



TEACHING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

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Why do parents and students choose your school?

PLC has a reputation, built over almost 100 years, for educational excellence for young women as well as a well-rounded education. Parents are also choosing a single sex environment where girls can be educated free from constraints of gender stereotypes and where all student leaders are women.

What are the school's main features?

PLC is an open entry school catering for students from Pre-Kindergarten through to year 12 on one campus, providing valuable opportunities for cross-age mentoring and support. PLC teaches to the International Baccalaureate curriculum in Primary years and Middle School years with the IB Diploma an option along side WA Courses of Study for Years 11 and 12. We are a local school committed to educating truly global citizens.

PLC is a lighthouse school for the integration of technology with teaching and learning and has had a one on one laptop programme for Years 5 through to Year 12 for the past 18 years, preparing students with the tools and skills required to create, share and learn. Technology is ubiquitous on campus and provides students with access anywhere, anytime.

How do you ensure its guiding principles are maintained?

The school was founded in 1915 and continues to be guided by the original values and mission. PLC is a Christian community, guided by Uniting Church values and principles. These timeless values are encapsulated in the school's motto *labore et honore* (integrity and effort).

Are there any particular success stories you recall?

There are thousands of success stories. I count every young woman who graduates with a sound educational background; a love of learning; a sense of self-worth; an understanding of the value of community and her capacity to contribute to it; a sense of purpose; and a group of supportive friends, as a success.

What are the advantages of attending an independent school?

First and foremost an independent school provides parents with choice. The principal within an independent school has autonomy over significant matters such as staffing, curriculum and facilities. This autonomy assists with building staff who are professional, committed and caring as well as school facilities that meet the needs of the particular environment.



How would you sum up the experience of a student at your school?

We seek to offer students a friendly, safe learning environment where they are challenged academically and supported to achieve their best. Their days are dynamic, fun and diverse.



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Presbyterian Ladies' College has a long history of promoting academic excellence and nurturing a desire for learning in young women.

Creativity and a passion for making a difference are also encouraged, with students leaving the school with all the confidence necessary for active and purposeful lives.

PLC students are encouraged to become critical and compassionate thinkers, to assume responsibility for their own learning and to be informed and engaged participants in local and global issues.

Its prestigious reputation has not prevented the school from promoting an inclusive outlook, with warmth and understanding regarded as highly sought after qualities.

In 2015 the school will mark its centenary and will be able to look back on a rich record of exceptional achievement. Pupils, present and past, have benefited from a schooling which creates leaders in the world around them.

PLC provides education from the early childhood years of Pre-Kindergarten to the senior girls of Year 12, and each stage of learning is housed in separate areas.

The Early Learning Centre (Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2) and Junior School (Year 3 to Year 6) have their own buildings in a modernised centre which provides a comfortable and stimulating environment for younger students. The Middle School (Year 7 to Year 9) is housed in the Science, Technology, Arts and Middle School building.

The Senior School (Year 10 to Year 12) is currently being refurbished and updated.

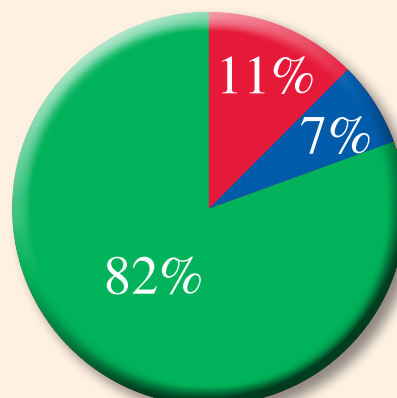
The Boarding House caters for Years 7 to Year 12 and is situated on the edge of the campus in a residential area, in a quiet, secure setting close to both the river and beaches. The facilities offer a contemporary, homelike environment, which has been recently refurbished to meet the needs of the modern girl.

Other facilities include a music centre, a sports centre and drama centre, which together help provide a dynamic teaching and learning environment.

PLC has a belief in the value of every child and, with a strong pastoral care system and diverse curriculum and co-curricula programme to provide opportunities for students to know their strengths, talents and interests. All students are expected to participate in the co-curricula life of the school and the campus is often alive from 6am in the morning through to 7pm at night.

A typical day can begin with at sunrise on the beach for surfing before moving into the classroom for science, maths, English, humanities, or arts. Physical education could also be on the timetable or perhaps a music ensemble after school before concluding with revision of key subjects with the aid of a podcast of their teacher.

Services of Funding to Educate Children at PLC



Percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100.