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BOARDING

Humanity | Courage | Curiosity | Respect

Instilling unwavering courage and curiosity to educate women of ambition, integrity and consequence.



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Boarding at Kambala

Kambala offers a family-style Boarding experience for approximately 50 girls from Year 7 – Year 12, in our purpose-built Boarding House Fernbank, adjacent to the school. Located close to Sydney Harbour, in Rose Bay, we are minutes from the Rose Bay shopping village and the eastern beaches and close to the city centre. The Sydney Domestic and International Airports are a 35 minute car ride away.

Kambala’s Boarding experience is a nurturing one, where students develop holistically. Our Boarding model focuses on fostering a strong sense of belonging for our Boarders and a strong sense of community for their families, supporting academic engagement, and promoting healthy lifestyle habits so our girls thrive. The model is also enhanced by the pillars of holistic well-being: healthy sleep patterns, balanced nutrition, and regular exercise and fresh air.

We pride ourselves on a robust pastoral support system, established to guide and assist students in their wellbeing journey. Small cohort mentoring forms a central part of the Boarding program informed by current best practice in girls’ development. On several days of the week Boarding students will also have access to tutors in their ‘prep’ time in the library. To facilitate community building and positive relationships, each student is placed into one of four family

groups and enjoy weekly dinners together. These groupings enable peer support to occur reflective of a family situation just like home with older and younger siblings to care and look out for each other.

Our Boarding community is made up of young women from across NSW, Australia and overseas – bringing diversity and enhancing our girls’ awareness of being part of a global community. The blend of cultures, personalities, interests and backgrounds makes Kambala’s Boarding community a truly dynamic one.

Being a Boarder at Kambala enhances your overall experience at our wonderful School. From the moment you start with us, you will be part of our family, a family that raises young women of integrity who will graduate with a level of maturity, resilience and resourcefulness that will support and encourage a truly global perspective.

At Kambala you will be part of an intimate family, where every Boarder is known and treated as a sister. It is a place where we are all remarkable in the making.

Ms Jane Danvers
Principal



**Purpose-built
Fernbank Building**



**Habourside
Location**



**Academic
Assistance**



**Family
Model**



**On-site
Nurse**



**Beautifully
Landscaped
Grounds**



**Compulsory
Digital Free Time**



**Focus on
Holistic Health**



**Close to
Bondi Beach**



A family-style
Boarding
experience.

Executive Staff

Ms Jane Danvers
Principal



An experienced educator and Principal, Jane has over 25 years of educational and leadership experience including overseeing Boarding in her executive roles. Jane commenced with Kambala in early 2022, and recognises the value that a Boarding community brings to a school. She believes that every girl whether Day or Boarding has the opportunity to be known, seen and valued at our School.

Committed to continuous learning Jane is dedicated to the significant achievements in the advancement of women and girls' education and the advocacy for gender equality and diversity.

Ms Carolyn Gedling
Deputy Principal – Academic



Carolyn has a diverse professional background having worked in Banking and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs in New York prior to teaching. As an Educator she has taught in schools in Sydney along with having taught internationally for 11 years. Her international experience included International schools in Yokohama – Japan, Khartoum – Sudan and Erlangen – Germany. She brings global experience and perspective to the Kambala context.

Carolyn's responsibilities at Kambala include furthering a culture of innovative and exceptional teaching by designing and leading high quality educational experiences that meet the needs of students for now and the future. She is responsible for leading the Schools' Academic Leaders, Future Pathways Coordinator and Co-curricular experiences which enhance student academic and values development.

Ms Samantha Gooch
Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care.



Samantha is responsible for the overall development of school policies and practices relating to student pastoral growth and development and leads the Heads of Year. Samantha works closely with the Head of Boarding to ensure consistency between the day-school experience and student residential life.

Samantha has taught and led in a variety of capacities and across Kambala's Junior and Senior Schools, and her experience has provided her with deep insights into the holistic development of young women. As a Kambala Old Girl, she is invested in forming connection and building continuity across generations with the goal to create lasting relationships and a sense of belonging for all students who have studied at Kambala.





Boarding Staff

Mrs Joanna Andrew Head of Boarding



Jo comes to us from New Zealand having held senior education roles in Dubai, Thailand and China. She holds a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning, a Graduate Diploma of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Commerce, enabling her to provide great structure, leadership and guidance within our Boarding offering. Jo's primary goals include establishing a strong sense of community, fostering positive relationships, and supporting individual Boarders in their academic and personal development.

With extensive experience in physical education and Boarding, Jo has learned valuable lessons that shape her approach to leading, nurturing, and educating young women. 'Young women thrive in an inclusive environment where they feel valued and respected,' she shares. Jo believes that strong mentors and positive role models are essential in helping young women navigate their educational journeys and prepare for life beyond school.

She is an advocate for the Kambala offering that includes family-style Boarding, fostering positive relationships amid digital distractions, and the value of sleep, nutrition and exercise.

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Mrs Joanna Andrew, Head of Boarding.

Megan Setches Residential Dean of Boarding



Megan has been part of the Fernbank family for over six years. Prior to this she worked in Aged Care homes in the eastern suburbs in management and administration and is also a qualified Personal Carer. Megan has also worked in senior roles in the music and entertainment industry including 2DAY FM and Channel 10, and has travelled and worked with artists such as Pink, Rihanna, Katy Perry and Luciano Pavarotti.

Originally from Melbourne, Megan grew up in Hong Kong, Singapore and Mauritius and has travelled extensively for work and recreation. Through her work in Aged Care, and residing in Rose Bay for 20+ years, she has strong local connections in and around Kambala. She is passionate about AFL and when not with her girls in the Boarding house, she is happiest having an ocean swim.

Megan understands that Boarding provides a unique environment where lifelong friendships are forged, independence is cultivated and a strong sense of community thrives. It isn't just about providing accommodation, it's about creating a home away from home where students feel supported, empowered and inspired to become the best versions of themselves. This is enriched by our family Boarding model, where all Boarders from Year 7 – Year 12 live together in Fernbank.

Gill Becker School Nurse



As a Registered Nurse, Gill comes to us with a wealth of experience across many schools that have Boarding. Gill's dedication and passion with students is to be commended and her practical approach to nursing is appreciated by all.





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Our Aim

Our aim is to provide a happy, nurturing residence for girls while they receive their secondary education at Kambala. We strive to foster communication between all members of the Boarding community and to create an environment where girls' self-esteem and sense of worth are enhanced and where values of respect, reason, responsibility, tolerance, initiative, cooperation, endeavour, compassion, an acceptance of the differences in others and striving for excellence are foremost.

Why Board?

There are many benefits to Boarding and we strongly believe that a Boarding experience is a unique and wonderful experience for young women.

Benefits of Boarding at Kambala include:

- ◆ Development of life skills – including time management and study skills
- ◆ Responsibility – learning to live with and respect others
- ◆ Routines – the establishment of weekday and weekend routines
- ◆ Communication – the importance of open communication, with all members of the Boarding community
- ◆ Consistent social connection
- ◆ Leadership – the development of leadership skills, older Boarders mentoring younger Boarders
- ◆ Resilience – the development of resilience
- ◆ Academic assistance – access to academic assistance after hours
- ◆ Holistic lifestyle patterns – the development of holistic lifestyle patterns
- ◆ Establishment of friendships with others

Fernbank Boarding House

Fernbank is a modern purpose-built Boarding House. It's layout is designed to provide the comforts of home and freedom to move and enable students to perform school tasks and work individually when required. Adjacent to Kambala School it is a mere 15 second walk to school. The student led refreshed Fernbank has comfortable modern living areas, with girls from Year 7 to Year 11 sharing twin rooms, and Year 12 having their own single rooms. Twin room accommodation rotations occur every term so all the girls get to experience room sharing with many different Boarders for the duration of their stay.

Girls are encouraged to add a personal touch to their rooms – with many bringing important keepsakes from their old home to their new home. Boarders have access to Netflix and smart TVs, and there is Wi-Fi in all areas of the Boarding house. Boarders can utilise the school's facilities including the swimming pool, sports centre, music practice rooms and gymnasium. All Boarder's in Year 7 to Year 10 can use the library for prep after dinner. The library is where the girls have access to teaching and tutors and on several days of the week girls have access to tutoring.

Delicious, varied and nutritionally balanced meals are prepared by our Chef and go hand in hand with our emphasis of encouraging a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Polite and considered language is expected and only English is spoken in the Boarding House common rooms, dining room, and during prep time.

Our students are encouraged to experience everything Sydney has to offer. We encourage the outdoor lifestyle as it encapsulates the Sydney experience.

We are just a few kilometres from the world-renowned Bondi Beach and Nielsen Park. The Sydney CBD and Sydney domestic and international airports are also all just 35 minutes away.

Our local shopping village also provides access to a range of facilities such as chemists, doctors, bakery, cafes, hairdressers, gift shops and a post office.



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What our Boarders say:

“Boarding is a fun and welcoming community that will become a family with the many unique experiences you share with.”

Isabelle, Year 8, Boarder – Hong Kong

“I love Kambala Boarding because it provides a supportive and nurturing environment where I can thrive academically, socially, and personally. The strong sense of community fosters lifelong friendships and creates unforgettable memories. Additionally, the diverse range of extra curricular activities and opportunities for personal development make every day at Kambala Boarding an enriching experience and I hope to be able to share this experience with my future kids.”

Poppy, Year 12 Boarder – Country NSW

“Since joining Kambala in Year 8, I have felt the Boarding community has provided me with a nurturing space of respect and integrity. Within this community, I have developed a diverse range of long-term relationships, forming sister-like bonds throughout the Boarding House. These sister-like bonds help shape the supportive culture fostered within the School, and allow me to be guided and encouraged to achieve my aspirations.”

Ava, Year 12 Boarder – Country NSW

“I have good friends that I get to hang out with everyday. The location makes it great, we can go to Rose Bay and we are so close to the City and the Harbour. There is always something to do. I live with my friends and it is like a big sleepover every single night. The connections outside of school for the future are great and provides opportunities for my future and pathways for University.”

Charlotte, Year 11 Boarder – Country NSW

“I really like how you make close connections with the older and younger students, not just your own year group. You form really deep friendships with the other Boarders that will last. When you live with someone you have sister bonds, they last forever.

The facilities here are great, we can go up to the oval and play touch or use the Senior Library. There are a lot of sports that we are encouraged to participate in, a lot more than back home. Coming to Kambala has widened my friend network, I have friends from all over the state and friends who’s families live overseas.”

Lilli, Year 11 Boarder – Country NSW



■ A collection of Boarders and Boarding Executive with Principal Jane Danvers.



■ Parents of Boarders.





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Academics at Kambala

Kambala is a contemporary thought leading girls' school. We have been shaping the lives of girls since 1887 with the purpose of instilling unwavering courage and curiosity to educate women of ambition, integrity and consequence. We are a school for girls, specifically designed with girls in mind and pride ourselves on being one of the leading schools in Sydney.

Our School instils a love for life-long learning whilst balancing academic rigour with wellness. As cultivators of academic excellence, we proudly encourage a culture of thinking in an environment where girls thrive. We value moral purpose and depth of thought and design and enact rich learning experiences that support, extend, and challenge every student's thinking and learning.

As a leading member of the girls' school community, Kambala contributes informed voice, research, and leadership to the educational landscape. Kambala offers all girls, whether Day or Boarding the choice of academic pathways with the Higher School Certificate and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. We encourage girls to pursue what feels right for them.

We prepare every girl at Kambala to be agile, adaptable and aspirational, and to be furnished with the necessary cognitive flexibility and emotional intelligence to make a positive impact in an ever-changing world. What we teach girls – and importantly, how we teach them – is of the utmost importance if they are to successfully navigate life's demands and complexities in the global landscape.

A Kambala education is a transformative learning experience. We inspire lifelong learning, empower confidence whilst ensuring wellness. We pride ourselves in staying connected and inspire to build leadership whilst fostering global citizenship. In all, a Kambala education enables every girl to be remarkable in the making.

Our Boarding community can be assured that there remains close communication between the class teachers at Kambala and the Boarding House staff. This ensures consistency of messaging and also enables the Boarding staff to be aware of the day to day academic endeavours with our girls. Prep time in the evening allows for additional tutoring opportunities for the girls and the Senior Library remains a constant resource available for the Boarders.





Our Location

Kambala is located in Rose Bay, eight kilometres from the city of Sydney.

The school overlooks the magnificent Sydney Harbour, and is surrounded by beautiful walking tracks that take particular advantage of the picturesque nature of the harbour. Kambala has bus access to the CBD and easy access to the Edgecliff train station, some three kilometres away. The Sydney Domestic and International Airports are a 35 minute car ride away.

The Rose Bay shopping village is a seven-minute walk where Boarders can access many day to day items, as well as an array of food and beverage items at one of the many local cafes. Bondi Beach is a favourite for all the community, and can be easily accessed via bus and is only 2.7 kilometres from Kambala. Double Bay and Bondi Junction are two favourite retail shopping hubs, just three kilometres away.

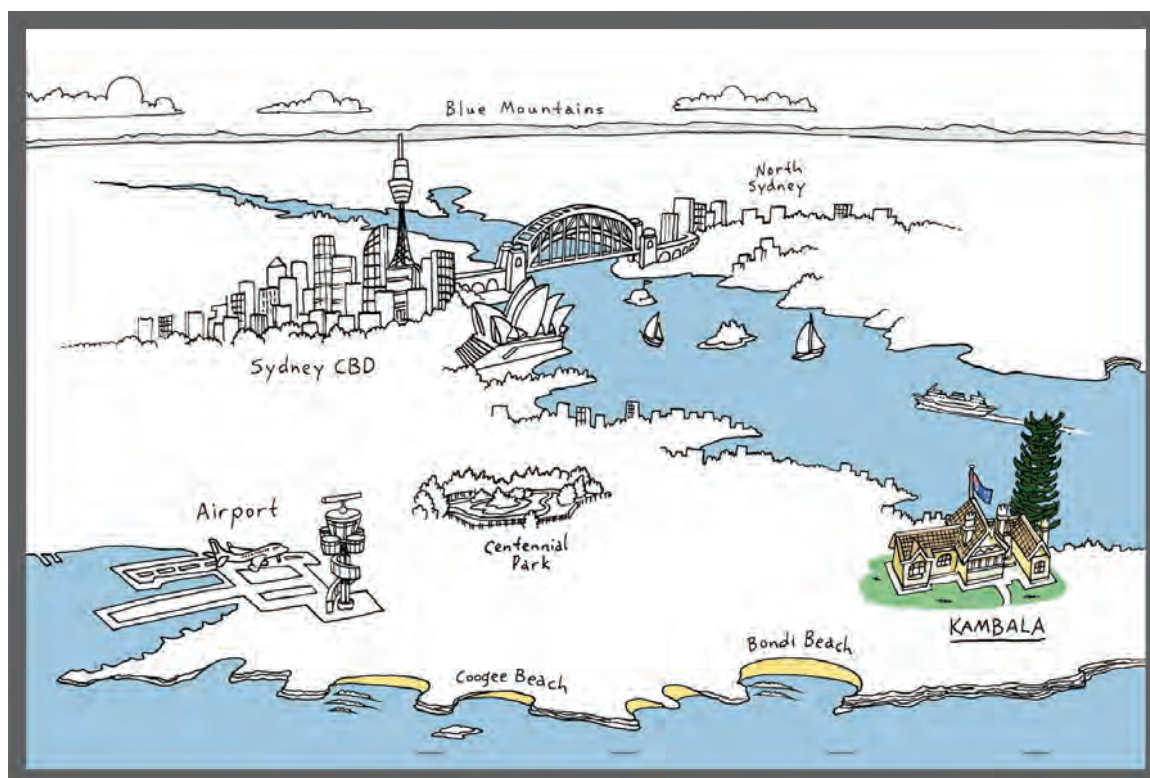
Leave

We pride ourselves on establishing and maintaining a structured routine for our Boarders. Our girls are very busy during the week with their academic and co and extra curricular activities.

Generally on the first weekend of each term we host an 'In Weekend' where all Boarders are required to stay in and spend time nurturing their friendships and taking part in a host of wonderfully fun activities.

Pending on the age of the Boarder, shopping leave is granted with approved destination, group numbers and return times. Approved locations include Rose Bay, Double Bay, Bondi Junction and the City.

Weekends are a time for rest and rejuvenation and also a time for enjoyment of many of the activities that we collectively embrace. We offer many fun and exciting activities and all you have to do is get ready to participate and have fun! Also don't forget our focus is also on healthy habits, so we encourage our girls to be moving all the time.







Boarding Routine

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Breakfast	6:30am – 8:15am
School starts	8:25am
Morning Tea	10:30am
Lunch	12:40pm – 1:30pm
Afternoon Tea and end of School day	3:20pm Sport, extra curricular activities and music rehearsals
Recreational Activity	4:30pm – 5:00pm (Year 7– Year 9)

EVENING

Dinner	5:30pm Formal dinner every Monday BBQ dinner every Wednesday
Prep	6:00pm – 7:30pm (Year 7) 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10) 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Year 11 and Year 12)
Supper	from 7:30pm
Phones in at	8:00pm (Year 7) 8:30pm (Year 8) 8:45pm (Year 9) 9:00pm (Year 10) 9:45pm (Year 11)
Shower time and preparing for bed	From 8:00pm
Lights out	From 9:00pm

SATURDAY

Breakfast	6:30am – 8:30am
Saturday Sport	
Morning Tea	10:00am
Lunch	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Afternoon Tea	3:00pm
Dinner	5:30pm
Phones in at	8:00pm (Year 7) 8:30pm (Year 8) 8:45pm (Year 9) Extra phone privileges for Senior Students
Shower time and preparing for bed	From 8:00pm
Lights out	From 9:00pm

SUNDAY

Brunch	9:00am – 11:30am
Recreational Activity	(Year 7 to Year 9)
Afternoon Tea	3:00pm
Dinner	5:30pm
Phones in at	8:00pm (Year 7) 8:30pm (Year 8) 8:45pm (Year 9) 9:00pm (Year 10) 9:45pm (Year 11)
Shower time and preparing for bed	From 8:00pm
Lights out	From 9:00pm





Boarding Activities

Boarding at Kambala is fun! Weekends are a time for rest and rejuvenation and also a time for the enjoyment of many of the activities that we collectively embrace.

We enjoy 'In weekends' each term, where all Boarders from Year 7 to Year 12 stay in the Boarding House and participate in a range of activities, both formal and informal, to foster our growth and development. Our after school Recreational Program includes afternoon activities like jewellery making or baking, our Sunday program takes us out exploring parts of Sydney and engaging in activities like ten-pin bowling and even stand-up paddle Boarding in beautiful Rose Bay.

We offer many entertaining and exciting activities and all you have to do is be ready to participate and have fun! Our focus is on healthy lifestyle habits and we encourage our girls to be moving all the time. So if there isn't anything planned you can head to the gym, or the pool ... or simply go for a walk or run.

Some of Kambala's recreational activities include:

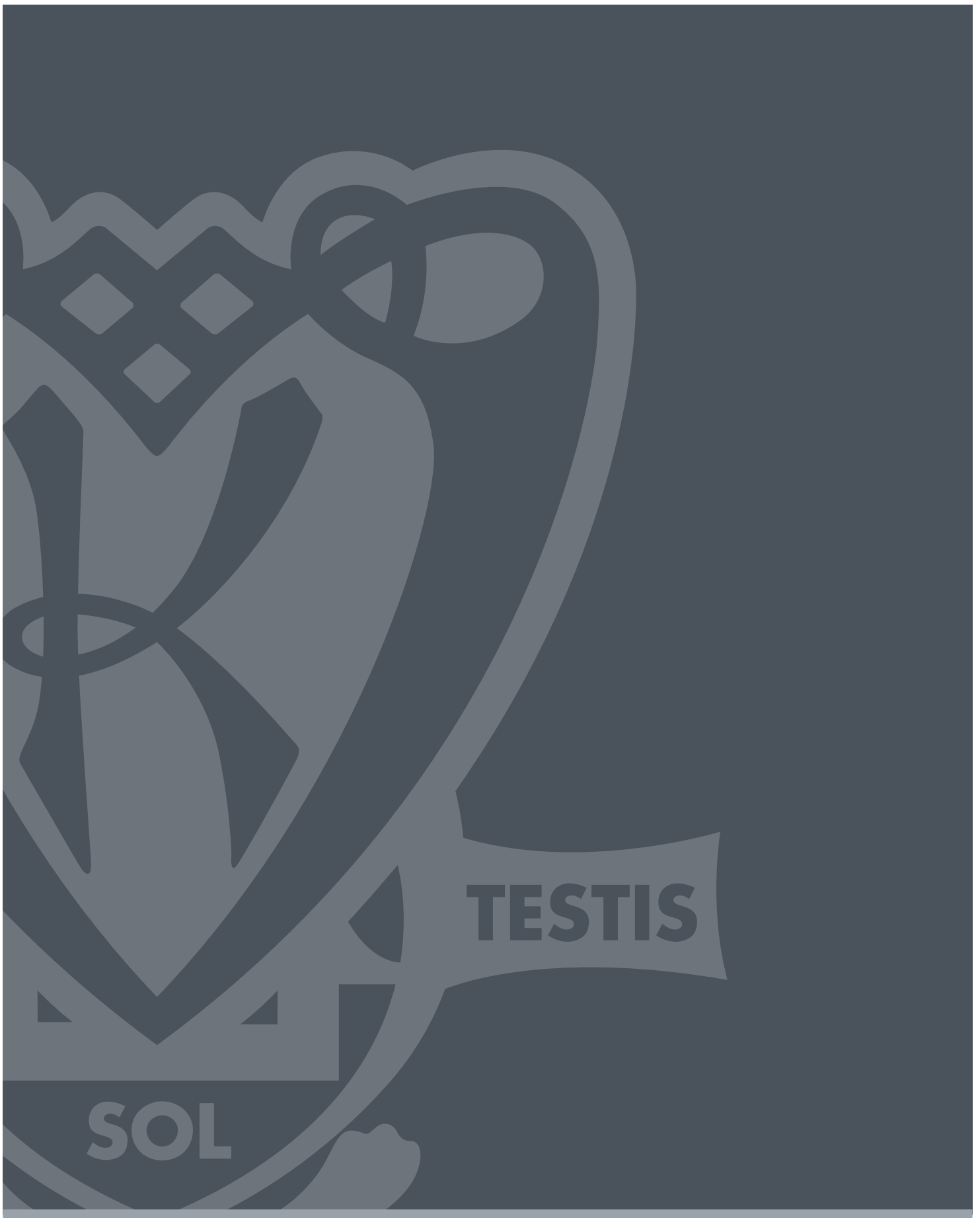
- ◆ Movie Night with Popcorn
- ◆ Spin Class and Yo-Chi Frozen Yoghurt
- ◆ Ten Pin Bowling and Ice Cream
- ◆ Bondi Beach Swim and Markets
- ◆ Stand Up Paddle Boarding at Rose Bay
- ◆ Rose Bay Walk and Sushi Train
- ◆ Brunch and Luna Park
- ◆ A NRL Game
- ◆ Bike Riding in Centennial Park
- ◆ Harbour Bridge Walk and the Rocks Markets
- ◆ Movies at Bondi Junction



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