

KIRBY SCHOOL

GRADES 6 THROUGH 12

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MISSION STATEMENT

Kirby empowers students to shape their futures with confidence. Students in our diverse community learn to think critically, develop their creativity, and achieve with thoughtfulness and respect.

KIRBY'S VALUES

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF BELONGING

- ◇ We are equitable, inclusive and collaborative
- ◇ We embody diverse perspectives
- ◇ We care for ourselves and each other
- ◇ We create safe spaces for everyone to be themselves

WE FIND JOY IN CREATIVITY AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

- ◇ We are curious and have passion for knowledge
- ◇ We invest in ourselves
- ◇ We believe every student is unique and has a different path
- ◇ We are adaptable and responsive
- ◇ We value out of the box thinking

WE NURTURE CONFIDENCE AND CRITICAL THINKING FOR A CHANGING WORLD

- ◇ We are authentic in all that we do
- ◇ We trust ourselves and are genuine
- ◇ We have courage and tenacity
- ◇ We prepare students for college and their future

THE SCHOOL

Kirby School is an independent, co-educational day school for grades 6 through 12 and is a member of, and accredited by, the California Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of Independent Schools, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Kirby's CEEB Code is 053290. Established in 1994, Kirby was named for Santa Cruz pioneer Georgiana Bruce Kirby, who devoted her life to education, freedom, and enfranchisement. The School was founded on the belief that students who are respected and encouraged will exhibit great enthusiasm for learning and achieve at the highest levels.

FACULTY

69 percent of Kirby's 32 faculty members hold advanced degrees, including 4 Doctorates and 18 Master's Degrees. Fine and performing arts teachers have augmented their formal degrees with extensive professional experience.

STUDENTS

Kirby's current enrollment is 150 students: 50 in the middle school (6-8) and 100 in the high school (9-12). The graduating Class of 2023 had 37 students. Kirby's average class size is 12. The school admits students on their ability to be successful in a rigorous academic environment without regard to race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical disability, national origin or other legally protected status.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Kirby's commitment to tuition assistance is designed to support a highly qualified and diverse student body, and is a fundamental part of the school's mission. For the 2023-2024 academic year, 34% of Kirby's students received tuition assistance, totaling \$1,600,000.

