

## Principal's Welcome

Lucas Gardens School is a school for specific purposes in Canada Bay that provides educational programs for students who have additional support needs and are aged from 5 to 18 years. Many of our students have more than one identified support need including severe and moderate intellectual disability, physical disability, sensory and complex medical/health needs. Our school has an exceptional staff with a wealth of knowledge and skills in Special Education to support and enhance student learning.



Our education programs foster our students' learning, which is delivered within the guidelines of the Department of Education curriculum.

As educators, we strive to create a safe, appropriate and exciting learning environment for our engaged and enthusiastic learners, no matter their individual circumstances, ensuring they achieve their personal best.

Students participate in English, mathematics, history, geography, creative arts, physical education, technology and science lessons. Additional consultancy services that support student learning include speech pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and water safety.

Our students take opportunities to learn, achieve, have fun and develop skills, which they take beyond the classroom and into their communities.

Students will have a life-long love of learning instilled in them through the passion and enthusiasm modelled by the teachers, school learning support officers (SLSOs) and contracted school-based therapists.

At Lucas Gardens School the Principal and three Teaching Assistant Principals form the Executive Team who guide and develop staff, setting school targets and objectives.

Our dedicated administrative staff comprise of a Business Manager (BM) and School Administration Officers (SAO), who manage all our school's administrative requirements.

A part-time General Assistant (GA) looks after the general upkeep of the school grounds and buildings. In addition, a part time School Counsellor provides support for students and their families.

The school is closely connected to the wider community and beyond and benefits from their fundraising which has resulted in enhanced student learning opportunities and achievements.

On behalf of Lucas Gardens School, I warmly welcome you into our school community.

Gianoula (Jenny) Zagas  
PRINCIPAL