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# Fahan School, Sandy Bay, Tasmania

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A day and boarding school for girls

Established in 1935 in the Hobart suburb of Sandy Bay, Fahan School is small enough to provide each student with personal, consistent care, yet large enough to provide a big future and boast impressive state-of-the-art resources, modern facilities and an extensive curriculum.

Fahan's founding Principals, Miss Isobel Travers and Miss Audrey Morphett, opened the School with the goal of educating women who would have an impact on the world in their own right.

This purpose continues to guide the passionate educators at Fahan School today and Fahan women continue to make outstanding contributions to society as politicians, awardwinning actresses, elite athletes, doctors, journalists, authors, professors, singers, teachers, Antarctic researchers, Rhodes Scholars as well as in many other exciting and engaging careers.

Situated on the banks of the River Derwent and hidden from the view of the main road, Fahan School's blend of historic and award-winning modern buildings, coupled with the outstanding gardens and grounds, creates an inspiring, nurturing and secure environment in which your daughter can study and make friends.

We encourage you and your daughter to experience the Fahan difference for yourselves. Visit the School on a personal tour, or even have your daughter spend the day with us. Observe first-hand the outstanding opportunities that exist for your daughter as a Fahan Girl.

# FAHAN AT A GLANCE

Located on a 6.2 hectare campus – just a ten minute drive from Hobart's CBD. Fahan School boasts stunning grounds, a mix of historic and modern buildings and a quiet and safe location.

#### **EDUCATION**

Fahan is an independent school for girls from Kindergarten to Year 12, with boys welcomed until Year 2. A Pre-Kinder program is also offered and is run by Lipscombe Childcare on the Fahan School grounds. The size of the School allows for a commitment to small classes, which create a special bond for each student with their peers and teachers and allows staff to identify each student's needs and ensure they are met both academically and emotionally. Fahan is a well resourced school and its modern, state-of-the-art facilities enrich the learning program.

Principal:		Tony Freeman	
Enrolments:		354	
Student/Teacher Ratio:		1:11	
International Students:		12 (3.4%)	
<b>Boarders Residing:</b>		24	
Boarding Facilities:			
Years 11-12	Individual private rooms in the Senior Boarding Residence		
Years 5-10	2-5 (max) girls, shared rooms in Nateby Boarding House		
UNIFORM			
All Year:	Orange and navy open neck jumper, navy blazer with logo		
Winter:	Navy skirt with orange/stone stripe and checked shirt		
Summer:	Navy dress with orange/stone stripe		
Infants:	, ,	pant, orange, navy and shirt and rugby top all	

Uniforms do vary slightly for different year levels and for different events. All uniform items and accessories are available from the School Uniform Shop.

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## 2011 FEES\*

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Junior School:	\$2205 - \$3255 (per term)
Middle School:	\$4140 - \$4190 (per term)
Senior School:	\$4190 - \$4360 (per term)
Boarding:	\$3665 - \$4185 (per term) minimum stay of one term

\*fees vary based on year level

## **DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORT**

Fahan School offers a unique, daily, door-to-door private bus service in and around the Hobart area to help you get your child safely to school. This service is available to all Fahan students and is operated by dedicated bus drivers employed by the School. The current bus services operate in the Eastern Shore, Kingston/Blackmans Bay and Northern Suburbs areas.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

There is an extensive range of scholarships and financial assistance options available to eligible families/students.

# A CLASS FOR EVERYONE

Situated on one campus, girls of all ages learn together in one caring community and, whether your daughter is in Kindergarten or Year 12, you can be assured there is a class that is right for her. The Junior School, Kindergarten to Year 6, provides a caring and stimulating environment in which children can grow and develop in their formative years. The Middle School, Years 7-8, offers a supportive

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educational environment, specifically designed to meet the needs of emerging adults and facilitate a smooth transition to Senior School.

The Senior School, Years 9 to 12, prepares students for tertiary study or the world of work that comes beyond their Fahan life; encouraging girls to become leaders and confident, self-directed, life-long learners.

## **ACADEMIC COURSES**

Fahan School offers girls a comprehensive curriculum with the added bonus of small classes that allow staff to pay individual attention to each student.

The broad range of subjects available includes the compulsory study of French and Japanese from Years 5 to 8 with these languages becoming elective from Years 9 to 12.

In the Senior School, students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to take elective subjects that make up approximately one third of their course, while the core curriculum makes up the remainder of the course structure.

As part of the Year 11 and 12 curriculum, Fahan enjoys a collaborative program with The Hutchins School and St Michael's Collegiate. This enables our girls to select from a wider variety of subjects, with over 50 on offer, and provides them with co-education experience before they go on to further study or work.

Assistance with selecting the correct pathway for University or a chosen career is always on hand and our Director of Studies meets with each girl individually from Year 9 onwards to ensure she is making the right choices for her future.

Fahan also offers work experience with leading businesses in Tasmania through Vocational Educational Courses (VET), which receive industrywide recognition as well as Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) credits.

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**

Fahan offers an extensive extracurricular program for all our students, which assists in the development of specific skills, confidence and commitment. Over 90 percent of our students participate in at least one extracurricular activity, from the diverse areas of sport, music, visual arts, performing arts, debating, public speaking, student leadership and exchange programs and trips.

Our sport program is extensive. Students can choose from a range of sports, such as rowing, soccer, badminton, sailing, tennis, netball, basketball or water polo, amongst others, while the music program allows students to take part in School musicals, rock bands, choirs, orchestras as well as many other engaging music programs.

With a large, fully equipped art facility, staffed by teachers who are also practising artists, there is considerable scope for artistic expression from painting to sculpture and digital art. Students can also participate in the dynamic drama program comprised of theatrical performances, eisteddfods and a variety of musical productions.

# **HIGH FLYERS**

Fahan has a long and proud tradition of producing high academic achievers. Over the last few years, around one in three Year 12 girls has received an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 95 or above, placing them in the top 5% of students in Australia. In the areas of visual and performing arts, including art, music and drama, our girls consistently produce work of the highest quality and we are rewarded by the standard of performance both within the school community and in the public domain. In the sporting arena, as a small school, the determination and spirit of Fahan girls consistently produces results above expectation and the fact that around 90% of our students are involved in some way in extracurricular sport is testament to the Fahan School offering.

Fahan is committed to preparing and educating each one of its girls to achieve her full potential and, in doing so, treats every student as an individual, focusing on her talents, needs and well-being. The School's commitment to building an involved, connected and engaged community ensures that each student's successes are celebrated long past her graduation.

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

At Fahan we foster a culture of care and support and our unique size helps us to make every student feel like a valued member of the Fahan community.

Year group teachers and tutors play an important role in the pastoral care program and are responsible for monitoring all aspects of a girl's life at Fahan. In the Middle and Senior Schools tutor groups meet daily, whether in groups or for assemblies, and throughout the year tutors monitor each girl's academic progress and general welfare. The Director of Studies and Middle School Coordinator also meets with these students to ensure they are progressing, academically, socially and emotionally, at school.

The health and physical education course has been developed as an extension to the pastoral care program, promoting self-awareness and self esteem. There is also a unique Big Sister, Little Sister program, which fosters relationships among students of all ages from Kindergarten to Year 12 and provides an additional network of support for younger students and a sense of responsibility for older students.

At Fahan School everyone is charged with a responsibility of care, not just our teaching staff and student leaders. This creates a caring community and productive learning environment.

## **RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

If your daughter has to live away from home to attend school, Fahan can provide her with a safe and stimulating environment within its Sandy Bay Boarding House. There are short-term and full-time boarding options available for students in Years 5 to 12. Girls in Years 5 to 10 live in 'Nateby', which offers inviting dormitory style accommodation and a friendly environment with home cooked meals. The Senior Boarding Residence caters for Year 11 and 12 girls with individual accommodation and the latest modern conveniences. All boarding students benefit from the carefully directed study program within the Boarding House. Boarding is offered on a weekly or full-time basis.

#### **ENQUIRE NOW**

For more information please phone (03) 6225 1064 or email enquiries@fahan.tas.edu.au

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