Leading the way in teaching and learning, J J Cahill Memorial High School has a community focus and responds to community needs. Literacy and numeracy development is a major focus in the school and academic excellence is encouraged. There is a strong uniform and well-defined discipline policy, with a clear code of conduct, positive strategies for improving performance and a focus on improving students’ confidence. The school is coeducational and comprehensive, catering for the individual learning needs of students with a wide range of academic abilities.

**English as a second language (ESL)**
ESL teacher and a Support Teacher • Individual and small group tuition is offered

**Student support services**
Pastoral care of students • A homework centre • Supervisors of boys’ and girls’ and gender equity programs • School-to-work programs • Career and Counselling services • Breakfast Club

**Languages taught**
French • Greek • Italian

**Special programs**
Debating • Public speaking • Student leadership • Chess • Choir and music tuition • Dance • Representative sport • Links with the University of NSW Aspire program • Optional religious instruction including scripture, prayer groups, workshops and prayer rooms • Links with business • School Big Band • Art Club

**Special facilities**
Modern library with a senior study area • Photography darkroom

**Academic achievements – 2013 HSC results**
53 % of Year 12 cohort their education at university or TAFE NSW Institutes • The student who achieved our top ATAR score is currently studying a Bachelor of Medical Science degree at the University of New South Wales

**Local area features**
J J Cahill Memorial High School is located in Mascot in a residential area in one of Sydney’s major commercial and industrial districts. The school offers modern facilities, sports grounds and is close to regular bus routes.

“I am proud to be part of J J Cahill Memorial High School. The school community is inclusive and encouraging. I have been offered many opportunities that have allowed me to progress in my studies as well as leadership skills. I am a member of the Student Representative Council and my contributions are valued and supported.”

**MONICA MAMESAH**
Indonesia