Parramatta High School is Sydney’s oldest coeducational high school with a tradition of academic excellence, a strong culture of learning and high expectations for all students. The school is proud of its strong multicultural population and our students currently come from 56 different cultural backgrounds. The school is committed to promoting excellence and equity through a varied curriculum designed to challenge students and cater for a variety of needs, interests and abilities. Strong, fair and supportive welfare structures are in place to provide a safe, happy school with a caring environment.

English as a second language (ESL)
Specialised ESL teachers • Individualised support across all Key Learning Areas (KLA’s) • HSC ESL English • ESL classes in all years

Student support services
Peer support • Careers guidance • Work experience • Student counsellor

Languages taught
French • Indonesian • Mandarin

Special programs
Stage band & string ensemble • Debating & public speaking • Science & Mathematics enrichment • Global Citizen Initiative • Student Representative Council

Special facilities
Seven new and five refurbished classrooms • More than 70% of classrooms fitted with interactive projectors • Connected classroom • Baby grand piano

Academic achievements – 2013 HSC results
Three students had ATARS over 98 • We had first and second in the State in Indonesian Continues • Over 40% of students were offered University and TAFE placement • Two international students on the honour roll

Local area features
The school is located in a parkland setting, close to transport, an excellent public library, and extensive shopping and restaurants. Parramatta High School is approximately 30 minutes by train to the Sydney Central Business District.

Student profile
In 2012, international student Andrew Lam, a gifted pianist, competed as a top 10 finalist in the Australian International Conservatorium of Music’s $50,000 One Scholarship contest. Andrew arrived in Australia from Hong Kong to study at Parramatta High School in 2009. He has been playing the piano since he was seven years old, and also plays the violin.

Andrew has been a great asset to Parramatta High School, and a frequent performer with the school stage band and string ensemble. He also accompanies vocalists at rock shows, performance nights and numerous formal school functions.

Andrew never dreamed that he would progress so far in the competition, and is grateful for the opportunities provided to him though the school music department, and for the incredible support from the students at Parramatta High School in voting for his competition entry.