



**Prof Gabriele Lakomski and Meg Hansen.**

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## Focus on girls' values

EDUCATION experts will meet at Lauriston on the weekend to discuss trends in girls' values, leadership and educational needs.

Principal Meg Hansen said the annual Alliance of Girls Schools' three-day conference had delegates from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The conference included government, Catholic and independent schools, with staff and student representatives attending.

"We will be covering what

girls believe in and how they see themselves in the world," Ms Hansen said.

"We will look at education needs, particular for girls.

"Evidence shows girls in girls' schools perform exceptionally well year after year."

One of five speakers, Melbourne University's Prof Gabriele Lakomski plans to speak about managing knowledge and education.

Prof Lakomski said sharing knowledge informally was very important in schools, but tech-

nological support was also needed. "How we can share knowledge about a student's progress is a good example," Prof Lakomski said.

"Sometimes staff are not alerted to difficulties students are having, but integrating an IT system with information about students could alert the relevant staff.

"It depends on the culture of the school. If they are used to sharing knowledge informally, student's difficulties can be spotted."