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Confident.



well-educated young women



Welcome to Ipswich Girls' Grammar School

At IGGS, we aim to educate students to become confident, well-educated young women prepared for higher learning, global citizenship and life.

The School was established in 1892 and we are fortunate to have a proud history and many traditions. Our professional staff are committed to providing each girl with a positive, personalised, holistic education within our safe, first-class learning environments.

The School is frequently commended for our students' high academic results, confidence, diligence, self-discipline and community service. These commendations are a consequence of contemporary, evidence-based learning and teaching programs, dedicated and talented teachers, the individual attention given to each student and the productive partnerships we enjoy with parents and Old Girls.

IGGS's tertiary entrance outcomes and literacy and numeracy results are continually among the best in Queensland. In our co-educational Junior School, core literacy and numeracy skills are developed using explicit teaching methods. As students progress through the middle and senior years, teachers use a combination of explicit and student-centred teaching and learning methods.

We believe this approach best enables our students to become confident, independent learners equipped with 21st century skills that will empower them to transition to higher education and life beyond the School's gates.

At Ipswich Girls' Grammar School, we have high expectations for our students.

Our pastoral care programs teach students to be well-mannered and diligent in all that they do. They are also taught to respect themselves, their families, the local community and world in which they live. We guide students on how to be effective team members and, above all, expect them to maintain high moral and ethical standards, and display care and compassion for others.

Students come from many countries to study at IGGS. Our boarding students are amazing young women because they quickly learn how to be resilient, independent and caring individuals. The boarders support each other and are likewise supported by caring, professional staff in a safe, modern boarding house situated at the heart of the School. Students also have opportunities to travel to a range of Australian cities and internationally to Germany, China and Japan.

Your daughter will make friends for life at IGGS as she shares the fun and excitement — and the trials and tribulations — of growing into a confident, well-educated young woman.

She will be supported by our family-oriented school community and over 16,000 Old Girls as she engages with academic, personal and social challenges during her adolescent years.

The fun and fellowship associated with the secondary years of schooling will be indelibly etched into her mind and heart and fond memories will be recounted for the rest of her life.

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School is the school of choice for parents and guardians who want to provide their daughters with every opportunity to grow into confident, well-educated young women. I encourage you to contact the School, visit us on Open Day, or arrange a personal tour so that we can show you the opportunities we can offer your daughter.

I look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful School community.

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DILIGENCE



EXCELLENCE



RESPECT



INTEGRITY




CARE

At Ipswich Girls' Grammar School, we aim to provide our girls with a strong moral and ethical foundation that gives them confidence to thrive. Our students are taught to embrace our five values that foster excellence, integrity, resilience and responsibility.

They influence an IGGS girl's self-worth, her behaviour and the way she interacts with her peers and the wider community. With our School motto *Omnia Superat Diligentia* — diligence overcomes all — and a strong moral compass to guide them, our girls develop into *confident*, responsible, capable global citizens who create their own opportunities for higher learning, leadership and life.



A sense of belonging




Our school has offered girls a first-class, independent, non-denominational education for more than 126 years. We have played a significant role in the education of thousands of inspirational young women who have gone on to pursue *successful* careers in medicine, law, engineering, information technology, politics, creative arts, business and more.

We share our heritage-listed campus with Junior Grammar — south-east Queensland's only co-educational Grammar primary school — allowing your daughter to start her learning adventure in Kindy and continue through to Year 12.

At Ipswich Girls' Grammar your daughter will discover a sense of place and belonging and a community to which she will belong forever. The friendships made at Girls' Grammar can, and do, last a lifetime and the bonds made at our school stay with our girls as they forge their own paths as confident, well-educated young women in a global society.

When your daughter joins us she is assigned a House. The House system underpins our pastoral care program and encourages involvement, leadership, loyalty, responsibility, co-operation and good discipline amongst all our girls. The School has five Houses named after our first five headmistresses: Hunt, Connell, White, Armitage and Carter.



Ipswich Girls' Grammar School strives for excellence in all that we do. Through extensive educational research we know girls-only education offers girls in Years 7 to 12 the greatest chance to flourish. Girls-only education is frequently associated with higher career aspirations and better test scores and has many social and emotional benefits.

At Girls' Grammar we give your daughter more attention in every class, every day. We deliver a rigorous academic curriculum that develops the whole person.

Your daughter's academic progress is monitored through a range of standardised tests. Her strengths and challenges are identified and addressed in her Personalised Academic Action Plan. The plan is regularly monitored and adjusted to ensure she is well-supported and making *positive* progress. We offer extension programs for our Gifted and Talented students and Learning Support for those who need extra help while on their learning journey.

Our focus on academic achievement results in many of our girls progressing to tertiary study, while vocational education and training opens up a wider variety of study opportunities and career paths.

Digital and internet technologies offer our girls huge learning potential and we encourage them to become empowered learners in an increasingly social and digital world.



Personalised learning



Safe and supported




Ipswich Girls' Grammar School not only strives for academic excellence, we are also deeply committed to the positive health and wellbeing of all our girls.

Above all, we want our girls to be happy. Through our strong and supportive pastoral care program, we instil confidence and self-worth to ensure your daughter is an inspired, *empowered* young woman who respects herself and others. Our Wellbeing Team, with their specialist training and access to extensive resources, supports your daughter's individual needs to help her gain the most from her school experience.

We provide personalised 1:1 interviews for each and every student with a Head of House or Head of School. These consultations are incorporated as part of our commitment to holistic education and also serve to review your daughter's academic progress to ensure she is well equipped to achieve her goals.

Our dedicated Centre for Women's Health and Wellbeing provides a space where our girls can take some time out and relax in a safe and caring environment, with support at hand if needed. The Centre offers a number of wellbeing programs including meditation and yoga sessions plus personal development, women's health, motivational and career workshops.

Our dedication to pastoral care means your daughter will always have somewhere to go where she feels safe and someone to talk to whom she can trust.



Ipswich Girls' Grammar School is a *proud* community and our girls see themselves as stewards of their great school, which is reflected in their excellent behaviour and consideration for others.

Your daughter's first years at Girls' Grammar begins her secondary school adventure and she will receive special guidance and care as she transitions from primary to secondary schooling and through her adolescent years.

As our girls progress through the School they are given more opportunities to assume positions of responsibility. By the time they reach Year 12, they are completely involved in the life and leadership of the School.

Teaching and modeling kindness and compassion inspires an IGGS girl's desire to make a difference. We are a vibrant and inclusive community where our girls are encouraged to think globally and act locally through our social responsibility program that develops compassion for others and inspires them to facilitate change.

A place to thrive





Opportunities and enrichment



Ipswich Girls' Grammar School actively encourages our girls to engage in all aspects of a holistic education. Girls who participate in co-curricular activities generally achieve higher academic results, enjoy *strong* relationships with their school peers and are more likely to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Our extensive co-curricular program will provide your daughter with plenty of opportunities to extend her learning and discover her talents and abilities beyond the classroom.

We offer more than 50 sporting, cultural, intellectual, performing arts and community service activities — both team and individual, competitive and non-competitive — to meet the diverse interests of our vibrant School community. These activities will teach your daughter to compete, make new friends, develop school spirit and value the ideals of good sportsmanship.

For more than 126 years we have enjoyed a rich history of co-curricular success. Numerous intraschool and interschool competitions, tournaments and clubs, along with our state-of-the-art facilities provide our girls with opportunities to test their abilities, regardless of experience or performance levels, and to be part of the School's inclusive culture.

State-of-the-art facilities

Our commitment to academic *excellence* and quality teaching is further strengthened by an extensive variety of state-of-the-art learning, sporting, arts and multimedia facilities that cater for every stage of your daughter's learning journey. Our facilities include:

- Centre for Young Women's Health and Wellbeing
- Health Centre staffed by a full-time registered nurse
- Katherine C. Carter Theatre
- Cribb House boarding facility
- Modern learning classrooms with interactive whiteboards
- Canteen and Dining Hall
- Multicourt gymnasium with international standard ceiling height and mezzanine viewing area
- Fitness Centre and Human Movement Laboratory
- Indoor cycling room
- Performing Arts Precinct
- Graphics and Visual Arts Studio with kiln
- E-STEAM and Robotics workshop
- Teaching Observatory for peer review
- Science laboratories with designated chemical and safety areas
- Five-lane, 25-metre heated outdoor swimming pool
- Athletics oval with 400-metre running track
- Netball, Tennis and Volleyball courts
- Extensive sporting equipment



Inspiring independence





Generations of rural, regional and remote families have chosen Ipswich Girls' Grammar School to care for their daughter's education and wellbeing while away from home. Today, the boarders who live with us each year are at the centre of our diverse community.

Girls' Grammar boarders live in Cribb House, at the heart of our heritage-listed campus. It is a safe and caring home-away-from-home with views that extend over the city of Ipswich to the distant ranges. Cribb House offers a personalised, secure, family experience and is fully equipped with comfortable bedrooms featuring plentiful storage and study nooks, common rooms with TVs and kitchenettes and shared bathroom and laundry facilities.

Our boarders are *nurtured* and guided by specialist boarding staff who encourage our girls through their education and provide unwavering support as they grow and mature into young women.

Nightly supervised study sessions with qualified tutors provides our boarders with a high level of academic support while a dedicated activities coordinator schedules engaging, age-appropriate activities, which offer enjoyment and opportunities for personal growth.





Successful citizens

No matter what course they chart, Ipswich Girls' Grammar School strives to equip our girls with the education, confidence and compassion to contribute meaningfully on a local and global scale. The strong and *spirited* foundation of an Ipswich Girls' Grammar education will allow your daughter to grow into a confident, well-educated young woman.

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Thank you for your interest in an Ipswich Girls' Grammar School education for your daughter. We understand choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. Please visit girlsgrammar.com.au or call us on +61 (07) 3454 4447 for more information or to arrange a school tour.