



**INSPIRING
WOMEN**

PLC



PERTH

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PLC Perth is more than a School. When your daughter joins us, your entire family becomes a member of a community rich in history, strong in its commitment to the values of compassion and respect, dedicated to intellectual challenge and inquiry and which has a culture of participation, resilience and courage.

These values – integrity, learning, community and effort – forged 105 years ago by our Founders, remain true to PLC Perth today as we educate girls to be global citizens and empower them to lead a principled life.

PLC Perth is the only girls' school in Western Australia to offer three pathways to tertiary education – the world-recognised International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme, the WA Certificate of Education (WACE) pathway and the vocational education pathway.

In our Junior School, our IB Primary Years Programme is a curriculum and pedagogy that focuses on developing the whole child – academically and social-emotionally.

Our world-class wellbeing centre – the PLC Lighthouse – delivers the health and wellbeing curriculum in a state-of-the-art facility where the focus is on feeling good, functioning well and doing good for others. With its gymnasium, circuit and movement rooms and wellbeing spaces, students are encouraged to use these spaces before and after school, during study and lunch breaks.

It is my privilege to invite interested families to tour our campus, which sits between the beautiful Cottesloe Beach and the shores of the Swan River and see for yourself the PLC difference.

Cate Begbie, Principal



Our Vision

PLC Perth is a Uniting Church School committed to an excellent well-rounded educational experience that gives every girl confidence and empowers her to lead a principled life and make an active contribution to the community.

PLC is:

- a school for a diverse and exceptional education that is innovative, vibrant, challenging and fosters personal excellence.
- a community of friends, which is secure, inclusive and valuing of the individual.
- an enduring legacy of values such as integrity, learning, community and effort.
- a culture of learning for life and spiritual enquiry where character and leadership are nurtured to serve and shape the world.

Our vision is to provide opportunities for generations of girls to discover their uniqueness and have the courage to strive to live by their convictions and realise their potential.



Our Values

PLC is a values-based community. Staff, students and parents subscribe to our values upon becoming members of the School. These values provide the compass by which members of the community come together to support one another and be of service to others.

INTEGRITY (HONORE)

Strong ethical values make truth, compassion, respect and moral courage highly valued attitudes which are modeled every day. Integrity and a strong sense of social justice are particularly demonstrated through a commitment to celebrating diversity including reconciliation for indigenous peoples of Australia and striving for equal opportunities for women.

LEARNING

We gain knowledge and explore intellectual challenges and are inspired to value learning as inquirers, thinkers, risk-takers, communicators and through self-reflection. Students develop an understanding of themselves, their community and the world around them through a balance of academic, social, cultural and spiritual enquiry and physical pursuits.

COMMUNITY

We value participation as an active means of making friends and building mutual understanding, showing care, support, respect and an open mind to recognise everyone's value and contributions. The value of belonging to a community is in accepting rights and responsibilities and recognising that with privilege comes an individual and collective responsibility for the common good.

EFFORT (LABORE)

We recognise that little is achieved without effort and we encourage students to strive and achieve their best. Confidence, resilience and boldness develop through a culture of participation, a get-up-and-go attitude, having the courage to try new things, managing unfamiliar situations, learning from mistakes in a supportive environment and having opportunities to discover personal strengths.







Junior School

The PLC Junior School caters for boys and girls in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten and girls from Pre-Primary to Year 6.

We teach the Australian curriculum through the framework of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, or PYP, which nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning through an inquiry-led, transdisciplinary framework.

At PLC, our girls are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning and their academic progress.

Our music and second language programme is unique, with all students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 learning French, every day. From Year 3, students have the option of French or Mandarin.

Junior School students have more than 50 co-curricular opportunities, including academic clubs such as coding and robotics, visual arts, kindy ballet and Aussie Rules football.

Activities are run before and after school, catering for families who need care beyond the school day.



Senior School

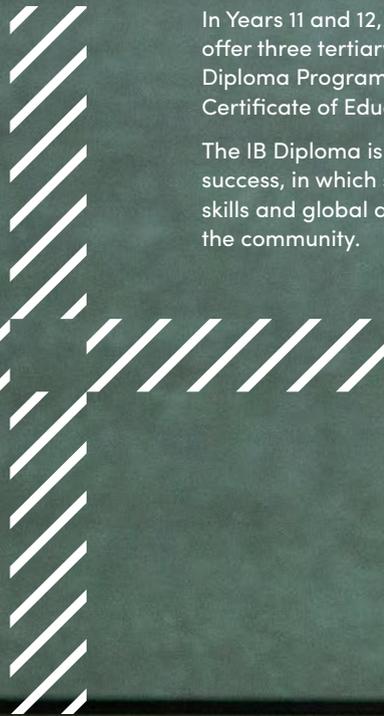
At PLC, we recognise the individual and take a team approach to offer personalised education. It is important to us that your daughter is known and valued and that her academic progress and wellbeing are monitored and developed. In the Senior School our staff work as a team to support every student.

Each Year group is headed by a Pastoral and Academic Care Co-ordinator who is responsible for the overall cohort. A House system divides girls into House Tutor Year groups with whom students meet daily and which forms a key element of the School's pastoral care programme.

From Years 7 to 10, students are offered a broad-based curriculum to study beyond the foundation subjects of mathematics, science, humanities and English. These include music, dance, drama, creative and visual arts, health and physical education and philosophy and religious studies. Girls can also learn French or Mandarin.

In Years 11 and 12, PLC is the only girls' school in Western Australia to offer three tertiary pathways – the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, the WA Certificate of Education ATAR and the WA Certificate of Education vocation and education training programme.

The IB Diploma is widely considered an excellent pathway for future success, in which students develop their creativity, critical thinking skills and global awareness as well as being active members of the community.







Boarding at PLC

Being a boarder is an amazing and exciting journey. Boarding is a special way to experience life at a school.

At PLC, the boarders are very important members of the school community and are involved in all that the School has to offer, as well as a wide range of activities organised by the boarding staff.

To help students transition to boarding as seamlessly as possible, the School has developed 'About Being Connected' or ABC@PLC. The programme is all about connecting girls with each other, with boarding staff and teachers using technology, ahead of students starting at PLC.

The Boarding House provides structured and supervised homework and study sessions on weekdays. These are overseen by dedicated Boarding House Learning Co-ordinators.

Our boarders come from many parts of Western Australia, Australian and overseas. The girls bring a wealth of cultural and family backgrounds to our community and we value and celebrate these individual differences.

Academic Excellence

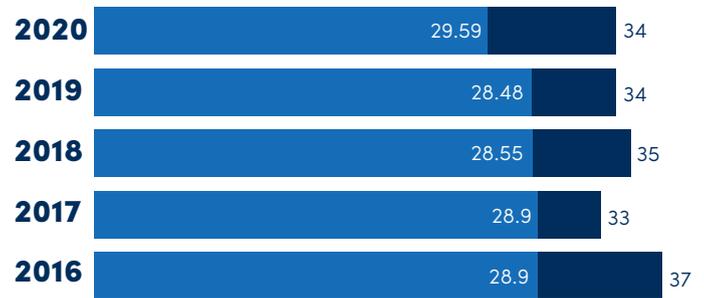
PLC Perth regularly achieves outstanding academic results, with WACE ATAR and IB Diploma results well above the State and world median, respectively.

Median ATAR



● State Median ATAR ● PLC Median ATAR

Median IB Diploma Score (Total of 40)



● IB Diploma World Median Score ● IB Diploma PLC Median Score

Our students have accepted scholarships at universities throughout Australia and overseas and feature prominently in the WA Certificate of Education awards of excellence and distinction.



Sporting Success

At PLC we are passionate sportswomen. PLC is a member of the Independent Girls' School Sports Association and fields teams in inter-school swimming, tennis, volleyball, athletics, hockey, netball, basketball, soccer, Australian Rules Football, softball and waterpolo.

PLC Perth is the current titleholder for the Girls' Schools Head of the River for rowing. PLC has won the Head of the River every year, bar one, since 2012 and has won both the Head of the River Champion School and Perpetual Trophy for Schoolgirl Premiers every year for the past eight years.

We believe in the power of sport to bring out the best in girls and we believe every girl is worthy of the opportunity to strive for their personal best.





Music

Music plays an important role in the life of PLC. Music education is seen as a facilitator for personal and creative growth, providing numerous opportunities for girls to explore, create and perform within various education contexts.

The School offers an extensive music programme to students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12, supporting current research that highlights the learning benefits both intrinsically and extrinsically from music study and participation.

PLC Perth also boasts the only girls' school Pipe Band in Western Australia. Now in its 40th year, the PLC Perth Pipe Band is a beloved part of the School and its

members are regularly asked to play at events throughout Perth and Western Australia every year.

In 2022 PLC will open the School's new Music Centre – a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of the School between the Junior and Senior campuses. It will accommodate the instrumental programme, chorales and ensembles.

PLC Lighthouse

PLC Perth is the first school in Western Australia to deliver a dedicated health and wellbeing programme in a purpose-built facility – the PLC Lighthouse.

It's workspaces include;

- Meditation room
- Recharge room
- Expressive arts room
- Movement room, circuit room and gymnasium
- Food and nutrition area
- Consultation rooms for allied health professionals including school psychologists, a physiotherapist, occupational therapist and speech therapists.

Research shows that school-based social and emotional learning is associated with improved social and emotional skills, behaviour and academic achievement. (Durlak, Weissberg, Grynrock, Taylor & Schellinger, 2011).

A study of 287 Australian schools found that the highest academic scores occurred when mental health promotion was included in a school's priorities. (Allen, Kern, Vell-Brodrick & Waters, 2017).

Our wellbeing approach includes a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate PK – 12 wellbeing curricula. We also promote the integration of wellbeing through teaching methods and practice. The PLC Lighthouse supports students to practise the skills of wellbeing and to help them build community wellbeing.

Community service projects form a central platform in the delivery of our Lighthouse programmes. We aim to shape a culture of social and environmental awareness to contribute to a safe, equitable and sustainable world. Our students have worked with agencies including World Vision, Ronald McDonald House, Smith Family and the World's Greatest Shave, to name a few.







Ripples & Waves

In 2021 PLC Perth introduced Ripples & Waves to our wellbeing programme. Ripples & Waves is a curriculum-based self-leadership programme which encourages all students to redefine leadership and understand that they do not need a badge to lead.

Centred around the principle of service leadership, the programme has wellbeing at its heart. Named after the quote by Mother Teresa – “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples” – Ripples & Waves aims to challenge and inspire girls by introducing them to communities, environments and stories which give them new perspectives and challenge their thinking.

Ripples & Waves is being introduced to Year 9 students in 2021 as a pilot programme, with the aim to expand it across the School from 2022.





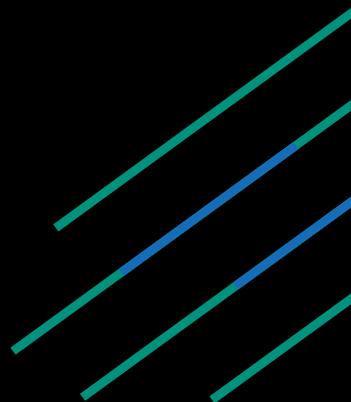
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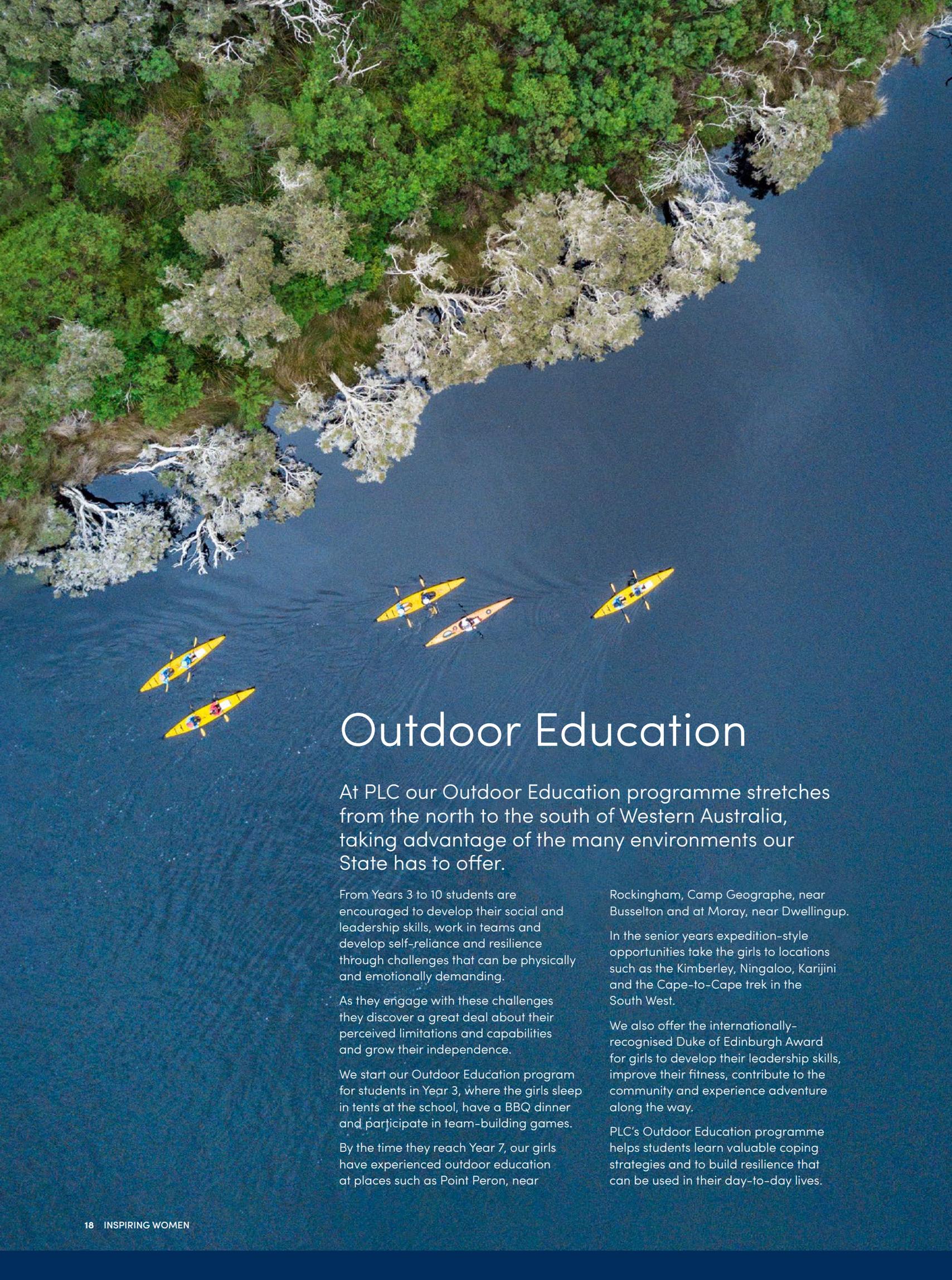


**I AM PROUD
I AM ME**



**I HAVE A VOICE
I AM ME**





Outdoor Education

At PLC our Outdoor Education programme stretches from the north to the south of Western Australia, taking advantage of the many environments our State has to offer.

From Years 3 to 10 students are encouraged to develop their social and leadership skills, work in teams and develop self-reliance and resilience through challenges that can be physically and emotionally demanding.

As they engage with these challenges they discover a great deal about their perceived limitations and capabilities and grow their independence.

We start our Outdoor Education program for students in Year 3, where the girls sleep in tents at the school, have a BBQ dinner and participate in team-building games.

By the time they reach Year 7, our girls have experienced outdoor education at places such as Point Peron, near

Rockingham, Camp Geographe, near Busselton and at Moray, near Dwellingup.

In the senior years expedition-style opportunities take the girls to locations such as the Kimberley, Ningaloo, Karijini and the Cape-to-Cape trek in the South West.

We also offer the internationally-recognised Duke of Edinburgh Award for girls to develop their leadership skills, improve their fitness, contribute to the community and experience adventure along the way.

PLC's Outdoor Education programme helps students learn valuable coping strategies and to build resilience that can be used in their day-to-day lives.



Parents as Partners

PLC is proud of its connection with a large number of support groups which foster friendships and communication channels, as well as support PLC with important events and activities.

PLC PARENTS

PLC Parents is a sub-committee of the PLC Council and is the group which represents the interests of parents and promotes the School's ethos of providing a supportive environment for all members of our community.

PLC Parents fosters friendships within the community and fundraisers for initiatives that support the educational, spiritual, physical and social development of the students and the School.

The group also supports the numerous volunteers who take on roles within the School community to promote PLC, such as Year Representatives and positions responsible for fundraising activities, social gatherings and year group events such as the Year 12 Ball.



Old Collegians' Association

One of the strengths of PLC is its strong sense of community felt by students past and present and the lifelong friendships forged at school.

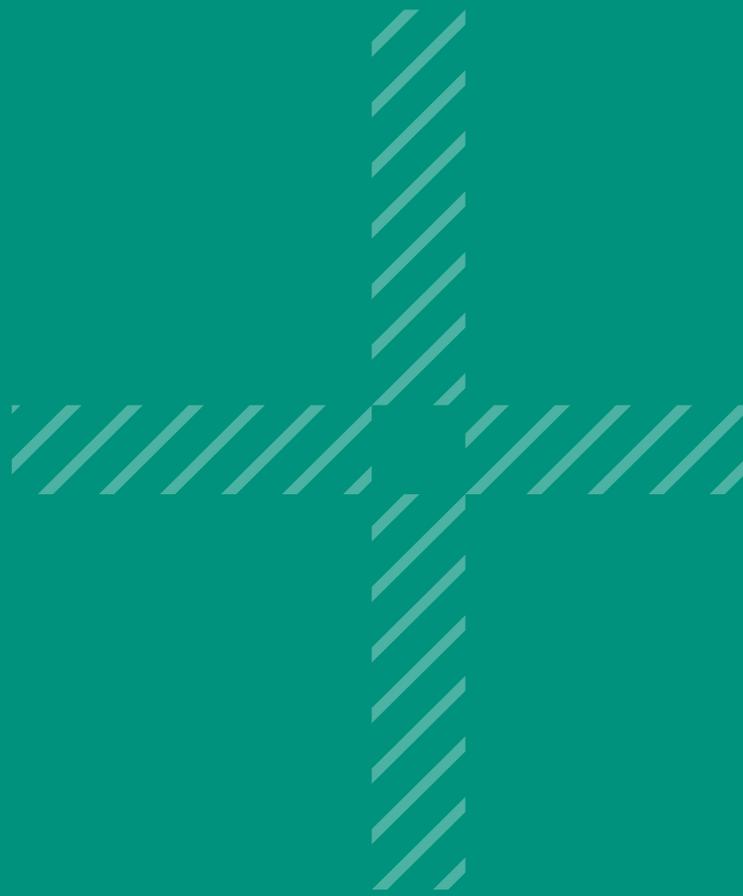
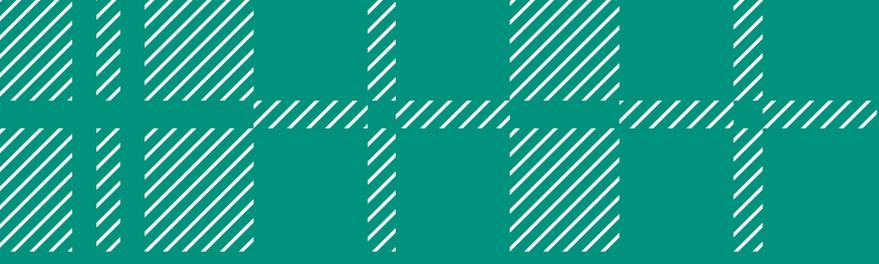
The PLC Old Collegians' Association (OCA) was founded in 1920 and connects, promotes and celebrates our former students. PLC 'Old Girls' stay involved in school life, reconnecting at reunions and networking and engaging at special school events.

PLC Foundation

It is the Foundation's task to ensure there will always be a generation at PLC today, who benefit from the foresight of, and generosity from, generations past.

This can occur either through scholarships to those whose family circumstances would otherwise not allow them to become a PLC girl, or through funding capital projects.

All gifts to the Foundation, whether they be donations made during a lifetime or through a bequest, support its mission to provide a centre of academic excellence for the education of tomorrow's leaders.



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