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Revealed: Central Coast's fastest growing schools and those going backwards

The data is in and the regions' fastest growing school can be revealed. Find out which schools are expanding and which are going backwards. See where your school rates here.



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Ava Lee, 11, and her sister Ivy, 9, go to Central Coast Sports College at Kariong, which has been the fastest growing school in the region from 2018-2022. Picture: NewsLocal

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Central Coast's fastest growing schools — and the ones going backwards — have been revealed. An analysis of federal government data has revealed every Central Coast school's student enrolment trajectory over the past five years — exposing where student numbers have risen and declined the most. Central Coast Sports College at Kariong is the region's fastest growing school, with enrolments increasing by 94 per cent in the five years from 2018 to 2022.

School	2018 Enrolments	2022 Enrolments	% Change
Central Coast Sports College Kariong	359	696	94%
Darkinjung Barker Yarramalong	27	52	93%
The Central Coast Montessori Primary School Bateau Bay	34	63	85%
St Brigid's Catholic College Lake Munmorah	314	529	68%
Coast Christian School Bensville	103	139	35%
Woy Woy South Public School Woy Woy	487	592	22%
Central Coast Adventist School Erina	878	1,036	18%
Our Lady of the Rosary			

Catholic Primary School Shelly Beach	459	528	15%
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School Wyoming	314	361	15%
St Philip's Christian College - Gosford Narara	542	616	14%
Central Coast Grammar School Erina Heights	1,252	1,405	12%
Blue Haven Public School Blue Haven	574	631	10%
Green Point Christian College Green Point	1,005	1,105	10%
Terrigal Public School Terrigal	835	921	10%
Kincumber High School Kincumber	929	1,011	9%
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale Campus Berkeley Vale	773	839	9%
St Mary's Catholic Primary School Noraville	474	510	8%
St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Woy Woy South	486	519	7%
Wadalba Community School Wadalba	1,550	1,639	6%
Woodport Public School Erina	422	448	6%
Warnervale Public School Hamlyn Terrace	534	559	5%
Chittaway Bay Public School Chittaway Bay	381	396	4%
Gwandalan Public School Gwandalan	375	391	4%

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Lisarow High School Lisarow	745	764	3%
MacKillop Catholic College Warnervale	1,442	1,484	3%
Wyang Christian Community School Wyang	704	725	3%
Empire Bay Public School Empire Bay	457	466	2%
St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School Wyang	302	307	2%
Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus Woy Woy	652	657	1%
Budgewoi Public School Budgewoi	548	552	1%
Central Coast Steiner School Fountaindale	267	270	1%
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School Tumbi Umbi	360	365	1%
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School East Gosford	371	372	0%
Wyang Creek Public School Wyang Creek	84	84	0%
Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus Umina Beach	878	865	-1%
Erina High School Erina	720	715	-1%
Gosford High School Gosford	1,068	1,059	-1%
Gosford Public School West Gosford	517	512	-1%

Henry Kendall High School Gosford	787	779	-1%
St Edward's Christian Brothers' College East Gosford	1,076	1,064	-1%
Brooke Avenue Public School Killarney Vale	449	442	-2%
Lakes Grammar - An Anglican School Warnervale	908	891	-2%
Wyoming Public School Wyoming	363	357	-2%
Gorokan High School Lake Haven	963	933	-3%
Our Lady Star of The Sea Catholic Primary School Terrigal	560	545	-3%
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumbi Umbi Campus Tumbi Umbi	1,113	1,076	-3%
Ettalong Public School Ettalong Beach	537	516	-4%
Pretty Beach Public School Pretty Beach	181	173	-4%
St Peter's Catholic College Tuggerah	941	899	-4%
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance Campus Long Jetty	756	728	-4%
Point Clare Public School Point Clare	523	496	-5%
St Joseph's Catholic College East Gosford	829	785	-5%
Terrigal High School Terrigal	1,004	953	-5%

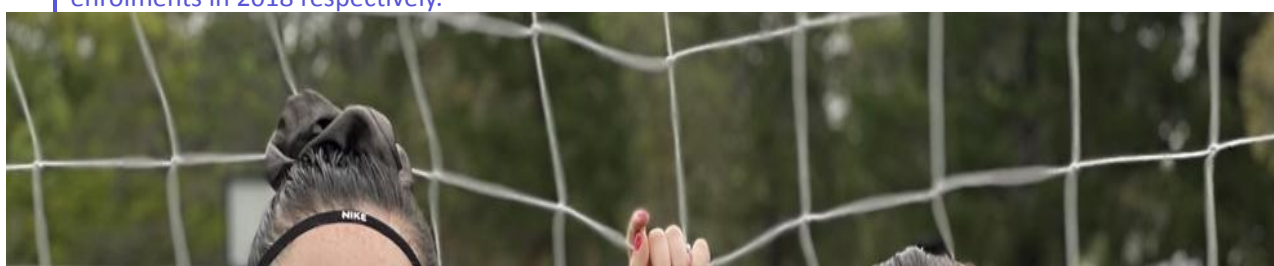
Killarney Vale Public School Killarney Vale	462	432	-6%
Lake Munmorah High School Lake Munmorah	717	672	-6%
Narara Public School Lisarow	378	355	-6%
Northlakes High School San Remo	832	784	-6%
Valley View Public School Wyoming	343	324	-6%
Wyong High School Wyong	742	696	-6%
Bateau Bay Public School Bateau Bay	738	683	-7%
Gorokan Public School Gorokan	609	566	-7%
Manning Park Public School Manning Park	237	221	-7%
Niagara Park Public School Niagara Park	555	515	-7%
Lake Munmorah Public School Lake Munmorah	435	399	-8%
Tacoma Public School Tacoma	216	197	-9%
Kincumber Public School Kincumber	414	371	-10%
Northlakes Public School San Remo	382	342	-10%
Somersby Public School Gosford	59	53	-10%
St Brendan's Catholic Primary School Lake Munmorah	469	423	-10%
Wyong Public School Wyong	461	412	-11%

Avoca Beach Public School Avoca Beach	513	451	-12%
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Kincumber	323	284	-12%
Umina Beach Public School Umina Beach	768	677	-12%
Kanwal Public School Kanwal	636	554	-13%
Toukley Public School Toukley	551	477	-13%
Kariong Public School Kariong	569	482	-15%
Ourimbah Public School Ourimbah	430	367	-15%
The Entrance Public School The Entrance	500	424	-15%
Brisbania Public School Saratoga	475	398	-16%
Gosford East Public School East Gosford	381	319	-16%
Narara Valley High School Narara	906	762	-16%
Wamberal Public School Wamberal	740	619	-16%
Berkeley Vale Public School Berkeley Vale	717	596	-17%
Kariong Mountains High School Kariong	540	443	-18%
Woongarra Public School Woongarra	509	419	-18%
Woy Woy Public School Woy Woy	466	382	-18%

Wyee Public School Wyee	204	167	-18%
Erina Heights Public School Erina Heights	333	271	-19%
Copacabana Public School Copacabana	357	286	-20%
Jilliby Public School Wyong	66	53	-20%
Tuggerawong Public School Tuggerawong	263	210	-20%
Holgate Public School Holgate	161	127	-21%
Tuggerah Public School Tuggerah	503	392	-22%
Lisarow Public School Lisarow	269	208	-23%
Central Mangrove Public School Central Mangrove	57	39	-32%
Peats Ridge Public School Peats Ridge	24	15	-38%
Chertsey Primary School Springfield	228	127	-44%
Kulnura Public School Kulnura	60	29	-52%
Porters Creek Public School Warnervale	n/a	132	n/a

The second fastest growing school was Darkinjung Barker at Yarramalong with a 93 per cent change while The Central Coast Montessori Primary School at Bateau Bay recorded the third biggest change with a 85 per cent increase.

But both Darkinjung and Montessori were coming off a very small baseline with just 27 and 34 enrolments in 2018 respectively.





Aspiring footballers Ava and Ivy Lee are among a growing number of students going to Central Coast Sports College. Picture: NewsLocal

Central Coast Sports College (CCSC) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year having grown from just 76 students in 2013 to 696 last year.

Sports is a key differentiator but the school also focuses on the entire “student athlete” where academic success is important, students are encouraged into internships from Year 9, transport is covered and hot meals provided every day.





Central Coast Sports College continues to expand, becoming the region's fastest growing schools. Principal and founder Paul Chapman said the school concentrated on gearing learning towards what individual students were passionate about.

"Something that appeals to people who check out CCSC, is that we are really challenging the status quo and courageous enough to follow a different pathway that focuses on what is in the best interest of each and every student," he said.

"Having moved away from the HSC more than four years ago, we are still having 100 per cent success rate of students (who apply to university) getting offers in their preferred courses, testament to the fact that school does not have to be the same as it was when we ourselves were students, and also there are many alternative pathways to uni or careers that don't rely on the HSC/ATAR."

Keen footballers Ava Lee, 11, and her sister Ivy, 9, started at mainstream schools before moving over to CCSC to follow their dreams of playing for the Matildas.

Ivy said she loves that "we do sport every day" but also the "learning environment and all the teachers".





Ivy, 9, (left) and Ava Lee, 11, love the sports college. Picture: NewsLocal

Ava, who has just been named as next year's Year 6 vice-captain of the junior school, said she also liked the canteen "that gives us healthy meals".

Mum Monique Lee said Ava, in particular wasn't, enjoying school until she moved across to the sport college where she loves it so much she complains "why do we have to have holidays".

"She loves the sports side of it," Ms Lee said.

"She also knows if she doesn't get her school work done she can't get along to training."

Meanwhile, the analysis also highlighted the coast's schools in decline with Kulnura Public School at Kulnura recording a 52 per cent drop over five years.

Chertsey Primary School in Springfield recored the second biggest drop in enrolments with a 44 per cent dip followed by Peats Ridge Public School where enrolments had recorded a 38 per cent decline, albeit again coming off a small base to begin with at just 24 students in 2018.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority figures are the most up to date enrolment numbers that include all state and private schools nationally.





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Holgate Public School: 21 per cent

Tuggerawong Public School: 20 per cent

Copacabana Public School: 20 per cent

Jiliby Public School: 20 per cent