before they head off to Boarding School.

As the first Independent School to offer Distance Education via this model, NEGS' Principal, Mrs Kathy Bishop says, 'Parents on remote stations and properties home-school, guide and monitor their children through Distance Education programs. With NEGS Online, your child is involved in a real classroom environment, interacts with other students in the lesson, and is monitored by the classroom teacher. The best part is that the Online student goes with his/her friends for Recess and Lunch (carried around Live on iPad) and participates in those crucial friendship conversations in the Dining Hall and in the playground.'

'As many regional and remote students will go away to Boarding School for upper primary and secondary education, NEGS Online enables the remote student to make friends, know the procedures, understand the events, appreciate the culture and values, and be involved in and a part of the NEGS Junior School.'



Sport

NEGS has a strong tradition of nurturing top-level athletes across various sporting arenas, ensuring every student's sporting interests are supported. However, we consider the most important philosophy is that all students should be involved and encouraged to try a variety of sports and we provide them with plenty of opportunities to do this.

NEGS offers a wide variety of summer and winter sporting activities including swimming, netball, hockey, rugby, tennis, athletics, shooting, rowing, dance, basketball, equestrian and many more. For students who want to represent the School at a higher level, we offer specialist coaches and committed team managers, holding close connections with local and New South Wales sporting associations for students who wish to represent the School and external teams at State and National competitions.

Senior School Sport

From outstanding equestrian facilities earmarking NEGS as Australia's premier equestrian Boarding School, to pathways for rifle shooting, rowing, basketball and athletics, we take our sports seriously whilst making sure we are having the most fun! Experienced coaches and teachers are available to support your daughter in her chosen field, reaching her greatest potential on the pitch, in the saddle, on the court or on the sporting field.

Our girls are highly sought after in representative teams due to their commitment and team spirit. As a member of the Independent Girls' Schools Sports Association (IGSSA), students can represent NEGS in Combined Independent Schools Sports Council (CIS) competition against other State and National independent schools in swimming, athletics, netball and hockey.

Junior School Sport

Our primary students enjoy all the facilities of our senior school, which includes access to specialist coaches and mentoring from older students, fostering inspiring relationships between pupils across the year groups and encouraging success.

All students participate in weekly sport as part of the curriculum, enjoying a wide range of activities including swimming in summer, and gymnastics in the cooler months at local sporting facilities.

NEGS Junior School offers opportunities for students to represent the School and compete at regional or state championships through the IPSHA, PSSA, and CIS pathways.



Talented Athlete Program

We believe active students are healthy students, and encourage all of our pupils to find movement that sparks joy for them. For those who show added passion and talent for their chosen sport, we are proud to provide pathways for talented rugby, netball, hockey and equestrian students.

In a first outside major metropolitan high schools, NEGS, in collaboration with Hockey NSW, Netball NSW and NSW Rugby delivers exclusive Player Pathway Programs incorporating high performance coaching. The Talented Athlete Program (TAP) is also available in the Junior School, with talented students in Years 5 and 6 paired with a high school pupil who will mentor and coach them once a week. This guides them into pathways for the senior TAP if it is an area the girls wish to pursue.

The TAP is unprecedented for a regional Boarding School for girls, identifying talent and offering our students the chance to hone in on their skills and reach their greatest potential, whether on the pitch, the court or field. It also extends to our Equestrian Centre, where riders have exceptional access to tutelage from some of the best horsemen and women in the country. The TAP pathway will provide intensive training and skills development to current and newly enrolled NEGS students, giving them the best chance to excel in NSW netball, hockey, rugby and equestrian. Elite players will have access to the best coaching in the state, delivered by specialists.

We want to see our sportswomen #playlikeanegsgirl – and we are committed to boosting the numbers of ladies pulling on a jersey, lifting a hockey stick, or riding a horse. It is a huge source of pride for us to see current and former students represent their state and country in sport. Running parallel to this program is the NEGS ethos of inclusivity. We aim to give as many of our students the opportunity to develop their sporting skills at a competitive level, while fostering sporting confidence in all our girls, no matter their skill. This is greatly aided by our NEGS Regional Sporting Complex; a new \$3.7 million multi-purpose facility offering one of the best training and competition venues in the region. This is a cutting-edge facility, available for daily training and competition.

NEGS has a commitment to growing and diversifying our sporting opportunities, as we recognise that co-curricular activities play an integral role in our school experience. We are the only girls' school to participate in the AAGPS Rifle Shooting Premiership in Sydney, and are committed to finding the right pathways to channel individual and group talent.



TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM OUTLINE

Rugby

The NEGS Rugby Program is designed to develop female rugby students 12 to 18 years of age, in a school environment.

The NEGS Rugby Program is not a participation program and is aimed at producing top-level athletes as they move forward in their Rugby skill development. The program will run for the four school terms each year.

Players will participate in twice weekly on-field training sessions delivered by NEGS Rugby Coaches, and participate in weekly strength and conditioning sessions. Established programs with nutritionists and sports psychologists will also assist athletes throughout the program.

Coaching staff will provide athlete skill identification and Individual Player Plans (IPP) for all students to identify areas for improvement during the program.

Players will also benefit from access to coaching with the UNE Cubs/Lions, and from coaching clinics with Australian Pearls/UNE Lions player and NEGS Rugby Program Ambassador, Rhiannon Byers.

Netball

The NEGS Netball Program is designed to develop female netball students 12 to 18 years of age, in a school environment.

The program is specifically designed to comply with the Netball NSW philosophies. The NEGS Netball Program is not a participation program and is aimed at producing top-level athletes. The program will run for the four school terms each year.

Players will participate in 1 – 2 weekly small group training sessions utilising flexible academic timetables. The sessions will be delivered by NEGS Netball Coordinator and National player, Kristen Cohen, and students will be required to participate in weekly strength and conditioning sessions. Established programs with nutritionists and sports psychologists will also assist NEGS Netball participants throughout the program.

Athletes within the NEGS Netball Program will also receive Individual Player Plans (IPP) to identify areas for improvement during the program, and will benefit from regular coaching clinics with Australian Diamonds player and NEGS Netball Ambassador, Susan Pettitt.

Hockey

For talented athletes, NEGS is proud to be the first regional school to partner with Hockey NSW to deliver our Player Pathway Program.

The Player Pathway Program is not a participation program and is aimed at producing top-level athletes as they move forward on the Hockey NSW Player Pathway.

The program will run for the four school terms each year and is designed to develop female hockey students 12 to 18 years of age, in a school environment.

Players will participate in twice weekly on-pitch training sessions delivered by Hockey NSW Regional Coaches, and participate in weekly strength and conditioning sessions. Established programs with nutritionists and sports psychologists will also assist Player Pathway participants throughout the program.

Athletes will benefit from regular coaching clinics with NEGS Hockey Ambassador, Kate Hanna, ex-Hockeyroo and current NSW AHL Arrows player.

Hockey NSW also provide athlete skill identification and Individual Player Plans (IPP) for all students to identify areas for improvement during the program, and students benefit from flexible timetables to assist them to meet the demands of training and competition.



NEGS Equestrian

The NEGS Equestrian Centre brings together both competitive and recreational riders, equestrian professionals, family, friends, staff and coaches in a supportive and vibrant community.

The NEGS Equestrian Community supports all riders as they work towards achieving their equestrian focused goals with confidence, building strong industry-based networks along the way.

About Us

Our world-class Equestrian Centre is unique to NEGS supplying elite coaches, programs and training facilities to equestrian students from right around Australia. Coupled with its academic prowess, NEGS is the only Day and Boarding School of its kind where both students and their horses have access to outstanding programs in a number of equestrian disciplines. Not only focusing

More than just a riding school, the NEGS Equestrian Centre provides quality agistment facilities including paddocks, stables, day yards and wash bays, a CNC 2* X-Country course, two undercover Olympic-sized arenas, outdoor dressage arena, campdraft/cutting arena, round yard, polocrosse field, picturesque grassy open riding areas, horse and rider schooling, live bison, specialty equestrian clinics and much more.

on competition riding and horse management, the NEGS Equestrian Centre facilitates an environment where our students learn the highest standard of etiquette and conduct desirable to become well-rounded horsewomen who can excel as future employees in all fields of the equine industry.



Equestrian Competitions at NEGS

NEGS Equestrian hosts several opportunities annually for students and the community to participate in competitive events in our specialist facilities. From our biggest event, the Annual NEGS ODE, to our boutique Ribbon Days, Dressage Gala, showjumping events and campdraft challenges, students at all levels have an opportunity to compete. These events provide a perfect opportunity to practise for larger events in front of their coaches, family and friends.

DRESSAGE GALA

ONE DAY EVENT

STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE

RIBBON DAYS

NEGS Equestrian Squads

Specialist instructors, who have performed highly in their chosen discipline, provide weekly instruction to students keen to reach their potential and achieve their individual competition goals. NEGS Equestrian is proud to run several squads to support riders from various disciplines:

CAMPDRAFT AND CHALLENGE

SHOW RIDING

POLOCROSSE

EVENTING

SHOWJUMPING (at a range of heights)

DRESSAGE

NEGS Equestrian Clinics

Olympic Triple-Gold Medallist, Matt Ryan, and Olympian, David Cooper, regularly hold clinics at NEGS for Show Jumping and Eventing. NEGS Equestrian offers clinics in all disciplines led by State, National and International experts and coaches.

World Class Facilities

It's hard to step on to the ground of NEGS' world-class Equestrian Centre and not be impressed. A team of seasoned and highly-skilled professional staff keep the Centre, always a hive of activity, ticking over smoothly. With horsemen and women of the highest calibre onside, our students have the greatest chance to ride to success.



Boarding at NEGS

NEGS Armidale is a lively, diverse and nurturing environment where living at school presents opportunities for our Boarders to immerse themselves in on-campus and co-curricular activities. NEGS is proud to offer a dynamic living and learning structure and space where girls learn real-life lessons by sharing experiences every day.

The proven structure with a defined routine encourages and accommodates the individual interests, pursuits and goals of our Boarders.

NEGS offers supportive Boarding Staff with tertiary qualifications, experience and unique skill sets ensuring a high level of care which supports and assists with the transition into boarding.

PREP

All girls attend evening study known as Prep for various lengths of time determined by year group. Prep staff have a sound knowledge of the girls' weekly assignments, term assessment tasks and exam timetables allowing them to assist the girls to achieve their academic goals. Senior Prep is completed in the student's own room with Prep staff available for assistance.

Boarding Activities

NEGS is part of a thriving regional city renowned for its educational and sporting facilities, with UNE a close neighbour. At NEGS Armidale, your daughter will never be short of adventure and the opportunity to be part of a friendly and safe community whilst enjoying the natural beauty of the New England area.

Weekend activity programs are full and varied which add to the bounty of experiences available at NEGS including a nationally acclaimed Equestrian Centre, hockey field, netball and rugby facilities, and gym available to students.

Girls enjoy visits to local markets and festivals, local agricultural shows, roller skating, laser tag, ten pin bowling, Cinema Under the Stars, in-house craft activities and end of year trips to the North Coast of NSW. There is also a myriad of on-campus events and activities coordinated by our Senior Boarders who also conduct after school activities for our Junior Boarders as part of our 'Big Sister' approach to our youngest girls whilst also promoting leadership skills for our seniors.

HEALTH CENTRE

On campus, all students have access to a well-established and resourced Health Centre operated by qualified nursing staff who work closely with the Head of Boarding and House staff.

BOARDING HOUSES

NEGS uniquely offers well-equipped small group rooms, double rooms, and, for all Senior Boarders, their own individual rooms. For Junior Boarders room allocations are changed every term giving girls the opportunity to build new social connections, tolerance and resilience skills. Wireless internet is available throughout the campus and is available to all Boarding Houses.

NEGS offers fulltime, weekly and casual boarding as well as an ExtendED program which includes afternoon tea, dinner and Prep as well as access to on-campus facilities from after school until the conclusion of Prep.

NEGS welcomes students from towns and properties right across Australia and the world. The NEGS boarding community is a supportive, inclusive and comfortable environment where your daughter and your family will be welcomed and valued as lifelong NEGS family members.

It's not always an easy transition moving away from home, which is why we dedicate ourselves to providing a home built on compassion and connection. NEGS' rich history as a Boarding School provides generations of learning, and we are constantly striving to develop boarding life to be the ultimate joyful experience for your daughter.

'It's like one big sleepover with our friends'





Co-Curricular

Character, leadership and team-building are all part of the NEGS’ education experience.

The importance of co-curricular activities is deeply embedded at NEGS with research supporting our view that engaging in pursuits outside the classroom assists in both academic performance and developing the whole student.

We encourage our students to participate in the broad range of activities on offer, ranging from sporting, musical, spiritual, cultural, artistic and agricultural opportunities. These activities are scheduled before school, after school or during lunchtimes.

Whilst regionally-based, NEGS has strong connections with local, state, national and international organisations enabling students to compete, train, and socialise with their metropolitan and global peers.

Agriculture and Livestock Team

Agriculture is a significant part of the NEGS’ student experience from Pre-K right through to Year 12.

Our Agricultural Facilities Include:

- Exhibition steer feedlot, complemented by a Charolais breeding herd run off site
- Dohne and White Suffolk sheep
- Berkshire pigs and poultry fed sustainably using waste from the school kitchens
- Vegetable crops and orchard.

Our Livestock Team is highly successful, winning annual broad ribbons throughout NSW and into QLD. Major competitions each year include the Sydney and Brisbane Royal, Manning Valley Beef Week and the Scone Beef Bonanza.

Performing Arts and Music

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEGS Junior School students from Pre-K to Year 6 have access to twice weekly music lessons, and a variety of ensembles before, during and after school.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Music is part of the mandatory NEGS curriculum for Senior School students in Years 7 and 8 and is an elective for students in Years 9-12.

ENSEMBLES

At NEGS, we have a range of instrumental and vocal ensembles including:

- Saumarez Ensemble – Junior School string group
- NEGS Song Birds – Junior School vocal ensemble
- Years 3-6 Choir
- Years 7-8 Choir
- NEGS’ Voices – Years 7-12
- NEGS Band Program – compulsory in Years 5-6
- Strings Program – compulsory in Years 3-4
- Senior Marimba Group – Years 7-12
- Junior School Marimba Group – Years 4-6
- NEGS Performance Band – Years 7-12

Others include, but are not limited to, the following:

Private Music Tuition, Performance Opportunities, Drama, Dance, Creative Club, Musicals and Dramatic Productions.

Clubs

NEGS offers a range of Clubs and activities throughout the year. A full timetable is presented at the start of each Term.

MUD CLUB

Mud Club offers our budding potters a lovely sensory experience with clay, as well as building fine motor strength and exercising the hands, wrists and arms. The sociable environment of the club means students can chat as they create, sculpting abiding friendships as well as happy mementos.

STEM CLUB

STEM Club is an empowering and creative way to engage young people with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

CODING CLUB

Coding Club has been a popular co-curricular activity for our Senior School students for some time, and is now an exciting addition to the Junior School offering. Coding Club provides opportunities to:

- Learn programming languages - Python and HTML
- Program microcomputers and drones
- Experiment with virtual reality
- Learn how to design apps and games
- Experiment with robotics
- Compete in National competitions.

Others include, but are not limited to, the following:

Debating, Chess, Da Vinci Decathlon, Tournament of Minds, Photography, Canoeing, Triathlon, Round Square, Public Speaking, Robotics, Enterprise Education, Titration and Community Service.

How To Enrol

There is a five-step process:

1. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Applications for Enrolment can be made by completing and submitting an Application for Enrolment Form. Please note that submission of this does not guarantee entry of your child into the School. It places your child's name on a list for an interview at a later date.

2. BOOK A TOUR

Come and explore our beautiful school grounds and get a chance to meet our incredible teachers. Get in touch with us today to book your tour of NEGS and discover why we're more than a school.

3. BOOK AN INTERVIEW

Prior to your child starting with us, parents/guardians and the prospective student will be invited to attend NEGS for an interview. As part of the interview process, school reports, test results, and samples of schoolwork will all be taken into account. It should be noted that consent, where applicable, will be requested to contact the student's previous school for a verbal reference. Entrance to the School is at the discretion of the Principal. The Principal reserves the right not to offer a place.

4. OFFER OF ENROLMENT

Complete scholarship and bursary applications, if applicable. Based on the process outlined above, an Offer of Enrolment to attend the School may be made. This offer will be accompanied by the Contract of Enrolment and associated documents.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

To accept this offer and confirm a place for your child, both parents/guardians are required to sign the Contract and return it to the Enrolment Office along with the associated documents noted in the Contract of Enrolment and the Acceptance Fee of \$665 (including GST) which is non-refundable.



Fees

FEE PAYMENT PLANS

NEGS has partnered with Edstart to make it easy for you to manage school fee payments. You can smooth out your fees evenly across the school year into weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Edstart Extend is a payment option through which you can reduce your annual school fee spent by extending payments for up to five years after graduation.

'An Affordable Way to Invest in Your Child's Future'

Edstart payment plans can fund tuition fees, additional charges such as uniforms, co-curricular activities, camps and trips, as well as textbooks and amounts in arrears. You can visit edstart.com.au/negs for more information about Edstart's offering to NEGS families.

Once an application is completed through the fee calculator below, Edstart will contact you to finalise the set-up of your account.

Please note, in providing information about Edstart, we do not provide any recommendations, brokering or advice services. We do not receive referral fees, commissions or other remuneration from Edstart.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

NEGS offers sibling discounts to families with more than one child attending the School. Where a family has a child who is in receipt of a scholarship, sibling discounts may not apply. Sibling discounts are applied to tuition fees only and at the rate of 20% reduced tuition fee for the second child and 30% reduced tuition fee for the third and subsequent child.

FAMILY LOYALTY DISCOUNT

NEGS is committed to supporting our long-term families. Discounts on Senior School fees are offered to Junior School students when they move to Senior School when they have been continually enrolled at NEGS:

From Year 3 – 25%

From Year 4 – 20%

From Year 5 – 15%

From Year 6 – 10%

The Family Loyalty Discount applies to fees from Years 7-12 and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts.

FEES PAID IN ADVANCE

The School may offer discounts on fees where fees are paid in advance for the following school year. Payment of fees in advance is due at the end of November. Conditions apply and details regarding fees in advance are sent to parents in October each year.

WITHDRAWAL OF A STUDENT

Notice of withdrawal of a student must be given in writing to the Principal at least one term in advance, otherwise a term's tuition and boarding fees (if applicable) will be charged.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Tuition and boarding fees are invoiced in four instalments each year (three instalments for parents of Year 12 students). Please refer to Invoice / Statement for due dates.

Parents are requested to immediately advise the Business Manager of any change in circumstances which may affect their capacity to pay the fees so that special arrangements can be made.



Scholarships and Bursaries

NEGS offers a limited number of scholarships each year to girls entering Years 7 to 11. These scholarships are offered to girls who show particular talent and passion across a number of fields, from academia, to the sporting or equestrian arenas, music room, and at the design and visual arts desk. This is a chance to welcome bright minds and keen sportswomen who will flourish at NEGS and relish in the opportunities our School provides.

Applications for all other Scholarships and Bursaries are accepted year-round. Students are eligible to apply for more than one scholarship, however, if successful only one scholarship offer will be made. Applicants are entitled to hold both a scholarship and a bursary (if successful).

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT – Applicants for ALL scholarships and bursaries are required to:

- Complete and submit the relevant scholarship/ bursary application form
- Complete and submit an Application for Enrolment form (unless this has been completed previously) and provide all documentation referred to in that form
- Attend an interview with the Principal
- Provide portfolios where requested (Jean Newall All Rounder Scholarship, Visual Arts and Design Scholarship and Aneeta Sundararaj Scholarship).

Scholarships and Bursaries are reviewed on an annual basis and it is the School's expectation that recipients maintain all-round commitment to all areas of their schooling. They are intended for those students who are committed to continuing their education through to the completion of Year 12 at NEGS. Needs-based bursaries are offered to students who are talented all-rounders with a significant contribution to make in any of the academic, sporting, musical, artistic or cultural programs of the School. Bursaries are means tested and families are required to submit their financial statements each year by the end of October.

The Scholarships entitle the recipients to part remission of tuition fees to the end of Year 12. Bursaries entitle the recipients to part remission of boarding fees or tuition fees to the end of Year 12. All other expenses must be met at the full rate.

NEGS reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship or bursary from any scholarship holder.

Applications should be addressed to:

Enrolments Registrar
enrolments@negs.nsw.edu.au

or
NEGS
Uralla Road
Armidale NSW 2350

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

- Academic Scholarship
- Visual Arts and Design Scholarship
- Music Scholarship
- Forster Music Scholarship
- Equestrian Scholarship
- Sporting Excellence Scholarship
- The Aneeta Sundararaj All-Rounder Scholarship
- Jean Newall All-Rounder Scholarship
- Queensland Old Girls' Scholarship
- Armidale Old Girls' Scholarship
- Sydney Old Girls' Scholarship
- Boarding Bursary
- Lisa Cameron Bursary
- McLaren's Bursary
- Western Bursary
- Bush Children's Education Foundation of NSW Bursary



The NEGS Community

There is a famous ancient proverb that says, it takes a village to raise a child. At NEGS, we believe our School is that village, a strong, dynamic, empathetic community where every single one of our students is given the opportunity to flourish.

Since the School's inception in 1895, it is this sense of belonging and collective investment that has been critical to the continuing success and longevity of NEGS. Our community is made up of many diverse groups that work seamlessly together. These include our wonderful teachers and corporate staff, our current students and their families, and our treasured Alumni.

Academic research indisputably demonstrates that community, connection and a sense of belonging is what gives us meaning in life. Recognising and fostering this sense of belonging informs the many decisions made by our Board and Executive team, from building upon our nationally-recognised Wellbeing program, to developing a strong sense of commitment from the girls and their parents on all aspects of school life.

At NEGS, we believe our community is one of our defining strengths and so we continue to strive to invest in the welfare and vitality of all members of our NEGS' family ensuring that the culture of NEGS is one of positivity and empowerment.





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