Bowral High School is a comprehensive coeducational secondary school. The school caters for a diverse group of students from a range of socio-economic circumstances. A rich and challenging academic program exists side by side with opportunities in vocational education that offer students individual pathways to work, university or TAFE. The school supports students several successful welfare programs including the REVUp program and Boys Education initiatives.

**English as a second language (ESL)**
ESL trained staff

**Student support services**
Pastoral care and mentoring programs • Peer support and leadership

**Languages**
French • Italian

**Special programs**
Leadership programs • Representative sport • Work placement program • Vocational training courses

**Special facilities**
Video conference • Basketball courts • Hospitality student-run cafe • Purpose-built woodwork and metalwork workshops • Performance space

**Academic achievements – 2013 HSC results**
The highest ATAR score was 95.85 • In the post School destination survey 78% of the 2013 HSC cohort responded: 30% are undertaking university study at a range of universities • 95 are studying at TAFE NSW • 5% are enrolled in private colleges • 5% undertaking an apprenticeship and 20% in employment

**Local area features**
Bowral is situated in the valley at the foot of Mount Gibraltar, a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Sydney and one hour drive to the beaches between Wollongong and Kiama. Bowral has historic public and private buildings, antique dealers, restaurants and cafes, bookshops and art galleries.

“Bowral High School has given me great potential for my future career. There are different expectations coming to Australia, compared to my home country, Thailand. For example, I was able to study electives such as cooking, sewing, metalwork, woodwork and media in Years 7 and 8 instead of studying religion at school (Buddhism) in Thailand. The uniform is very formal in my home country; it is much more relaxed here in Australia. Bowral High School provided me with the opportunity to go overseas on a school excursion and to experience a new culture. I believe Bowral High School has provided me with the best opportunity for education.”

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