Holroyd High School is a comprehensive, co-educational secondary school with a focus on effective learning and high achievement in a safe, well-disciplined and supportive school environment. The school has high expectations of its students, a broad, flexible, rigorous and innovative curriculum and provides a range of post-compulsory pathways to meet student abilities and needs.

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

Twenty-three specialist ESL teachers in the Intensive English Centre (IEC) and six specialist ESL teachers supporting students Years 7-12 • HSC ESL English and Fundamentals of English courses for Years 11-12 • ESL and cultural understandings elective course, Australian Studies, for Years 9-10 • HSC academic preparation course for senior students moving from IEC to senior high school

**Languages taught**

Asian languages through the Open High School and the Saturday School of Community Languages • French • Arabic

**Special programs**

Flexible HSC program • Leadership and mentoring programs with University of Sydney (USYD), University of NSW (UNSW), University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Western Sydney University (WSU) • Extension and enrichment science and engineering programs with USYD, UTS and WSU • Business links with major companies • Multimedia and robotics programs • Band and instrument tutoring • Links with Opera Australia, Belvoir and Riverside theatres • Debating, drama, choir, chess, fitness and swimming programs

**Student support services**

Careers adviser • Counselling services • Mentoring programs • After-school tutoring and homework help • Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, Farsi, Turkish, Tamil classroom language support officers in IEC • Community liaison officers in majority student languages

**Academic achievements – HSC Results**

Majority of students progress to further study at university in science • Highest ATARs 2013-2015: 99.25, 97.95, 99.35

**Special facilities**

Four specialist computer rooms • Interactive whiteboard technology in most classrooms • Specialist music, art, drama and technology classrooms, including facilities for multimedia and robotics • Newly rebuilt science hub

**Local area features**

Peaceful school environment, with spacious, landscaped school grounds and outdoor sports facilities • Fifteen minutes to Merrylands and Parramatta stations by bus or car, 30 minutes from Sydney CBD by train.

“Holroyd is my second family. My teachers are my parents and my classmates are my brothers and sisters. They all try to help me with my schoolwork. It’s already three years away from my family but it doesn’t make me feel anxious anymore to live and study in Australia.”

**TIEN HIEP (PETER) NGUYEN**

Vietnam