

# Young women of integrity and purpose



**PLC**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
LADIES' COLLEGE  
**SYDNEY**  
— 1888 —





# Welcome to the PLC Sydney Family

“PLC Sydney is warm and loving, and it’s been a second home to me for the past 13 years.”

JASMIN, YEAR 12 STUDENT



## There's an unmistakable feeling when you enter the gates at PLC Sydney.

For over 130 years, the school has been an inner west sanctuary where girls are free to nurture their interests and strengths, challenge themselves, and flourish academically.

Each and every day our College campus is a vibrant hub of learning and activity. On any given weekday you'll see girls hovering over a Bunsen burner in one of the Science laboratories, or reading in the gardens near the turtle pond: you might see hockey training on Drummond Field, or rowers heading off to practice on the Parramatta River. The Pipes and Drums might be performing on the Sunken Lawn, or students from Year 9 Drama might be rehearsing a script under the outstretched branches of our iconic camphor laurel tree, or on the stage of the Audrey Keown Theatre.

We invite you and your family to explore our school and we hope to welcome you into the PLC Sydney family.

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# Who you are as a person matters

PLC Sydney was recently named one of the world's hundred most innovative schools by Cambridge University.\*

For many years, girls of all faiths and backgrounds have arrived at PLC Sydney's Croydon campus excited about the possibility of learning and finding a place to contribute. We offer a broad curriculum where boarders and day girls can excel in academic, athletic, creative and spiritual pursuits from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12.

PLC Sydney is built on the Christian framework that each person has ineliminable value. Our College is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Australia.

A PLC Sydney education enables you to flourish, to be the best you can be. We want you to engage with and understand big ideas, not just repeat knowledge. We'll teach you not only how to listen but also how to voice your opinion and debate the important issues. Life is given to us and we share our gifts with others.

We look forward to the day when you graduate as a confident, accomplished and caring young woman, ready to give back to communities in Australia and overseas.

With the benefit of over a century of experience educating girls, we know that the future can change in an instant. In today's innovative, shifting world, it's hard to anticipate tomorrow. We strive to make you nimble and resilient, to build your strength of spirit and to value integrity and generosity.

\*As published in CAMBRIDGE STRATEGIES: INNOVATION 800, Cambridge University.







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# Junior School

"My favourite subject is Science because we get to do lots of fun experiments. You have to learn Maths too if you want to become a Vet - that's what I want to do."

CHANTELLE, YEAR 2 STUDENT

Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 (Evandale) and Years 3 to 6 (Hamilton) are a home for our younger students, where creative thinkers shine and opportunities are many.

Our Pre-K to Year 6 campus features flexible learning spaces. You will get hands-on experience with the natural world, learning about the creatures in our Invertebrate House, or turtle pond, or you may grow your own produce in the food garden. You'll be introduced to Science and Technology, guided by our experts to learn about our native stingless bee colony, how to code, or how to program robots in the Innovation Lab. Music, Drama, Dance and Storytelling classes will expose you to the Performing

Arts. Of course your education will be rich in reading and writing and mathematics.

The outdoor areas are beautifully landscaped with amphitheatre seating, where you can gather, learn and play on a range of equipment including a cubby house, creek river bed, climbing wall, swings and a bridge that meanders through a native garden of trees, shrubs and flowers.

From your first day of school, PLC Sydney will nurture your natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

You will be encouraged to work cooperatively, to explore and learn that with persistence, you can really make a difference.

\*For our full Junior School curriculum, please visit [www.plc.nsw.edu.au/learning/junior-school/curriculum](http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au/learning/junior-school/curriculum).





# Senior School

“School made me a confident person,  
and it nurtured my love for learning.”

GRACE, YEAR 10, BOARDING STUDENT

In Senior School, we'll encourage you to join a new group or try a different activity. We want you to take charge of your own learning, and we'll provide a supportive environment in which to do that, where you feel safe and significant.

Our imagination matters.

As a school community we work hard to reach each student. We want all of our girls to have a sense of belonging and purpose. We actively encourage and enable our girls to look out for each other and to practice kindness, generosity and magnanimity.

Academic growth is highly valued at PLC Sydney.

More than half our students rank in the top 10 percent in the state, and a significant proportion of these students are in the top one percent.

\*For our full Senior School curriculum, please visit [www.plc.nsw.edu.au/learning/senior-school](http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au/learning/senior-school) or for our recent HSC results, please visit [www.plc.nsw.edu.au/about-plc-sydney/school-accomplishments](http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au/about-plc-sydney/school-accomplishments)



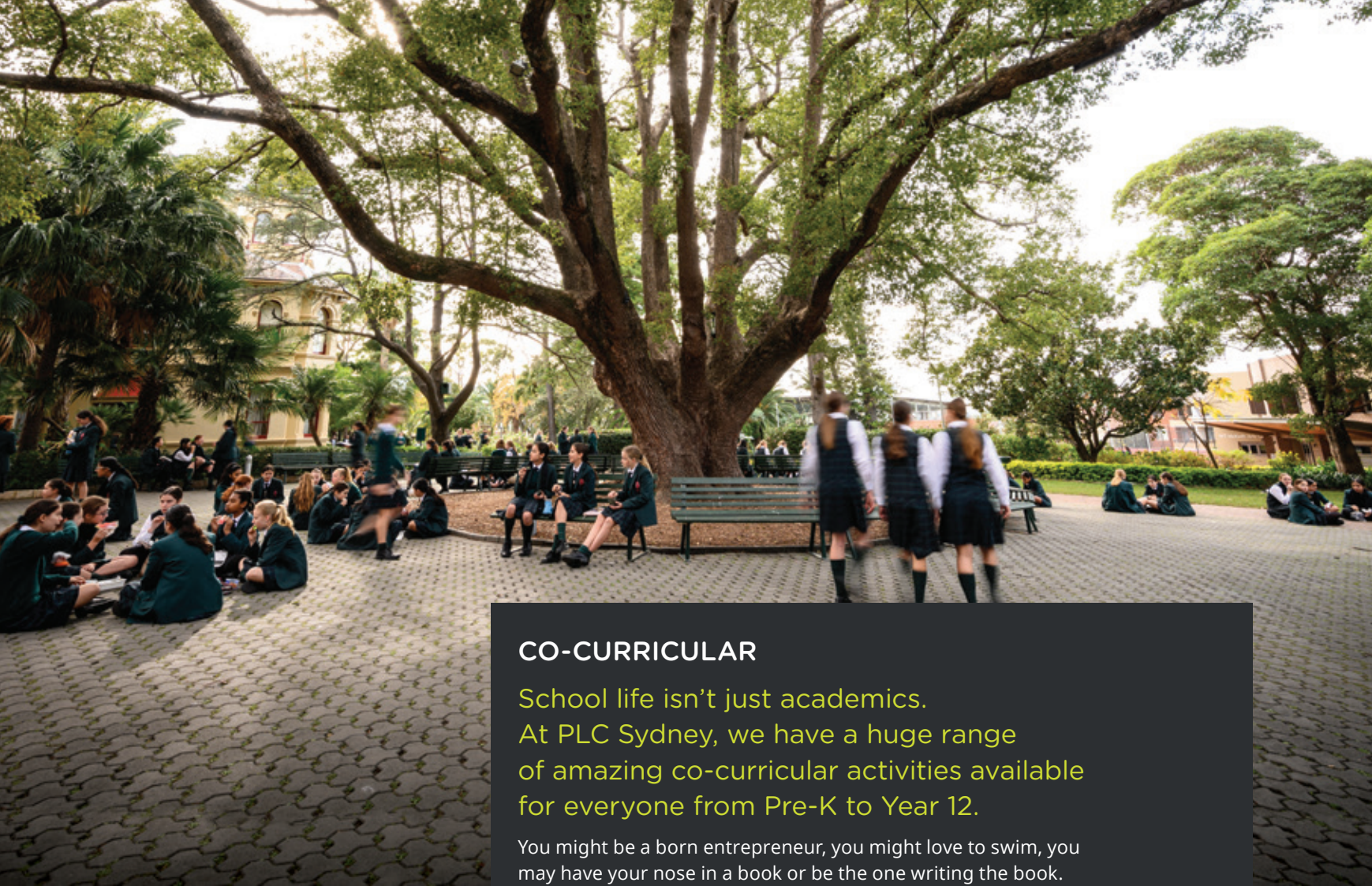




The future is looking  
for innovative thinkers  
with the confidence  
and flexibility to solve  
problems.

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## CO-CURRICULAR

School life isn't just academics.  
At PLC Sydney, we have a huge range  
of amazing co-curricular activities available  
for everyone from Pre-K to Year 12.

You might be a born entrepreneur, you might love to swim, you  
may have your nose in a book or be the one writing the book.  
No matter what you love doing, we'll make sure coming to  
school can be a great joy.

*Let your  
creativity  
shine*

In our 538-seat theatre, young thespians rehearse Shakespeare and Miller and flex their creative muscle to compete in improvisational theatre events against some of Australia's rising young performers.

Future musicians prepare themselves for even bigger stages like the Sydney Opera House. Our Orchestral Choir and Band program is very large with great opportunities to develop skills and aesthetics.

If your world is a visual one, 'The Croydon' will be your home away from home. With art master classes, our

Artists-in-Residence program and the Year 11 Bundanon Arts Retreat, you'll be in the company of other creative young people just like you. The Adelaide Perry Gallery will give you a public platform to show your work. You'll also be able to hone your skills in Animation, Food Technology, Photography, Industrial Design, or Digital Media.







## be a Champion

PLC Sydney's Gymnasium and Aquatic Centre are great facilities.

Before school, you might work out in the Fitness Centre to get ready for your water polo match or hit up on the badminton or tennis courts. As part of the netball team, you'll thunder across the indoor court, and if you join Gymnastics Club

you'll practice on the balance beam, uneven bars and tumble across the world-class sprung floor. At the pool, beginners learn freestyle in the 12-metre teaching pool, while our elite squads smash out their butterfly drills in the eight-lane pool.

This is a place for you to test yourself physically, to get fit and to have fun.



## Speak your mind

Every girl is a public speaker.

Whether you're outgoing or softly spoken, our public speaking program will give you the tools to boost your confidence, to voice your opinions and influence others. It's a skill that will serve you well for your whole life, no matter what you choose to do.



## a Home away from home

“Everything about the Boarding House makes it feel like home. Ms Turner, the Director of Boarding is lovely; sometimes I call her ‘mum’ by accident!”

ANNA, YEAR 7 STUDENT

At PLC Sydney, boarders are like a family away from home. You’ll learn to live independently, while always being supported and nurtured by our staff and your fellow boarders. The Boarding House is situated at the heart of the College, giving you easy access to classes and co-curricular activities. It’s a great place to grow up.

If you walk into The House in the evening, you’ll find girls chatting in common areas or studying, and you’ll hear languages from around

the world. The diversity of the girls living together helps build an understanding and acceptance of people beyond school. When you reach graduation, you’ll leave knowing you have lifelong friendships with young women from across the globe.



## stand for Respect and good character

“PLC Sydney allowed me to develop my own virtues and beliefs in a safe environment.”

From the first day of Pre-Kindergarten until the day you graduate, the school’s well-being program will be looking after your emotional welfare while celebrating your individuality.

Although Junior School class teachers and Senior School homeroom teachers are the students’ main contact for well-being, every teacher is responsible for instilling in students our Learning Virtues: courage, purpose, inquiry, discipline, respect and integrity.

In Junior School, your teachers will help you with strategies for positive interactions with others. In Senior School, you’ll extend on those skills, so that on any day, despite the challenges you might face, you’ll bring your best self to the moment, drawing on your ability to be courageous, determined and empathetic.



# Travel far and wide

Exchange is the perfect experience for girls wishing to become more independent, more aware of what's going on in other places around the world and who wish to gain friends and memories they'll never forget.

PLC Sydney has one of the best overseas learning programs in the country.

Every year, Year 10 students have the opportunity to spend up to twelve weeks at our partner schools all over the world. You might find yourself on safari in South Africa, practising your Italian or French in Florence or Paris, teaching English to younger students in Vietnam or learning the customs of Japan firsthand with your homestay family.

PLC Sydney manages the International Program in house, so we have direct relationships with the schools where our girls go on exchange.



*"I felt so welcome in Brazil. The moment we landed in Rio, our guide was so friendly, helping us to feel comfortable immediately. When we arrived in Joinville, our host families, the students, the Principal and the teachers at the school all greeted us with warm smiles. They were so excited about our arrival and eager about the prospect of an exchange to Australia."*

JESSICA, YEAR 10 STUDENT

*"Exchange is an unmissable and unforgettable experience that has changed the way I see the world, my studies and myself."*

EMILY, YEAR 10 STUDENT

# Lend a helping hand

*"I'm so thankful for the emphasis on service learning. The countless opportunities for leadership and reflection made me a better person."*

HANNAH, YEAR 12 STUDENT

We've talked a lot about what you can get from a PLC Sydney education. But an essential part of that education is about what you can give back.



## TRANSITION

PLC Sydney is renowned for our dedicated program that helps develop the academic, independent living and social skills of Year 7 to 12 girls with mild or moderate intellectual disabilities.

The goal with our Transition girls is the same as with all our students: to support them to be the best they can be, and to give them choice and independence when they leave school.



## COMMUNITY

# a new Chapter

“I have loved being part of the PLC Sydney community and I will really miss this school!”

VANESSA, YEAR 12 STUDENT

Graduation is the start of a new chapter, but it doesn't mean saying goodbye.

As Alumni you can become part of a close knit community that support students through mentoring, career advice, social events and nurtures the vision of the College.

The Parents and Friends' Association is also a wonderful

way for families to get involved with the school. There are fundraisers to organise and volunteering to support the school's education facilities, sport, and arts.



# Tours and Enrolment

We welcome you to come and explore our school, to find out what makes PLC Sydney such a wonderful place.

For a private tour of the school, please contact the enrolment office on (+61 2) 9704 5666, email [enrol@plc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrol@plc.nsw.edu.au) or visit us at [www.plc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au). There are also parent information sessions and tours held every term, as well as at our annual Open Day and Fair in May.

Girls can come to PLC Sydney at any time in their school career if places are available, but our main intake years are Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Years 3, 5, 7 and Year 11.

To enrol, please visit our website for the enrolment forms or to apply online.

We hope to see you at the school soon!





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