Cardiff High School is set in a quiet, bushland environment central to everything that Newcastle and Lake Macquarie offers. It is a coeducational and comprehensive school with a reputation for achievement in academic studies, creative arts and competitive sports. In 2013 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of offering quality education in the Cardiff Community where we unveiled our new murals. We certainly deliver on our banner statement: “celebrating excellence, opportunities and success.”

Our agreed values statements incorporate demonstrating mutual respect, demonstrating a positive attitude to learning, being responsible for your choices, striving for personal best and encouraging and supporting each other.

We provide a broad curriculum and a wide range of learning activities and experiences.

The curriculum encompasses traditional core subjects in addition to visual and performing arts, music, technology studies, languages, business studies and personal development.

**Student support services**
- Strong team of year advisers
- Counselling facilities

**Special programs**
- Student leadership including Student Representative Council
- Gifted and Talented program
- SCOPE – authentic assessment tasks and presentation to a panel including members of the community
- Extensive band program
- MADD – Music, Art, Dance and Drama performances
- Sister school relationship with Tanagura Junior High in Japan

**Special facilities**
- Well-equipped library
- Two ovals and outdoor sporting facilities
- Three computer laboratories, one being a specialised skills centre for senior students

**Academic achievements – 2013 HSC results**
Six students achieved a Band 6 result in the 2013 HSC in the subject areas General Mathematics, Industrial Technology, Senior Science and Ukranian Continuers. One student studied their HSC subject by Distance Education as an accelerated Year 11 student and achieved the highest mark in the state. 26% of students received University offers, 19% were commencing study at TAFE, 17% were undertaking traineeships or apprenticeships, 33% of students were working with 5% seeking employment.

**Local area features**
The school is centrally located between Newcastle beaches and Lake Macquarie. It is close to major shopping areas of Charlestown Square and Kotara. Cardiff is within an hours drive to Port Stephens and Pokolbin wine district.