

St Martin's Highlights

CURRICULUM

- High quality English and Mathematics learning block daily
- Excellent student engagement in learning and critical thinking
- Extension opportunities for high achieving students
- Consolidation and development groups to assist with grasping concepts and skills
- GATEWays extension opportunities
- Technology available and used in all areas of learning
- Classes "beyond the walls" not just in classrooms to include real world experience
- Weekly coding lessons for Kindergarten to Year 6
- Excursions for all years and Year 5 and 6 camp to Canberra and a Leadership Camp
- Environmental awareness through recycling, our eco-garden and striving to be waste-free
- Above State average NAPLAN results in both Years 3 and 5
- Whole school Public Speaking program and Diocesan Year 6 competition
- Specialist teachers for Coding, Music, Library and PE
- Tracking of academic achievements across the school including 'Best Start' on entry to Kindergarten and ACER Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) for Literacy and Maths
- Dedicated Learner Diversity team



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Leadership Camp and Reflection Day
- Senior Leadership Teams for different areas * Sport * Communications * Environment * Wellbeing/Pastoral Care * IT/Library and * Mission
- Year 6 Awards for Strength & Gentleness, Music Achievement, Sport Achievement and the Mission Award
- Senior Leadership Badge Presentation Mass
- Northern Beaches Year 6 Leaders Day
- Bishop's Mass for Year 6 Leaders
- Buddy and Peer Support Program
- Graduation Mass and Celebration
- Year 6 Alpha Program for critical reflection on their faith journey



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

- Four Kindergarten Transition sessions in the Kindy Classrooms in Term 4
- Buddy Program for Kindergarten and Senior Leaders
- Kindergarten Parent Information Evening
- Welcome to St Martin's Mass
- Welcome BBQ social event
- Kindergarten families' welcome morning tea
- Informal group play dates organised by class parents
- Optional 'Kindy Kick Start' learn-through-play sessions
- Optional weekly onsite Playgroup (Fridays 9.15am-10.30am) for toddlers and pre-schoolers
- 100 days of Kindergarten celebration

WELLBEING & PASTORAL CARE

- Strong sense of community and support for students and their families
- Focus on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) including Bullying Prevention Program
- School rules to be responsible, respectful and safe are consistently implemented
- Pastoral Care Program
- Family Week each term
- Cyber safety program
- Formal Assemblies with student awards
- Effective discipline policy if required
- Brand New Day - school-wide weekly play initiative
- 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program
- Seasons of Growth - Student Emotional Support Program

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SPORT

- Northern Beaches Representative Gala Days for Netball, Soccer, AFL, Cricket, Basketball and Eagle Tag
- Interschool Athletics competition
- Interschool Cross Country competition
- Interschool Swimming Carnival
- Surf Education Program at a local beach for Years 3-6
- School visits by elite athletes including Olympians
- Professional coaching clinics for basketball, rugby, tennis, soccer, cricket, AFL, hockey or gymnastics
- Specialist PE Teacher

COMMUNITY

- Onsite before and after school care run by Catholic Care with availability every day
- Onsite Vacation care
- Teacher-led Maths and English Parent Info Sessions
- Teacher supervised drive through student pick-up service within school grounds
- Parents and Friends Association (P&F)
- Social events through the year including Movie Night, Trivia Night, Welcome Bush Dance and School Disco
- Professional Speaker seminars for parents on topics such as Resilient Kids, Online Safety etc
- Canteen service on Mondays (Sushi), Thursdays and Fridays
- Mother's and Father's Day Breakfasts
- Grandparents and Friends Morning Tea
- Buddy program for new families
- Class parents for each class who facilitate a chat group and social activities
- Meal support for families in need

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Individual Music Tuition onsite with private tutors
- Band
- Song Club
- Morning yoga
- Dance Club
- Coding extension
- Chess

MISSION

- Project Compassion Fundraising
- Christmas Hampers for the Coolah Community in conjunction with our local St Vincent de Paul Society
- Mission Mass for Senior Leaders
- Celebration of St Martin de Porres Feast Day with the local community
- Celebrations including Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Grandparents and Friends Day, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, Advent, Strength and Gentleness Mass
- Parish Sacramental Program
- Religious Education taught in a modern format

CREATIVE ARTS

- Choir
- Public performances at Warringah Mall and NSSWE Chatswood Concourse
- Biannual whole school musical
- Annual Christmas concert
- Diocesan Religious Creative Arts Competition

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

- Preparation for high school program
- K-12 pathway between St Martin's and Mater Maria, Mercy College and St Pauls Manly. Links Day to Mater Maria, Mercy College and St Paul's College
- Homework set and delivered in workbooks and online
- Information sessions about high school with visits from past students who are now in Year 7 and 8.
- Open and flexible working spaces in Stage 3 similar to a high school set up
- Leadership Reflection Day - Year 12 Buddies return to talk to the Year 6 students.

