## WHY CHOOSE WATTLE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL



#### **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD**

At Wattle Grove Public School, we offer exciting learning opportunities that support your child's growth. We focus on academic excellence, wellbeing, and social development in a safe, inclusive environment. With a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy our proven teaching methods help every student thrive. We value strong partnerships with families and work together to shape bright futures and empower young minds.

#### **Academic success**

- Our Kindergarten classrooms average a maximum of 20 students, resulting in personalised attention in the important first year.
- Small class sizes for Year 1 and Year 2.
- Our dedicated and experienced teachers use evidenced-informed reading programs, including the explicit teaching of phonics.
- We share our exemplary teaching practices by mentoring teachers from other schools.
- We are proud of our Early Intervention Reading support programs to boost students' literacy development.
- We nurture High Potential and Gifted students through thoughtfully planned, high-challenge learning programs and a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including Maths Olympiad, Debating, Spelling Bee, and ICAS competitions.
- Our dedicated technology room supports student learning across all grades.
- Chromebooks and iPads support learning in every classroom.



### **Showcasing the Arts**

- Our dedicated and qualified dance teachers train our students in both competitive and non-competitive dance groups.
- Our dance ensembles perform at the Schools Spectacular and In The Spotlight Dance Festival.
- Our school-wide public speaking program, has seen our students compete successfully at local, region and state level.
- Senior students with a passion for debating are mentored in effective techniques and compete at interschool competitions.
- Our talented choir represents our school with distinction.

## Unsurpassed sporting opportunities

- Wattle Grove has consistently been the Liverpool Zone champion for swimming, cross country and athletics.
- Our students are trained by motivated and talented teachers who coach a large range of sports.
- The Department's Talented Sports
  Representative program gives our students
  opportunities to compete in zone, region and
  state level carnivals, in a large range of
  sports.
- Students are given the opportunity to play PSSA Gala Days and state knockouts.



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## **Inclusive programs and community involvement**

- Interested students participate in Chess Club and Gardening Club at lunch times.
- We celebrate our cultural diversity and embrace Indigenous values, customs and culture.
- We have an active Parent and Citizens Association who organise social events, and raise funds, bringing our community together.
- Close ties are maintained with the Defence force and we have an in-school Defence School Mentor who assists students and families.
- A high quality Before and After School and Vacation Care is located on site.
- Parents are welcome to support classroom learning.
- A dedicated 'Calm Space' during lunch time for students who can find the playground overwhelming.
- School vegetable garden.

### **Our Backyard**

- We're proud to have a Castlereagh Ironbark Forest within our school grounds a rare and beautiful natural asset.
- In 2023 and 2024, under the guidance of experts, students created a protected habitat for the endangered Cumberland Plain Land Snail.
- This area is now a thriving outdoor learning space, home to a family of tawny frog-mouth owls, sugar gliders, ring-tailed possums and numerous types of birds.
- A koala has visited and nesting boxes and bee hotels are in active use.
- Wildlife cameras capture day and night activity, so students can obtain real-time updates from their very own 'backyard bushland'.
- Water troughs in trees help support wildlife during warmer months.
- Students love being part of something real, meaningful and connected to nature.

## A living classroom like no other













