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A School of the Uniting Church



Pymble Ladies' College provides a world of opportunities for girls from Kindergarten to Year 12, with boarding available from Year 7. At Pymble we provide a nurturing, challenging and exciting environment where girls, commencing in Kindergarten, develop from dependent learners to independent young women able to contribute in all fields of endeavour to the world beyond.

At Pymble we promote the importance of values which is supported by the College's Christian foundation as a school of the Uniting Church. Care, courage, integrity, respect and responsibility underpin all of the College's actions leading to a positive, healthy and happy learning environment.

Pymble was founded in 1916 by Dr John Marden, a man of forward thinking who believed that women should get the best that education offered. Today, the College exemplifies the spirit of its founder as an outstanding school for girls that encourages its students to 'strive for their highest' in all pursuits.

Pymble Ladies' College, a non-selective school, is set on 20 hectares of beautiful grounds on Sydney's North Shore - the setting for outstanding educational, sporting and cultural facilities. While we are very fortunate to have this wonderful site, it is the quality of teaching and the opportunities beyond the classroom that upholds Pymble Ladies' College's outstanding reputation.

Mrs Vicki L Waters
Principal

Outstanding Opportunities

At Pymble students are nurtured to make the most of their individual potential and to get the very best from their educational experience. An extensive range of programs and excellent facilities supports this endeavour.

Our strong academic record is just part of the story. Curricular and co-curricular educational programs, advanced learning technology, and extensive opportunities in the performing arts, sporting and cultural arenas inspire a holistic educational experience.

At Pymble, we strive to ensure our students complete their secondary education with the confidence, maturity and necessary skills to make informed decisions in their career and future personal life.

Extra Activities

The College offers a wide range of extra activities in the Preparatory, Junior and Senior Schools, including:

• Sport

Rhythmic and artistic gymnastics, swimming, diving, water aerobics, tennis, fencing, badminton, hockey, rowing, soccer, softball, equestrian, life saving, cricket, dance, netball, Tae Kwon Do, water polo, basketball and netball. Girls represent the College in many types of inter-school sporting competitions, through the Independent Girls' Schools' Sports Association (IGSSA) and other bodies.

• Music

Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Senior Concert Band, Senior Stage Band, Jazz Ensemble, String Orchestra, Chamber Strings and Middle School Strings, String Quartet, Flute Ensemble, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. The College also has a long tradition of excellence in singing and chorale work, with an integrated program beginning in the Preparatory School.

• Drama

Part of the English curriculum throughout the College. Each year girls are given the opportunity to perform in various College productions and musicals.



Facilities

Pymble Ladies' College is divided into four separate schools on the one campus – Preparatory, Junior, Middle and Upper schools. Each school has its own facilities and specialist teaching staff.

• Performing Arts –

Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts

750 seats, orchestra pit, fly tower, backstage assembly and preparation space

• Music – David Blackwell Music School

Music laboratories equipped with computers, electronic keyboards, music studios and music gallery

• Art – Visual Arts Centre

Art gallery, facility for craft activities, pottery kilns and equipment, open courtyard for sculptures



• Sport

- o State-of-the-art indoor centre which contains a gymnasium, weight-training and dance studios, indoor courts for basketball, netball, badminton and volleyball as well as video facilities and classrooms
- o Three outdoor, full-sized, multi-purpose sporting fields
- o 25 outdoor tennis/basketball courts
- o Nine netball courts
- o Olympic standard 50 metres swimming pool, diving boards and tower, and learner's pool

• Conde Library

Extensively equipped with 65,000 books and AV centre in Senior School, as well as dedicated libraries in the Preparatory and Junior Schools.

• Science Centre

Extensively equipped science labs and teaching facilities.

• Technology and Applied Studies Centre

Workshop areas for electronics, wood and plastics, and specialised learning spaces for Textiles and Design, Food Technology and Hospitality.

Technology and Computer Network Facilities

Pymble Ladies' College has a policy of integrating technology into all curriculum areas. Access to technology prepares students for their role in the digital world, and assists in the development of their creative and logical thought processes.

Students start using computers in Kindergarten, and by Year 5 are working on laptop computers. They receive a solid grounding in many of the basic software tools, and have access to the Internet through our wireless network.

In addition to computer laboratories for specific software training, music laboratories are equipped with computers connected to electronic keyboards for elective Music students, and Computer Assisted Design facilities are available for Design and Technology and Visual Arts students.

Boarding

Pymble has a long tradition of boarding – 20 of our first 60 students were boarders. Three Boarding Houses provide a comfortable 'home-away-from-home' within College grounds for students during their Senior School years.

The College caters for 115 boarders from Years 7 to 12, which is approximately 10% of our Senior School student population. Most of our boarders come from rural NSW, however we also have boarders from the Sydney metropolitan area and other states across Australia, and boarders whose parents live overseas. All girls are Australian Residents or Citizens.

Staff care for the girls in a family-like environment providing emotional and academic support, appropriate discipline and supervision, and many fun activities after school and on weekends.



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