Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts has been delivering exceptional educational experiences to students across the Illawarra for almost one hundred years. We have the twin goals of academic excellence and excellence in the performing arts.

Our focus areas are quality teaching, leadership at all levels, engagement and attainment, literacy and numeracy and Aboriginal education.

**English as a second language (ESL)**
- ESL programs for all years
- Additional ESL support for international students
- HSC English (ESL)

**Student support services**
- Peer support and mediation
- Years 11 and 12 essay writing and study skills workshops
- Student Support Officer
- Welfare program

**Languages taught**
- French
- Italian

**Special programs**
- Drama, music and visual arts
- Dance ensembles and productions
- Junior and senior choirs
- Concert, stage and jazz bands
- Musical productions
- Drama productions
- Wide range of sports including surfing
- Debating and public speaking
- Gifted and talented program
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Mock Trial
- Backstage crew program
- Set building program

**Special facilities**
- Performing Arts Centre seating 212 people
- Excellent dance teaching spaces
- Drama studio
- Well-equipped, air-conditioned Interactive library and learning centre
- Commercial kitchen
- Science and technology laboratories incorporating industrial arts and hospitality areas

**Academic achievements – 2013 HSC results**
- Top ATAR score was 95.25
- State and national awards for visual literacy in film making
- 38% and 14% of the 2013 HSC cohort accepted full-time placement in university degree courses and TAFE course, respectively
- Sixty-one students received Band 6 results across sixteen subjects
- Two students were recognised as All Round Achievers, meaning they achieved a Band 6 result in all of their courses

**Local area features**
- Fairy Meadow is a suburb in the city of Wollongong and is popular with tourists and surfers due to its long beach and views. Fairy Meadow has a main shopping area, skate park and tennis courts. The area is served by a train station and many buses.