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# Lauriston

GIRLS' SCHOOL

LAURISTON. FOR LIFE.





Lauriston is for those who want the very best education for their girls.

It's the choice for parents who believe an education should deliver more than a Year 12 result.

Yes, Lauriston promises excellence in academic results. But that's just the beginning.

A Lauriston education equips young women with the skills, creativity and courage to thrive in a fast-changing world.

Our goal is to nurture her leadership skills and build her self-confidence, so she can create her own path and help shape a better future.

**Lauriston. For life.**



## Welcome to Lauriston Girls' School.

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When Lilian and Margaret Irving founded our School in 1901, they looked forward to a time when a well-rounded education, including achievement in academic studies, sport, the arts, debating and outdoor education would be the rule for girls, not the exception.

After generations of hard work, that time has come to pass in Australia. Yet we at Lauriston Girls' School still look forward, searching for new and better ways we can prepare our girls to make a meaningful contribution, and foster the ambition to lead the conversations still needed to change the world for the better.

As Principal, I'm often asked what makes Lauriston unique amongst girls' schools.

I firmly believe it's that vision gifted to us by our founders. Since the Irving sisters' time, our School has been determinedly progressive in the education it provides. Today, in a world that can change radically in less than a generation, I'd argue this is more important than ever.

Lauriston is also careful to maintain a size that means we get to know every girl as an individual. Belonging to a community where staff know your name and are committed to your personal growth and academic development is central to the Lauriston experience.

In keeping with this individual approach, our timetable offers an abundance of choice. Alongside the dual offering of VCE and International Baccalaureate Diploma pathways in Years 11 and 12, our transformative Year 9 Howqua program builds confidence, resilience, and independence at a critical time in a girl's life.

More than 120 years ago, Lilian and Margaret Irving set a vision to deliver an exceptional education to girls which would prepare them for life. Today, their legacy lives within each Lauristonian.



**Susan Just**  
Principal, Lauriston Girls' School



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## A distinguished history of looking forward.

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More than a century ago, the Irving sisters set out with a vision to deliver an exceptional education to girls.

An education that develops the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that allows the women they become to play a part in building a sustainable future for everyone.

While the world may have undergone profound environmental, economic and social change since Lauriston's founding in 1901, our society still does not work for women as it should.

This makes the distinct advantages of an all-girls' education as relevant as they ever were. Far from narrowing a girl's focus, we believe this learning environment gives tomorrow's leaders the freedom to dream and explore beyond traditional boundaries.

## A vision to be a school for life.

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At Lauriston, we inspire strong, courageous, and adaptable thinkers. Young women who, when they see the need for change, seize the opportunity to drive it.

More than simply a school, Lauriston is an inclusive and supportive community with an enviable academic pedigree, world-class educators, partnerships with global and local universities and co-curricular programs that are designed to produce true global citizens.

Open-minded, critical thinkers, who are well equipped to adapt to the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.











## The Lauriston difference.

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### **A team of world-class educators.**

Highly experienced, passionate and diverse, our educators are supported by a professional development program that ensures they remain at the leading edge of teaching throughout their careers.

While our staff focus on academic development and performance, they are just as focused on overseeing a girl's emotional and social growth. In fact, our girls consistently comment that their teachers are both generous with their time and proactive in reaching out with support. This holistic approach is well reflected in both our girls' NAPLAN growth, strong ATAR results and their contributions to the community.

### **A focus on wellbeing.**

At Lauriston, wellbeing is built into the way we operate each day. From the '*care, share and respect*' ethos practised in the Junior School to the buddy and tutor mentor programs in Senior School, a girl's wellbeing is underpinned by Lauriston's whole of school program, SHINE. Standing for 'Strength, Health, Inspiring, Nurturing and Engagement', it's aimed at developing every girl's confidence in her daily life and beyond.

# Our difference.

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## **A curriculum made to open pathways.**

Lauriston delivers a breadth of choice at every year level, with a wide range of electives and co-curricular activities available from Prep to Year 12. There are more than 20 co-curricular activities in the Junior School including coding, dance and chess. In the Senior School, electives range from nature in Art, Film, Recording Studio, Literature, History, Languages, Space Science, Stem Systems Engineering, Philosophy and Entrepreneurship – to name only a few.

We are one of the few all-girls' schools to offer both IB and VCE streams in Years 11 and 12, enabling a girl to choose the way she wants to learn to enable her to get the best results.

## **A focus on the future.**

As an all-girls' school, we use teaching methods that are proven to build every girl's confidence in STEM-related subjects, helping identify and nurture critical skills for those whom these fields of study will blossom into a lifelong career. Our FabLearn Lab, developed in partnership with the Stanford University Graduate School of Education, along with Credly, an online micro-credentialling platform available to girls in Years 10 - 12, are just two of the ways our students can expand their capabilities and interests.

## **A passion for the Arts.**

Imagination, collaboration and performance are the foundations of Arts at Lauriston. Opportunities in studio art, media, orchestra, drama performance, musicals and choir combine in a program that builds confidence and connection, and gives students a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them.

## **A love of sport.**

Regardless of a girl's natural abilities, physical activity is integral to her lifelong wellbeing and ability to learn. Beyond that, sport also gives our girls the chance to develop transferable skills such as teamwork and resilience.

Lauriston Girls' School is a member of Girls' Sport Victoria (GSV) and Senior School students have the opportunity to be involved in more than 20 sports throughout the year. Our Junior School competes within the School Sport Victoria (SSV) system as a member of the Armadale District and is represented at District, Division, Regional, and State levels.

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## **A transformative year.**

The Howqua Program our girls undertake in Year 9 is one that's unique to Lauriston.

With extensive and progressive Academic, Outdoor and Pastoral Programs, Howqua is where a girl's resilience, courage, self-confidence and leadership skills are built. It's how girls become adaptable, collaborative, independent and above all, try new things. In the process, our girls learn to feel comfortable with being uncomfortable and return to the Armadale campus in Year 10 with the confidence and maturity that sees them thrive in their senior years.

## **A tradition of leadership.**

Beginning in Year 2 and well established by Year 6, every Lauriston student learns and practices the five building blocks of leadership; confidence, organisation, responsibility, teamwork and public speaking.

In Senior School, these skills are nurtured and developed day-to-day, through the many positions that girls can assume within co-curricular clubs, as tutor captains, student representatives, sport and music captains, and via a range of formal leadership roles for Year 12s.

## **A supportive community.**

Lauriston's history of connection to broader society has provided generations of our students with a remarkably strong sense of purpose. From Kindergarten, our students make a hands-on contribution to a number of causes through our GIVE (Girls In Values Education) program, which inspires every student to drive positive change through grassroots charity organisations.

This dedication continues after graduation through our vibrant alumni program, which also keeps Old Lauristonians connected and supported throughout their own lifetimes.

## **An inspirational environment.**

As part of our 10-year master plan, the layout and facilities at our Armadale campus have been reimagined to inspire and motivate students for generations to come. Developments include the launch of a new Sports Precinct, a redevelopment of our Junior School and Early Learning Centre, a regeneration of our Music and Performing Arts spaces and the construction of an Inter-Disciplinary Learning Commons.

In Year 9, students live and learn on our Howqua campus in Victoria's high country. Boasting a 5-star sustainability rating reflective of its spectacular natural surroundings, lessons range from art held in the outdoor classroom to science taught on the banks of the Howqua River.

## A place to begin lifelong learning.

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Regardless of when a girl joins the Lauriston community, she's welcomed into a place that teaches the value of relationships, courage, creativity, intellectual curiosity and engagement in life to the full.

Beginning with solid foundations in literacy and numeracy, our curriculum expands to develop digital, data and meta-cognitive skills, combined with a co-curricular program designed to explore and develop individual passions. This, along with supporting the social, emotional and physical growth of every girl through each stage of her education is what makes the Lauriston difference.





## A House to call home.

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The Lauriston House system is an integral part of our school community and a living link to our history.

On the first day at Lauriston, our Prep to Year 12 students join one of four Houses: Kirkhope, Irving, Andrews and Mitchell. It's where girls build relationships across year levels and participate in friendly House competitions, including sport, debating, public speaking, music, and drama.

In senior years, each House has a tutor group, giving students a forum to discuss day-to-day concerns with a mentor and their peers, and focus on areas of need, such as study skills, time management, dealing with challenges, or honing leadership abilities.



## Kindergarten

In keeping with this most vital stage of learning, Lauriston's Kindergarten is a supportive place where children are loved, respected and valued as capable individuals.

The role that a quality kindergarten plays in establishing a child's self-esteem, resilience and future capacity to learn is impossible to underestimate.

Our dynamic, highly developed 3 and 4-year old curriculums emphasise interaction with people, materials, and real-life situations to help each child establish their foundational physical, social, emotional, and cognitive skills. Our team of skilled and experienced educators make the most of this important developmental window to ensure our children thrive in Prep and beyond.

Our programs are grounded in robust inquiry and play-based learning and support children as they are challenged to solve problems and engage with their community and the environment. This combination of an expertly planned curriculum, with rich learning environments, connected to the wider school community, means our children can immerse themselves in both child and teacher-led play, learning to embrace new experiences, build social skills and develop their curiosity.

The end result is children who are resilient, can express themselves with confidence, have developed the foundational skills in literacy and numeracy and are ready to learn.



## Junior School

Lauriston's Junior School is where we begin honing a girl's independent thinking skills, confidence with technology and sense of purpose through contribution. In short, the foundations that set her up to excel.

The all-girls' learning program and small class sizes means Lauriston's dedicated Junior School teachers are supported and able to be nurturing, innovative, and committed to understanding each girl as a learner and valuing her as a person.

It's part of the '*care, share and respect*' ethos that's introduced in Junior School and woven through all aspects of a girl's life at Lauriston and beyond. It gives each girl a strong sense of purpose and connection to a wider whole.

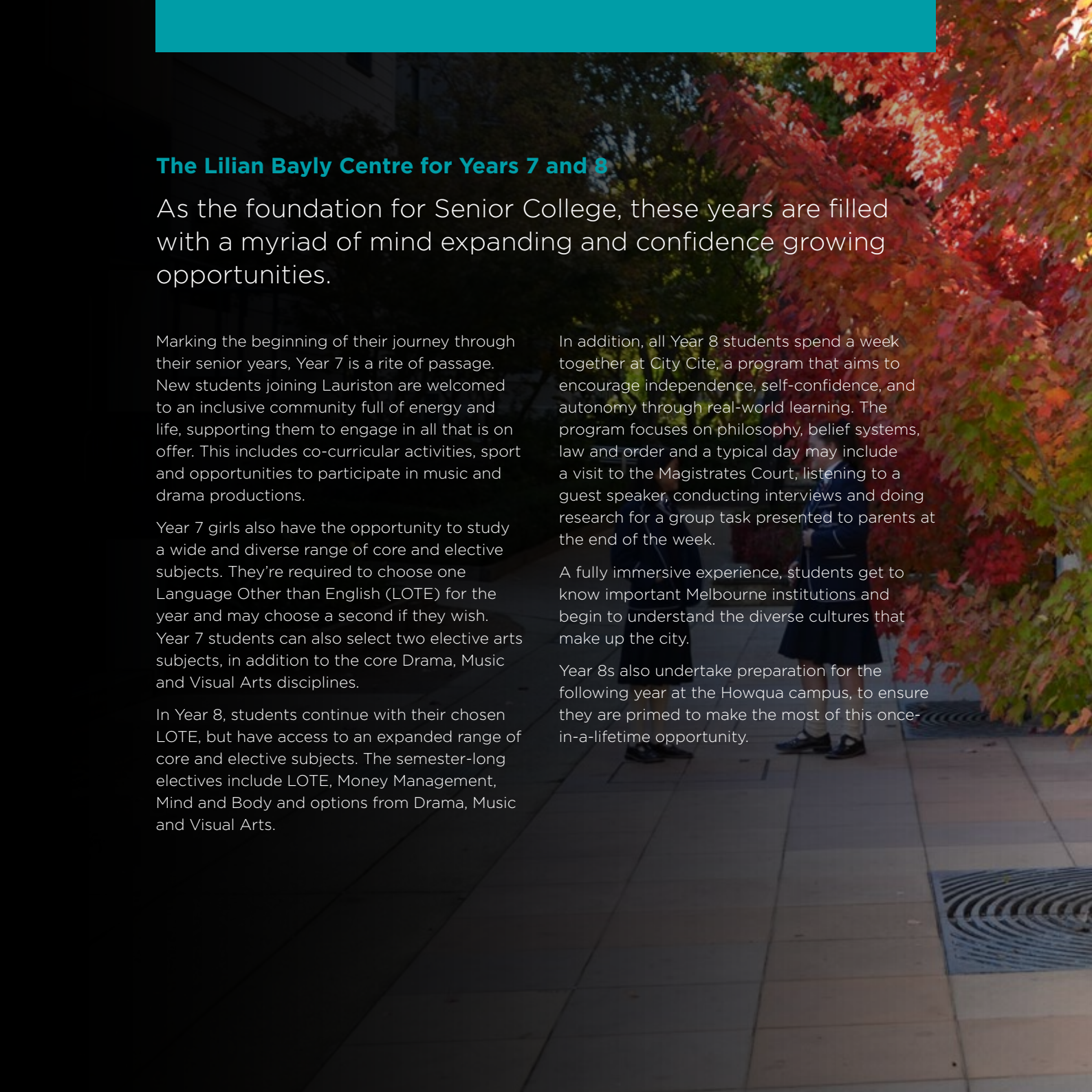
Academically, the focus is on balancing broad knowledge with the development of specialist skills. That's why rigorous attention to literacy and numeracy are complemented by subjects such as Physical Education, Library, Drama, Art, Music, Mandarin (from Prep to Year 4), French (Years 5 and 6) and Choir.

Students are also offered a diverse co-curricular program with more than 20 before, during and after school activities, including Swim Squad, Netball, Running Club, Coding, Chess, Dancing and Orchestra.

Junior School is also where girls are given opportunities to discover and develop their collaboration and leadership skills through public speaking, mentoring younger students and participating in our 'Courage & Leadership' conference.







## The Lilian Bayly Centre for Years 7 and 8

As the foundation for Senior College, these years are filled with a myriad of mind expanding and confidence growing opportunities.

Marking the beginning of their journey through their senior years, Year 7 is a rite of passage. New students joining Lauriston are welcomed to an inclusive community full of energy and life, supporting them to engage in all that is on offer. This includes co-curricular activities, sport and opportunities to participate in music and drama productions.

Year 7 girls also have the opportunity to study a wide and diverse range of core and elective subjects. They're required to choose one Language Other than English (LOTE) for the year and may choose a second if they wish. Year 7 students can also select two elective arts subjects, in addition to the core Drama, Music and Visual Arts disciplines.

In Year 8, students continue with their chosen LOTE, but have access to an expanded range of core and elective subjects. The semester-long electives include LOTE, Money Management, Mind and Body and options from Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

In addition, all Year 8 students spend a week together at City Cite, a program that aims to encourage independence, self-confidence, and autonomy through real-world learning. The program focuses on philosophy, belief systems, law and order and a typical day may include a visit to the Magistrates Court, listening to a guest speaker, conducting interviews and doing research for a group task presented to parents at the end of the week.

A fully immersive experience, students get to know important Melbourne institutions and begin to understand the diverse cultures that make up the city.

Year 8s also undertake preparation for the following year at the Howqua campus, to ensure they are primed to make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.





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## Howqua for Year 9

A year at the Howqua Campus is truly transformative.

A world-renowned program that's unique to Lauriston Girls' School, Howqua is a fully immersive, experiential program, based on challenge and teamwork, building independence and encoding resilience.

Located in the Victorian high country, the environment provides a stunning backdrop for learning and development. The Academic Program is comprehensive and reflective of the natural surroundings, lessons range from art classes held in the outdoors to science taught on the banks of the Howqua River.

The Outdoor Program is equally extensive, including hiking, mountain biking, rogaining, running, rock climbing, cross country, skiing, snowboarding, horse riding and much more.

A unique Pastoral Program oversees students' wellbeing and technology use on campus is restricted. Apart from iPods and digital cameras, personal devices are not permitted. Girls communicate with their families via letters, and families have the opportunity to visit on three occasions to enable the students to develop their independence.

On arrival, girls are assigned to a Howqua House, a self-contained unit they share with up to nine others. The girls self-manage their houses with the support and guidance of their House Tutor and become members of a large and vibrant residential community.

In this truly seminal year, girls complete Year 9 fully enabled to excel in her critical senior years back at the Armadale campus.

## Senior College

As the Senior years are highly critical we enable girls to find what they really love and can excel at without the barriers of convention or expectation.

## Year 10

Lauriston's Year 10 course provides students with the foundations of success in International Baccalaureate or the VCE, allowing them the freedom to explore subjects they may not have considered before. A broad range of electives are offered in subjects such as History, Drama, Media, Science and Technology.

It's where the lessons taught at Howqua, such as time management and organisation, interpersonal skills and physical fitness come to the fore in preparing them for Senior College.

Students new to Lauriston at Year 10 are warmly welcomed into Senior School and provided with many opportunities through the House and co-curricular programs to make friends and quickly feel at home and part of the school community.

## Years 11 & 12

The last two years at school are about more than exam results. It's a time when a girl makes many choices about the future that she wants. As a rare girls only dual pathway school, Lauriston offers both the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

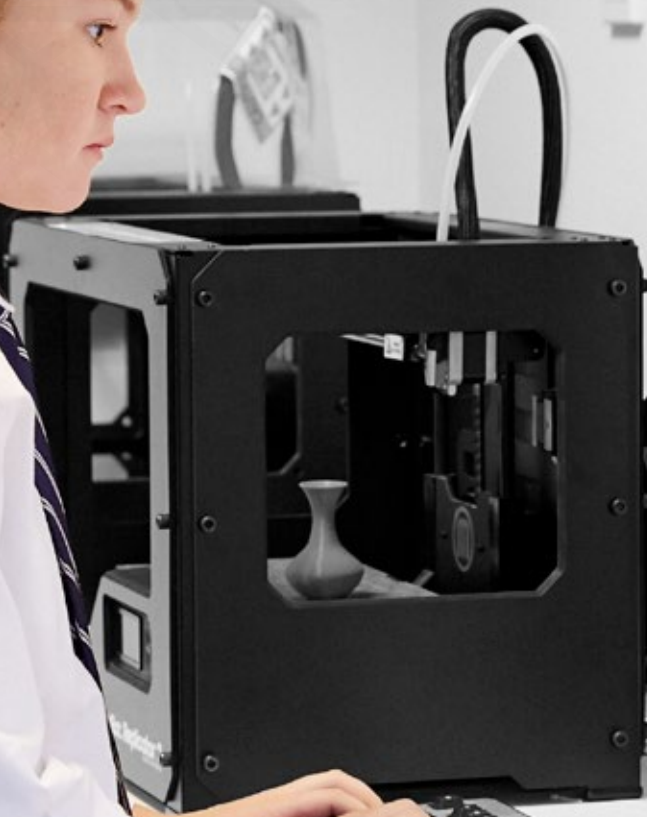
Both programs are recognised by local and international universities and provide an interesting and challenging selection of subjects for study on the way to gaining an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

Lauriston has a proud history of outstanding academic results in both programs, however we encourage all girls to think beyond the ATAR and choose a course that includes subjects for which they have a passion.

In our experience, this approach creates well-rounded graduates who are ideally placed to enter a world where universities and employers now value critical thinking, creativity, leadership and collaboration as much as they do an exam result.









## A program for the future.

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At Lauriston, we believe the way to nurture a girl's interest in a practical discipline is to give her the chance to turn her ideas into reality.

That's why we teach our students to think across the boundaries of disciplines and apply their knowledge in new ways by offering a broad range of elective subjects from Year 7. It gives girls the chance to develop new interests beyond their subjects of strength.

Our co-curricular program encourages innovation, collaboration to solve complex problems and the use of technology. That might mean proposing and delivering a TEDx Youth event, directing the House Drama production or leading the School's Sustainability and Greenies Club.

Given today's educators are challenged with preparing students for jobs that may not yet exist, it's little wonder our FabLearn Lab has

become a vital cross-disciplinary learning space used by all teachers to incorporate digital learning opportunities into their curriculum. It encourages students from Kindergarten to Year 12 to create, design, problem-solve and engage with STEM subjects as doers, not just thinkers.

Whatever their individual interests, students will receive recognition for their skills development through the Lauriston micro-credentialling program available to girls in Years 10 to 12, via our partnership with Credly.

These micro-credentials provide recognition in the form of a digital badge and are being rolled out across areas including Community Services, Leadership and Artificial Intelligence.

## A love of the Arts.

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Lauriston believes everyone has the ability to create, just as they have the ability to read and write.

From Kindergarten on, our girls are immersed in a learning culture that encourages curiosity and investigation, so it's no surprise the arts are such great strengths.

The Lauriston Arts Program is extensive and all encompassing. Based on a philosophy of scaffolded learning; it builds a foundation of practical and analytical skills from which students can explore individual creative directions in their senior years.

Students have the opportunity to study the disciplines of Visual Arts, Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design, Music, Drama, Media and Theatre.





## **Visual Arts**

The process of creating art expands the ability to interact with the world and provides different skills for their self-expression and communication.

It is a crucial means of uninhibited expressiveness and promotes a sense of wonder and curiosity. It is a fundamental component of being human.

Young artists are nurtured at Lauriston to experiment with new mediums and as they progress, to be inspired by both traditional forms as well as develop their own visual language.

## Music

A lifelong love of music is nurtured in students at Lauriston from day one, be it through listening, performing or simply appreciating music's therapeutic value in their everyday lives.

From Prep to Year 12, students explore and develop their abilities across a range of genres, perfecting an instrument, undertaking vocal training and learning music theory from our team of highly experienced professionals.

Private music tuition is open to all students and every two years the results are on show at the Lauriston Girls' School Gala concert, held at Hamer Hall and the Melbourne Recital Centre. Each year we also have smaller musical exhibitions such as the Autumn Concert and the Jazz Cabaret providing performance opportunities for the girls from years 5 to 12.





## **Drama**

Drama at Lauriston is both dynamic and collaborative and is where students have the ability to gain important transferable life skills.

Students have the opportunity to be involved in plays and musicals, lunchtime drama and Drama Festivals either on stage or behind the scenes. This enables them to develop an appreciation of the diversity of theatre practices and hone technical skills such as acting, set and costume design, or sound and lighting engineering.

Perhaps more significantly, through being involved in productions at Lauriston, students build their confidence and gain skills in creativity and working collaboratively.





## A focus on sport.

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Regardless of a girl's natural ability, Lauriston develops a culture of lifelong physical activity as integral to a woman's health and a foundation for wellbeing through its sporting programs and at Howqua.

Students have a wide range of recreational, team and competitive sporting opportunities to choose from, all of which are designed to develop confidence, resilience and teach the value of teamwork.

Girls are encouraged to undertake a Girls' Sport Victoria competitive sport or a recreational activity each term and to take part in at least one team sport each year. Sport and recreational activities are compulsory for all girls in Years 7, 8 and 10.

House sports include water polo, cross country, athletics and swimming. Co-curricular sports include snowsports, rowing, netball and swimming squad.

## A spotlight on wellbeing.

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SHINE – Strength, Health, Inspiring, Nurturing and Engagement – is Lauriston’s whole of school wellbeing program.

Underpinned by the work of Dr Kenneth Ginsburg, world-renowned child paediatrician and human development expert, the program’s goal is to equip girls with a toolkit of skills that they can draw upon to manage the demands of life.

Each week, every year level has a particular focus, including what constitutes a respectful relationship, communication skills, emotional regulation and awareness, empathy and kindness, and mindfulness.

SHINE also incorporates a peer-led buddy program, which gives the girls opportunities to lead and mentor, forge friendships and build a support network.







## An attitude of service.

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Sparking positive change in our community is what GIVE (Girls in Values Education) at Lauriston is about.

However, GIVE is not about *giving to* people but working with people of different backgrounds, cultures, ages, socio-economic statuses, and religions. This connection is a vital part of fostering a social consciousness.

Our service program allows for the entire Lauriston community of staff, students and parents to be involved at a hands-on level and provide direct support through grassroots charities to those who desperately need it, making a difference to the lives of others in our greater community.

GIVE inspires the girls to work together for a positive social change. It encourages them to be curious about the world, look past the surface, and to see people for who they really are.

## A Lauriston woman.

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The 'Lauriston difference' lives on in our graduates; courageous, flexible and creative thinkers for whom collaboration and innovation are second nature.

Learning from a young age to consider different perspectives with an open mind and grapple with complexity and ambiguity to solve problems together means that when our girls see the need for change, they are not afraid to seize the opportunity to do better.

It's a philosophy that's helped produce some of Australia's most influential thinkers, doers and leaders.



## The Lauristonian network.

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Energetic and inclusive, our vibrant alumnae network is available to all of our students when they graduate. And the membership is for life.

The program caters for all ages and stages, from recent graduates, to prestigious past students. Events include class reunions, career development and mentoring programs, networking opportunities and social groups.

It's these activities which encourage past students, bonded by the unique experience of being a Lauristonian, to stay connected with each other, and with the school to maintain a productive network.

## A partnership with parents.

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Experience tells us that a happy and successful education journey starts with a close relationship between parents, students and school.

As a Lauriston family, you'll join a nurturing and inclusive community where students, parents, educators and support teams combine with the common goal of providing the best possible education to our girls.

We consider it a privilege to be considered as a partner in your daughter's education and look forward to working with you to make one of life's most important decisions.

## Connect with us.

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