Lauriston Girls’ School
live it. learn it. love it.
Message from the Principal

Lauriston Girls’ School is recognised internationally as a leading academic school for girls.

In 2015 we welcomed more than 1010 girls from Kindergarten to Year 12 to our community. Our school is a truly multicultural environment comprising staff from more than 21 different countries including China, Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Lauriston offers students a well-rounded education with an emphasis on choice, flexibility and life-skill development. Lauriston was one of the first schools in Australia to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme to our senior students, alongside the Victorian Certificate of Education, allowing students a choice of pathways for university.

Founded in 1901, Lauriston has a proud history as one of Australia’s oldest independent schools. For more than 110 years our highly qualified, experienced and passionate teachers have been striving to help Lauriston girls achieve their full potential. This excellence in teaching is reflected in the outstanding outcomes achieved by our students. In 2015 our graduating class maintained the outstanding level for final results in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and five students achieved perfect scores in Physics, English, Psychology and Studio Arts. A solid 42% of our graduating class ranked in the top 10% of the state for final year results and 5% of the class ranked in the top 1% of the state.

Alongside an innovative and comprehensive academic program our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of community, sports and creative arts activities. We believe that every student should balance her academic studies, through participation in the broad range of activities offered at our school. This creates a wonderful sense of community at the School and students are supported and encouraged to achieve their best. Our aim is to help each student grow into a well-rounded, confident and articulate young woman who will engage in all aspects of her life.

I look forward to welcoming your daughter to Lauriston and your family to the Lauriston community.

Susan Just
Principal

Augmented Reality

We’ve used LayAR Augmented Reality technology throughout this brochure to help you explore Lauriston in more detail.

How to use LayAR

Step 1 – Download LayAR for your smartphone or tablet via the App Store or Google Play

Step 2 – Look for the LayAR logo at the top of selected pages

Step 3 – Open the App on your device and position the screen above the page so that the entire page fits within the screen

Step 4 – The App will then automatically seek out video content for you to interact with OR prompt you to tap your screen to scan content for an Augmented Reality experience

Enjoy!
Message from the Registrar

Lauriston Girls’ School is located just seven kilometres from the Melbourne CBD in the leafy suburb of Armadale. Surrounded by public transport options including tram, trains and buses, students from all over Melbourne attend the school.

Facilities at the School include a Science and Resource centre, Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab), a vibrant Music Centre, a swimming pool, tennis courts, sporting facilities and a purpose-built centre for art and visual communication.

Support for Students
As Registrar, I monitor all students to ensure that they experience a smooth transition to the School. We offer an orientation and support program for all international students and work with each student to ensure that they quickly join the Lauriston community where they can benefit from our stimulating and caring environment. Students also have access to our Health Centre which is staffed by a fully qualified nurse and our School Counsellors who are available to provide assistance to students if needed.

All full fee paying international students are appointed a professional guardian at no cost to the family. The guardian will ensure the student is fully supported and will communicate with the parents, homestay and school and assist the student with things like medical appointments, setting up bank accounts and pastoral care.

Support for Parents
International parents who are new to Melbourne are encouraged to join our International Parents’ network where they can connect with Lauriston parents from around the world. Parents are also invited to engage with the larger Lauriston Parents’ Association which organises a comprehensive calendar of social, community and fundraising events throughout the year. The school communicates regularly with parents based overseas so that they are informed regarding their daughter’s progress. For parents who relocate to Melbourne, there is a free English class offered once a week at the school. Class participants occasionally socialise together whilst practising their English; past activities have included trips to local art galleries and lunch outings.

I look forward to working with you throughout the admissions process and discussing how Lauriston can meet your daughter’s needs.

REGISTRAR
Donna Galloway
more to life

Go beyond the textbook and see first-hand the wonders the world has to offer on one of the teacher-led journey’s all Lauriston students have the chance to experience. Go on an art appreciation adventure in Italy, soak up the culture of France, trek through New Zealand or learn about Australia’s Indigenous people in remote Western Australia.

Bring new inventions to life with the FabLab

Girls spend the year learning more about themselves and others in Victoria’s gorgeous alpine region. Students take part in a wide range of fun and invigorating outdoor activities while completing a full and rich academic program.

See the world

Created in partnership with Stanford University’s Graduate School of Education, the FabLab is a hands-on classroom where students design, build and test their creations using the 3D printer, laser cutter, 3D mill and soldering equipment.

Howqua – the experience of a lifetime

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study at Lauriston

homestay
Some of our international students live with their own families in Melbourne or in a Lauriston approved homestay. Many students live in homestays which offer international students ideal study conditions and opportunity to improve their English language skills while experiencing the atmosphere of an Australian family home. The School will assist with arranging suitable homestay accommodation.

guardianship
Guardians provide a vital link between the student, school, homestay and parents living overseas. All full fee paying international students are required to have a guardian. Lauriston will appoint a professional guardian for full fee paying international students at no cost.

years 7 & 8
Students in Years 7 and 8 are based in the Lilian Bayly 7/8 Centre, which has been purpose built to cater for the needs of adolescent learners. A proactive pastoral and academic care philosophy provides a nurturing structure which focuses on the specific learning, physical and social needs of these age groups.

year 9 - Howqua
For more than 20 years Lauriston’s Year 9 Students have completed their studies at our Howqua campus. Located three hours outside of Melbourne in Victoria’s high country, Howqua is an experience unique to Lauriston where girls study a complete academic curriculum surrounded by the beauty of Victoria’s Mansfield region.

Students live on-campus for most of the school year and enjoy regular visits home, including all school holidays. The girls live in self-contained units (Houses) where they learn how to be independent under the supervision and direction of the dedicated on-campus Howqua staff.

Students at Howqua also take part in an extensive wellbeing and outdoor program in which they experience camping, running, horse riding, skiing, cycling, abseiling and more. Back on campus, students are encouraged to disengage from distractions such as social media and instead work to foster deep connections within the student group and form friendships that last long after the final bus returns to Melbourne.

year 10
Year 10 is a special year of consolidation at Lauriston. All students study English, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physical Education, Science and Health and Wellbeing. There are also a wide range of elective subjects available including languages, humanities, arts, drama, dance, music and extension maths. Year 10 students participate in Lauriston’s experiential EnlighTEN program which introduces girls to the independent study skills they will need in their final years of schooling and in their tertiary studies.

years 11 and 12
Students in 11 and 12 have the opportunity to choose between the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme and the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

The VCE is the most common form of assessment in Victoria and is follows a structure that can be tailored to the interests and aspirations of each student. English is the only mandatory subject in VCE; with their remaining subjects, students may choose to stack their learning and select courses from one or two areas of interest, such as the Sciences, the Humanities or the Arts, or select a more general course that encompasses all fields of learning.

The IB is a two-year curriculum that fosters high academic standards and international understanding. Students completing the IB study six subjects including the student’s own language, a foreign language, a humanity, an experimental science, Mathematics, and one other subject which may be drawn from the arts, or from a subject area already mentioned.

Each student works with the school’s VCE and IB Coordinators, as well as their teachers, the Careers Advisor and Heads of House to choose the pathway that best suits her interests and future study plans. Both pathways offer students excellent opportunities to gain a high calibre education and entrance to an elite university.
Students past and present

Vivi Pan – Class of 2016
International Student Captain

Vivi Pan is a talented student and active member of the Lauriston community. On making Lauriston her school of choice, Vivi remarks 'my family and I chose Lauriston because it is academically outstanding. Lauriston encourages girls to develop their skills in different areas, such as music, art and sport.'

Art is one of Vivi’s favourite subjects and, at Lauriston, she has had the opportunity to ‘focus on many artistic skills, not just drawing and sketching. I have learnt a range of new techniques like sculpture, photography and media.’

Vivi has also become an active member of some of the many extra curricular activities Lauriston offers; ‘I joined the choir and played GSV sports this year. Those activities have provided a great stage for students to learn, communicate, make new friends and explore their own potential.’

After high school, Vivi hopes to continue her studies in economics and commerce, a subject she has enjoyed at Lauriston.

Tavi Liu – Class of 2014

During her time at Lauriston, Tavi Liu took part in many activities and classes. However, no subject had a greater place in her heart than art. Though she feels she was ‘never the most talented or the most hard working student in his class’, Tavi’s skill was evident to all those around her. Her work can still be found around the school, hanging in offices and printed on programs.

One of Tavi’s biggest supporters was Mr David Morrison, Lauriston’s Head of Arts. ‘My Morrison gave me so much attention and was so patient with me’, she remarks. ‘When I showed him the sketch I just done, he told me that was the best drawing he ever seen. When I received the pre-selection key from Monash University, and couldn’t figure out any solutions, he came to school during his break. When I finished my artwork and was struggling with the description, he helped me refine it and told me ‘don’t let the language stop your talent’. If I could tell him one thing, it would be that it’s your love of respect for art and design, your passion and encouragement for every student that makes coming to school every day such a joy. He not only introduced basic art and design knowledge to me but, more importantly, he gave a strong problem solving ability, and helped me to think as a professional designer. And I know I wouldn’t be have the confidence I have now and wouldn’t by studying my dream course without his encouragement and endless help.’

Tavi is currently studying Architecture at Monash University, where she is learning the skills necessary to craft a new way of living.
2015 Year 12 Results

The graduating class of 2015 achieved fantastic results in both the IB and VCE. Overall Lauriston had the 10th best results for VCE in the state and was number one for Studio Arts.

Five of our VCE students achieved a perfect study score of 50 for at least one of their subjects, including our dux who attained an ATAR* of 99.60. The median study score for the year was 36 and 42% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 or higher, placing them in the top 10% of the state.

Our IB students also had a fantastic year, with two students achieving a perfect score of 45 (equivalent to an ATAR of 99.95) and 90% of the 29 students who completed the program achieving an ATAR over 90. It was also the fourth year in a row that 100% of IB students achieved an ATAR over 80.

The combined results for our IB/VCE Class of 2015 included:

- A median ATAR of 89.05
- 19% of students in the top 1% with an ATAR of 99 and above
- 43% of students in the top 5% with an ATAR of 95 and above
- 57% of students in the top 10% with an ATAR of 90 and above
- 76% of students in the top 20% with an ATAR of 80 and above

*Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, a rank that shows a student’s achievement in relation to other students completing the VCE. The rank is used as part of the selection process for tertiary education in Australia.
Lauriston Girls’ School is a member of the Melbourne Schools Partnership International with the University of Melbourne.

Melbourne Schools Partnership International (MSPI) is a unique partnership between the University of Melbourne and leading independent schools in Melbourne, as well as the Department of Education and Training.

The initiative aims to foster the personal and academic development of the high-achieving international students in partner schools. The University organises a range of on-campus events throughout the year for international students in Years 11 and 12.

Learn more: https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/mspi

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