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### Vision

Public institution Vytautas Magnus “Rasos” gymnasium is a modern and attractive educational institution for a young generation, showing adequate reaction to dynamic changes in the society, seeking that every student would acquire and develop modern competences according to their abilities and interests, at the same time maintaining Lithuanian identity and cherishing the values of European culture.

### Mission

To provide 15-19 year –old youngsters from all Lithuania with high quality basic and secondary education, ensuring success and high results in it.

To develop a mature and well-educated personality, seeking further education at university in Lithuania and abroad.

To direct the programmes of formal and non-formal education towards the development of a versatile, tolerant personality, maintaining Christian values.

### Faculty

There are 78 teachers: 12 experts, 51 methodologists, 10 senior teachers, and 5 teachers.

### Calendar

School year 2016/17: from September 1 to June 3; holidays October 31 – November 4, December 27 – January 6, April 10-14, June 5 – August 31. The school year consists of two semesters with one examination session in spring.

### Graduation requirements

To be awarded the *Brandos Atestatas* (the National Certificate of Secondary Education), Year 12 students are required to have final grades in all subjects studied over the two final years. In

addition, they have to pass at least 3 state graduation exams (centrally prepared and externally assessed).

Students who have completed their studies with final grades 9 and 10 and have passed their graduation exams with points higher than 85, are awarded *Cum Laude Brandos Atestatas* for the highest academic achievements.

### Grading System

Students are assessed on the 10 grade scale, where 10 is the highest grade.

Students are awarded grades for oral and written activities, projects, experimental work, etc. in the course of a semester. At the end of each semester, they are given the grade average (or semester grade) in each subject. At the end of a school year, students are given final grades which are averages of semester and school exam grades.

Year 9 and 10 students have to take all the subjects required in the curriculum.

Year 11 and 12 students choose their programme of 28 to 32 teaching hours per week, including subjects from different academic areas to be studied over two years. Minimum 9 to maximum 12 subjects are taken at extended level (A) or at standard level (B). Different number of teaching hours is allotted per subject and per level.

### Curriculum

The school is modelled on European gymnasium-type school traditions and offers a rigorous programme, based on national syllabus, which aims at a well-rounded and comprehensive preparation of students in the major academic areas.

### History

- 1979** School No 41 was opened in the Kalnieciai District.
- 1988** School chooses a profile of humanities and ethnoculture and new subjects are introduced into curriculum – ethnoculture, ethics, aesthetics, philosophy, psychology, choreography.
- 1989** The school is named Kaunas “Rasos” Secondary School.
- 1990** Marks the beginning of profiled education based on the Concept of National School.
- 1995** The school is restructured and renamed **Kaunas “Rasos” Gymnasium.** Gymnasium newspaper “*Trys peledos*” (“*Three Owls*”) sees its first edition.
- 1998** Marks the beginning of restructuring our gymnasium to a four-year gymnasium.
- 1999** Gymnasium celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 2000** Information Centre opens its doors and becomes part of our renovated library.
- 2001-2002** “Rasos” Gymnasium starts the school year as a four year school.
- 2001** Gymnasium signs an agreement of cooperation with Universitas Vytauti Magni.
- 2002** Kaunas “Rasa” Gymnasium becomes Universitas Vytauti Magni (VDU) Kaunas “Rasa” Gymnasium.
- 2009** Gymnasium celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is renamed VDU “Rasos” Gymnasium.

## Traditions and events

Gymnasium's culture consists of three factors: attitude and aspirations of the community, essential values, relationship among community members. Reciprocal understanding dominates at gymnasium, relations between genders in classes are equal, teachers create atmosphere where respect and trust prevail. Students are allowed to choose methods of studying, teachers take account of students' needs and current situation. Gymnasium has its own flag, emblem and anthem.

### Events:

- The 1st of September
- Sports Day in spring and autumn
- Election of Gymnasium's President
- The Initiation of first-formers
- Kindness Event during Advent
- Christmas Charity Event
- The Event of Christmas
- New Year Celebration
- Commemoration of the 13th of January
- Independence Day
- Easter Event
- Earth's Day
- 100 Days until Exams
- The Last School Bell
- School Leaving Party

### Gifted and Talented Students Club "Perpetuum Mobile"

"Perpetuum Mobile", also known as a club for gifted schoolchildren, is one of many school activities belonging to non-formal education. This club helps talented students to team up with each other, encourages them to develop as versatile personalities and strengthens their leadership skills. It also aids in developing pupils' self-expression by creating, organizing and holding various school events, competitions and celebrations. In cooperation with Vytautas Magnus University, a camp is organized in Kulautuva every year, which is attended by the best achievers from 9-11th grades. Additionally, meetings with university lecturers and famous people are organized.

### Clubs, Interest Groups and Their Leaders

- D. Šiaučiūnienė – Conductor Youth Choir "Gaja"
- I. Kalkauskaitė – Choirmaster Youth Choir "Gaja"
- J. Kubrakovskaja – Accompanist Youth Choir "Gaja"
- V. Braziulienė – Folklore Studio "Lygaudė"
- V. Miškinytė – Instrumental/Vocal Musical Group
- M. Kučinskaitė – Instrumental Musical Group
- A. Žemaitaitis – Drama Studio
- D. Šablauškienė – Dance Ensemble "Raselė"
- V. Juškienė – Student Board

- R. Damašavičienė – Student Board
- S. Andrulienė – Samaritan Group “Atjauta”
- S. Zuožaitė – Ateitininkai (Catholic Youth Group)
- G. Rolskis – Sport Games
- T. Kentra – Active Games
- R. Uvarovienė – Volleyball Team (Girls)
- E. Reneckytė – Handicraft Studio „Dizaino paslaptys“ (“The Secrets of Design”)
- B. Zakarkienė – Art Studio „Erdvės“
- M. Šležaitė – Art Club „Mozaika“
- S. Šležienė – Career Planning Club
- A. Balaišis – Artistic Photography