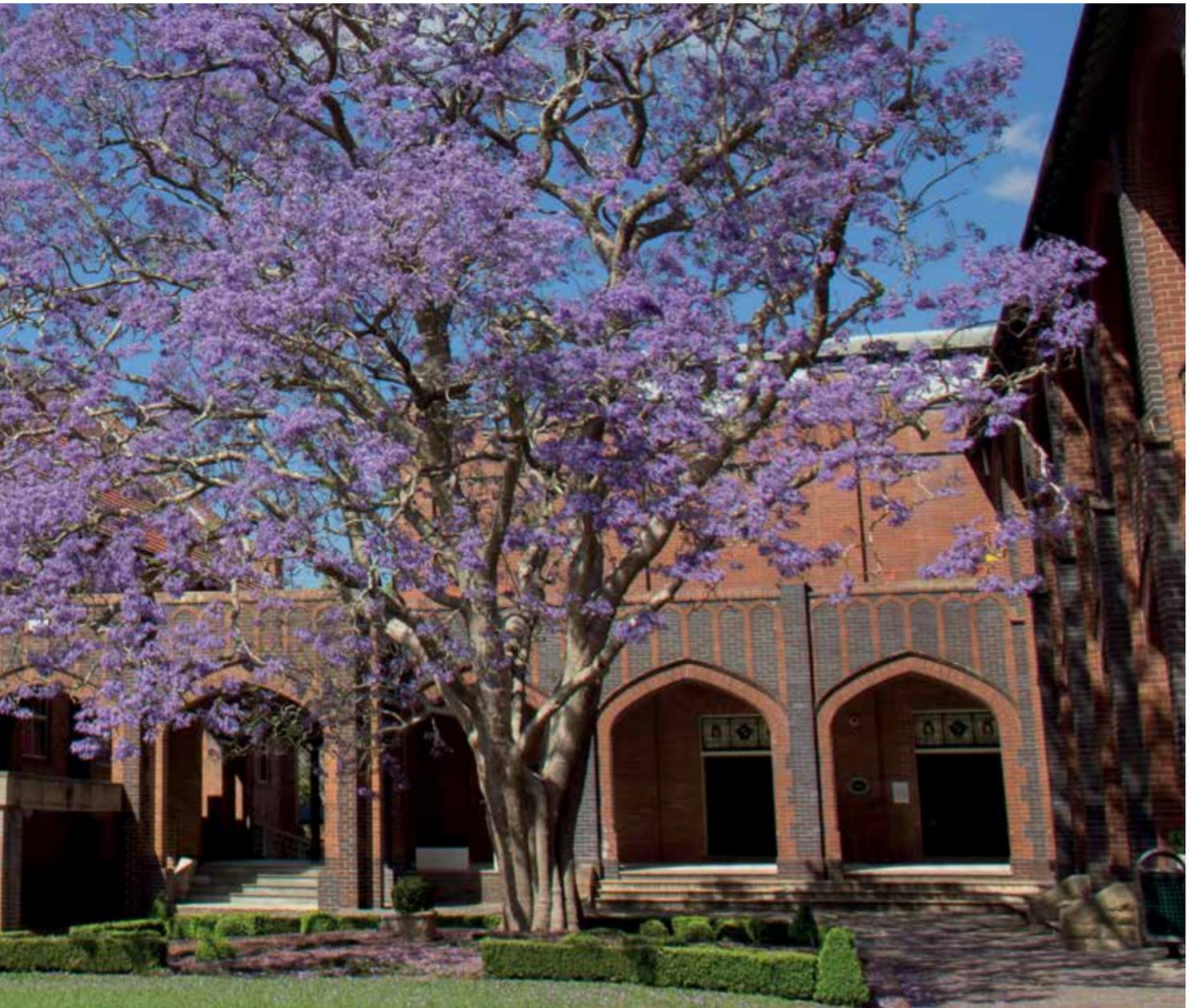




# *Pymble Ladies' College*

*An overview*





# From our Principal

Thank you for considering Pymble Ladies' College for your daughter's education. Our College prides itself on graduating resilient, capable young women who are ready to step confidently into their future. We take the time to get to know each girl, and value the gifts and talents she brings into our community.

*Pymble* is a family, and as parents you will be encouraged to take an active role in your daughter's education. We want to hear from you when we get it right, and when we can do better.

The greatest gift we give each girl is a passion for learning. I'm proud of the incredible teaching staff we have at *Pymble*. We are in the business of supporting the development of life-long learners. As a critical part of our commitment to personalising the learning journey for your daughter, we will guide and challenge her thinking. The world needs independent, critical thinkers; this is the hallmark of a *Pymble* girl.

*Pymble* has a long tradition of excellence in girls' education. Your daughter would be joining a community of accomplished ex-students, many of whom give back to our College through actively mentoring younger graduates.

Aside from a culture of academic excellence, the breadth and success of our Co-curricular Sport and Activities programs truly differentiates *Pymble* from other schools. If you can dream it, *Pymble* is most likely delivering it! It's exciting to see our girls try new things and develop in ways they may never have imagined. From Fencing to Agriculture, AFL to Dance and everything in between; let us take your daughter on a journey of self-discovery.

*Pymble* is a place of remarkable opportunities.

The best way to really feel the culture of *Pymble* is to come and see it for yourself. We warmly welcome you to visit as often as you want, although I'm pretty confident you'll love it just as much as I did on my first visit to our beautiful College.



**Dr Kate Hadwen**

Principal

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# Why *Pymble*?

## **Tradition of educational excellence**

In 2016, *Pymble* celebrated its Centenary year and 100 years of educational excellence. The College has a reputation for offering extraordinary opportunities with outstanding teachers and facilities. *Pymble* students aspire to the College motto, 'All' Ultimo Lavoro' – Strive for the highest, graduating with confidence and maturity to embrace the challenges that lie beyond the College gates.

## **Student care and support**

*Pymble's* Wellbeing Program is comprehensive in scope, yet individual in its delivery. It is designed to recognise each girl's unique qualities and to provide her with the specific care, attention and support she requires at the various stages of her school life. Ultimately, when our students leave *Pymble*, they are emotionally, socially and spiritually mature, with the knowledge and experience to make a successful and confident transition to the world beyond.

## **High quality teaching**

At *Pymble*, we believe people are our most valuable resource. We have a passionate and dedicated team of staff which recognises the unique strengths and qualities of each girl. We nurture a learning culture that celebrates creativity, engagement and critical thinking.

Our professional standards are deeply embedded in worldwide research and best practice, and we actively seek to share our expertise, facilities and resources to create a vibrant global educational community.

# Why *Pymble*?

## **Balanced education**

We provide our students with a balanced education through extensive academic and co-curricular opportunities. Students are supported and encouraged to explore a wide range of programs as they develop their skills in an environment of dynamic, engaged learning.

## **Consistently high results**

Year after year, *Pymble* is one of the top performing schools in Australia, with outstanding success both in and out of the classroom. *Pymble* girls consistently achieve top results in national and state assessments because the College inspires and excites students to explore and extend their potential as they grow from dependence to independence.

## **World-class facilities**

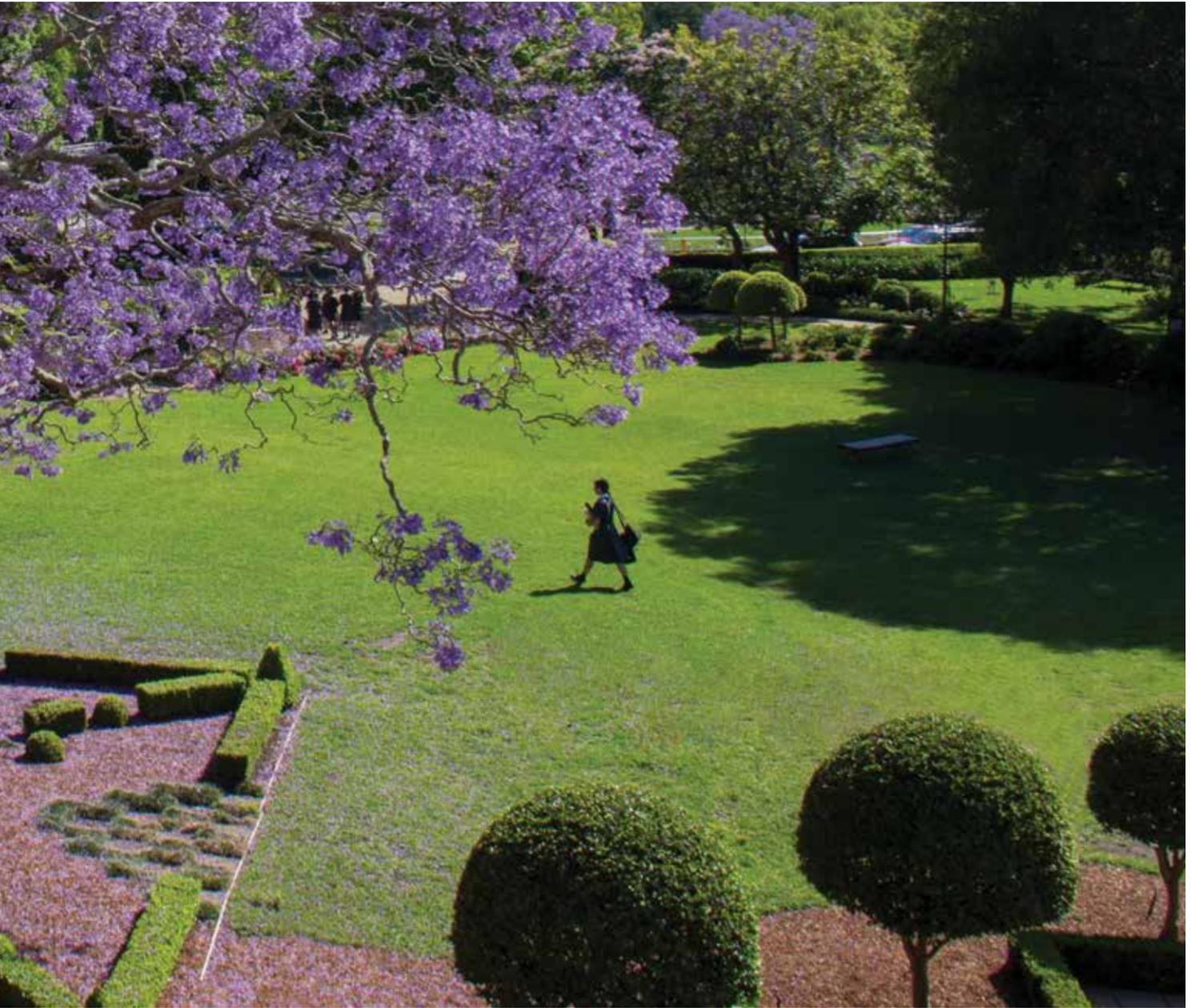
*Pymble's* outstanding onsite facilities allow our students to immerse themselves in College life, further expanding and enriching their areas of interest. In every facet of school life – from the learning environment to laboratories, studios, theatres and sports grounds – our girls have all the physical resources and support required to discover, extend and explore their talents.

## ***Towards 2020***

The College's strategic vision, *Towards 2020 – Striving for the highest*, reflects worldwide shifts in learning environments and technology, and *Pymble* strives to anticipate and lead these changes while nurturing every girl to her potential.







# Our mission

*As we look to 2020, our College mission remains the foundation for our plans. We remain committed to creating a personalised learning environment for each **Pymble** girl so she develops a passion for learning and scholarship, a strong assurance of her own worth, and the desire and values to contribute meaningfully to her local and global communities.*

# Our vision

*We will continue to journey toward our vision of providing an education for our girls that is universally acknowledged for its outstanding quality and exceptional opportunities.*

# Our values

*Five important values reflect our spirit, heritage and traditions, our Christian beliefs as a Uniting Church school, and our commitment to providing meaningful, personal learning experiences for every **Pymble** girl.*

CARE COURAGE INTEGRITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

# Care and support

*She has within her a whole world of possibilities. Her earliest experiences, with wise guidance, will determine her potential. Her journey begins here.*

## **Your daughter is our focus**

As an individual, your daughter is valued and her future is important to us. As she grows at *Pymble*, her safe and caring learning environment changes with her.

Her learning experiences nurture and develop her whole self: her values, her wellbeing and her contribution to the world around her.

Sustainability supports your daughter's life at *Pymble*. Culturally, socially, academically, operationally and throughout our community, we create an environment where she – and generations to come – can thrive.

While at *Pymble*, your daughter's education will build on the Christian values that lie at the heart of the College. As envisaged by our founder Dr John Marden, she will learn and grow in a place where girls and young women experience a well-rounded, balanced education, with extensive opportunities to strive for the highest.

We believe community action and awareness stem from a sense of self-respect and humble gratitude. Through our personalised Wellbeing Program, we will help your daughter to recognise her special qualities and embrace a natural desire to serve the world around her.

# Personalised education

*To know her is to understand her as an individual with unique strengths, interests, talents and desires.*

*She delights in her life at **Pymble** because she is known, nurtured and respected for who she is. In response, her wonder and joy of learning know no bounds.*

Our teachers will carefully and individually guide your daughter, celebrating her creativity and engaging her natural desire to learn.

Our College, with its teaching practices embedded in worldwide research, will nurture your daughter in facilities deliberately designed to create a learning environment ideal for each stage of her development.



1. Preparatory School precinct
2. Junior School precinct
3. Middle School precinct
4. Upper School precinct
5. Senior School precinct
6. Boarding Houses precinct



# Five schools, one campus

*As she moves from the dependence of the first years through to the independence of a young woman ready to graduate, each new school will offer her greater challenges, responsibility and opportunities.*

Set on 20 hectares with more than 2,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12, *Pymble* offers the benefits of a well-resourced large school. Your daughter will have access to an extensive range of programs and opportunities, teams of dedicated and specialist staff, and outstanding facilities all on the one campus.

Within our magnificent campus, *Pymble* is divided into five separate schools: Preparatory School, Junior School, Middle School, Upper School and Senior School.

Each of the five schools has its own Head and Deputy Head of School and a dedicated precinct which provides more leadership opportunities and age-specific academic and personal care for each student.

# Preparatory School

*In her Preparatory School years, from Kindergarten to Year 2, your daughter will begin her journey of discovery and learning.*

*Pymble's Preparatory School captures and extends the inquisitive nature of young children as they negotiate their learning journey in a safe and supportive environment. The purpose-built precinct is perfect for our young students in Kindergarten to Year 2, providing creative, engaging and visually exciting learning spaces that capture each girl's interests.*

*With small class sizes and a commitment to knowing each student as a unique person, our Preparatory School encourages each girl to value themselves and others as they respond positively to being challenged in their learning and growing as individuals.*

*To ensure a firm foundation for future learning, girls participate daily in English and Mathematics lessons with additional support provided by our Learning Support team. Staff look to provide occasions for deep understanding and learning connections across all aspects of the curriculum through an integrated approach and personalised investigative opportunities.*

*The Preparatory School curriculum reflects the requirements of the NSW Board of Studies with strong integration across all key learning areas.*

*An extensive co-curricular program is also available to our Preparatory girls, with activities including speech and drama, dance, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, chess and music.*





# Junior School

*As she progresses at **Pymble**, her joy of learning flourishes. She will emerge from her early childhood years in the Junior School – Years 3 to 6 – full of confidence and knowledge.*

*Pymble's Junior School is a vibrant and caring community for girls in Years 3 to 6 and is focused upon developing each girl's strengths in a supportive and caring environment. It is an exceptionally well-resourced learning precinct that instills in students the attributes of participation and exploration as well as a sense of belonging and mutual respect. Girls benefit from extensive leadership opportunities, a closely linked wellbeing and academic program, and an outstanding range of co-curricular activities.*

The Junior School curriculum has been designed to provide outstanding educational opportunities that will help every student to reach her potential. Core subjects assist with the development of a firm foundation, with support available for girls requiring additional assistance in literacy and numeracy, and more challenging activities to engage girls seeking extension. Specialist teachers plan and implement programs in Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Languages. Learning is enhanced through the development of critical and creative thinking skills, and through the provision of an excellent range of co-curricular activities in public speaking and debating, environmental awareness, intellectual challenges, sport and the arts.

The College has created flexible and innovative learning environments for girls in Years 5 and 6 that will support your daughter to develop skills and enable her to be mentored throughout her learning journey.

# Middle School

*As she graduates to the Middle School – Years 7 and 8 – her learning experiences will become even more challenging and inspiring.*

*Pymble's Middle School provides girls in Years 7 and 8 with dynamic and inspiring learning experiences and the wellbeing support appropriate for this unique stage of their lives. During these formative years, students' abilities and interests are nurtured in a strong and caring community. A comprehensive academic, co-curricular and wellbeing program supports the intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual growth of every girl.*

Middle School students are encouraged to engage in intellectual pursuits, to express themselves creatively, to extend themselves physically and to develop their character and personal leadership in the many areas and social responsibility initiatives available.

Staff in the Middle School work collaboratively to provide the ideal blend of structure and choice that allows young women to flourish; offering them a supportive environment where they feel challenged enough to grow, yet confident enough to try new approaches. The teachers encourage students to achieve their personal best and to develop into compassionate and resilient young women, capable of realising their full potential.





# Upper School

*Progressing into Upper School – Years 9 and 10 – she is now recognisable as a young woman who will soon take on the world.*

In Upper School, girls are guided to develop into young women of compassion and determination, who take responsibility for their own learning and for the welfare of others. They are given the opportunity to expand their horizons and achieve their best in both academic and co-curricular areas of education.

Beyond the direct curriculum experiences, learning activities in the Upper School have been designed to promote communication, problem-solving, creativity and collaboration. *Pymble's* research-driven learning culture means Upper School girls benefit from effective and engaging personal development experiences that focus on the College's core values. External speakers are regularly included in Upper School programs, with leaders in the field connecting the girls to key issues influencing society, locally and internationally.





# Senior School

*The Senior School – Years 11 and 12 – is preparation for what tomorrow will bring. Within a purpose-built Senior School Centre, designed to meet the unique developmental and educational requirements of senior students, your daughter will experience the independence and sense of community she needs to succeed.*

Building on the strong foundation of the Upper School years, *Pymble* girls in Years 11 and 12 work collaboratively with College staff to achieve their desired goals, both academic and co-curricular. Our students are encouraged to develop an autonomous approach to their learning, building self-efficacy and confidence. Supported, guided and challenged by dedicated and passionate staff, Senior School students can personalise their academic program through the broad range of subjects available in their Higher School Certificate years.

As the most senior girls in the College, Years 11 and 12 students have many opportunities to develop their leadership potential by serving in various positions. In their final year at *Pymble*, all Year 12 girls are role models and leaders for the College. The Senior School aims to equip all students with the skills and desire to make meaningful contributions in their lives beyond *Pymble*.





# Visual and Performing Arts

*She has unparalleled choice and opportunities at **Pymble**. Throughout her College life, she enjoys more opportunities to strengthen her natural abilities and uncover new ones.*

Your daughter will gain confidence through the exceptional opportunities and experiences offered at *Pymble* – liberating and creative activities that include Drama, Visual Arts, Music, Dance and more.

Guiding and supporting your daughter’s learning experience will be passionate teachers, mentors, coaches and tutors, and she will have incomparable access to visiting international mentors and artists-in-residence.

*Pymble’s* world-leading facilities, coupled with a College-wide commitment to offer more opportunities, means every girl will meet and exceed her potential.

# Sporting life

*She may be the elite athlete of tomorrow.  
Or she may not. Through her years at **Pymble**,  
she will develop a healthy confidence in her own  
self, and an ability to care for mind, spirit and body.*

Our College was founded on the belief that sport and physical activity are essential for students' overall wellbeing. Today, the world-class sporting facilities and professional coaches at *Pymble* give your daughter every opportunity to experience an active sporting life and to participate on a competitive or non-competitive level.

Our new Centenary Sports Precinct, which includes a state-of-the-art Aquatic and Fitness Centre, reflects our commitment to overall wellbeing and marks 100 years of educational excellence at *Pymble*.





# A sustainable, sharing community

*She is fair and respectful, empowered to make a difference to the world around her.*

The sustainability of humankind rests on social responsibility. *Pymble* students participate in a wide range of social responsibility and community service programs in areas of need in Australia and across the globe. By participating in national and international sustainability experiences, students develop the awareness, compassion and leadership skills they need to influence and lead their communities.

Locally and globally, individually and collectively, *Pymble* actively engages in sustainable management practices for the prosperity and longevity of our world.

We continue to grow and succeed because we are responsible social, economic and environmental stewards of *Pymble*. We are wise in our actions, ethical in our behaviour and fair in our decisions.

Sustainability is a focus we pursue with rigorous and disciplined intent, taking responsibility for our actions across our curriculum, our operations, our resources and our community. We encapsulate sustainability in our wellbeing, thoughts, processes and practices.

At *Pymble*, sustainability ensures an equitable and respectful environment – one from which our girls will emerge empowered to take on new opportunities as global leaders in new industries and sectors, forging a path for all others to follow.





# Boarding at *Pymble*

*As a Boarder, she is a very special part of **Pymble** life. For her, **Pymble** is both her home and her school – a place where friendships and family meld seamlessly with learning and life.*

Boarders have been an integral part of our fabric since *Pymble* opened in 1916 and are considered to be the 'heart' of the College.

Your daughter will live in one of three Boarding Houses: Marden House for Years 7, 8 and 9, Goodlet House for Years 10 and 11 and Lang House for Year 12. The Boarding precinct stands proudly amongst the beautiful facilities that reflect *Pymble's* history.

It is our goal that each girl in Boarding is known, guided and challenged to enable her to thrive throughout her *Pymble* experience.





# Global connections

*At Pymble, she can spread her wings and soar.*

Your daughter will broaden her global awareness through captivating programs and experiences.

Music, community service, cultural, sporting and language learning programs at *Pymble* lead seamlessly to national and international opportunities. Leading professionals from across the world regularly visit and mentor students at our College. Real-time, technology-driven engagement forms part of daily pedagogical practice, allowing her to connect and research with her international peers.

Within everyday life at *Pymble*, the world will be at her fingertips. Through international school exchange programs, extensive service learning and a future-focused curriculum, she will discover and learn in a global classroom.

Her global citizenship begins here.

# Beyond *Pymble*

*Graduation is a natural milestone, but not the end of her **Pymble** journey.*

*A generous, international network of women – **Pymble** girls at heart – awaits to support her on the next steps in her journey.*

Beyond *Pymble*, the College promotes and celebrates the lives and careers of graduates to inspire new girls to follow. Through academic, cultural, social, spiritual and sporting activities, the Ex-Students' Union also supports the welfare of the College and its students.

We recognise the importance of your daughter being supported beyond her life at *Pymble*, giving her every chance at success in her chosen career. She will be afforded networking opportunities, mentoring relationships and career advice, and will benefit from our diverse university and College alliances, both in Australia and overseas.





# Your daughter's journey begins now

Now you have read about all of the opportunities that await your daughter at *Pymble*, we invite you and your family to visit and experience our world-class learning environment for yourself.

With no entrance examination, *Pymble* caters to girls of all abilities. The College's academic standards are high, but so is the desire to see students discover and develop their own strengths and make the most of their natural abilities.

As *Pymble* is a non-selective school, girls are placed on the College's enrolment list according to the date on which applications are received.

*Pymble's* main entry points are Kindergarten, Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 11, although there are occasional vacancies in other years.

The College conducts weekly tours during term and a range of open events throughout the year for prospective students and their families to learn more about *Pymble*.

To arrange a tour of our magnificent campus, please book online through the College website.

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