



ST PETERS GIRLS



About St Peter's Girls' School

The School was opened in 1894 by the Community of the Sisters of the Church, pioneering women who sailed from England to the other side of the world, to a city they knew little about. They left their lives behind and arrived with very few possessions, but what they brought to our shores was priceless: a vision for quality girls' education. The School was established in North Adelaide and moved to its present site at Stonyfell, 5km east of Adelaide, in 1957.

As we celebrate our 125th anniversary, our girls are inspired to follow in the footsteps of our founding Sisters as women of courage, creativity and compassion.



Adelaide, Australia

Adelaide is often ranked among the world's safest and most liveable cities, boasting qualities in healthcare, housing and the environment. It is also globally recognised as a leader in education, making it a premier destination for international students.

Located in Adelaide's picturesque foothills, St Peter's Girls is an exclusive campus with a blend of historic and modern buildings surrounded by tranquil bushland. It offers a number of excellent facilities including a brand new Middle School and Library, science and technology hubs, dance studio, music rooms, performance hall, swimming pool, gymnasium, six tennis courts and a large sporting oval.

We operate a private bus system and have easy access to public transport.

About our Principal



Ms Julia Shea has led St Peter's Girls since the start of 2014 when she became the School's 12th Principal. She is a distinguished educator with a wealth of leadership experience. She holds a Master of Education Administration (University of New England) and a Bachelor of Science degree (University of Tasmania).

Before joining St Peter's Girls, Ms Shea served more than a decade as Deputy Head (Head of Learning and Teaching) at Newington College, an all-boys' school in Sydney. Prior to that appointment, she was Head of Mathematics, a discipline she remains extremely passionate about.

She is also a leading advocate of single-sex education and has three daughters who attend St Peter's Girls. "Single-sex schools influence girls to be more competitive and less risk-averse than in co-educational environments," she said.

"Research from around the world continues to show girls in single-sex schools are more confident in their studies, particularly when it comes to STEM subjects – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"Along with SACE and the International Baccalaureate, our School has a range of complementary learning programs and co-curricular activities that put students on the fast-track to success, both in and outside of the classroom."



Internationally Acknowledged

St Peter's Girls prides itself on academic success that is acknowledged and harnessed around the world. The School's results in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) are consistently among the best in the State thanks to our superior teaching staff and meticulous preparation.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) was introduced in 2012 as an option for senior students. This globally-recognised pathway provides an academically challenging pre-university matriculation course that can open doors around the world. All programs at St Peter's Girls are designed to prepare international students for university study. Our small class sizes facilitate excellent academic outcomes.

2017 Academic Results

Our Year 12 Class of 2017 has reinforced our tradition of success across both the SACE and IB Diploma pathways, with the cohort achieving the following results:

- > **45.3% received an ATAR over 95, placing them in the top 5% nationally**
- > **Median ATAR: 94.75**
- > **Top ATAR: 99.95**
- > **Merit Awards: 37**
- > **Tennyson Medal**

Dux of IB and overall Dux of the School, Emily Murdock, achieved a perfect score of 45 out of 45 with a 99.95 ATAR equivalent, and earned eight merits - one of only two students in the State to do so. Emily was accepted to study at Harvard University in the USA.

Our pupils go on to pursue a variety of tertiary studies, with most being offered their first preference university course.



EDGE

Gifted and talented students are entitled to rigorous, relevant and engaging learning opportunities. The EDGE program (Extended, Differentiated and Gifted Education) ensures these needs are met through enrichment, extension and acceleration. The program is tailored to the individual, allowing them to learn at their optimum rate and maximise opportunities for self-fulfilment and development. Activities focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Philosophy, Critical Literacy and Creative Problem-Solving.

Participating students leave their regular classes for one lesson per week to work in extension groups. Girls also take on exciting academic competitions and stimulating extra-curricular activities.

Most importantly, the program delves into our classrooms, as our EDGE Coordinator works with teachers to ensure every student is provided with stretch and challenge.

Intensive Languages Program

In 2016, our School introduced a new Intensive Languages Program for our Junior School students. It has already established Saints Girls as a leader in language education in South Australia.

Reception - Year 3 students take part in two language lessons a week, in either Chinese or French. They continue this language until the end of Year 6. The intensity of language learning increases from Year 4, with students participating in four lessons per week.

A separate class is also held for native speakers of Mandarin Chinese at an alternative time, during which their first language skills will be fostered and developed. Native Mandarin Chinese speakers study French as their additional language.

The Junior School curriculum follows the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP). As students progress to Year 7, they can elect to study Chinese, French or Japanese for the three years of Middle School. These languages, as well as Spanish ab initio, are also options for Senior School students.



Curriculum Outline

Middle School Subjects

Our Middle School caters for students in Years 7 to 9. As well as undertaking a range of core subjects such as Mathematics and Science, students also study a language. In addition, our girls experience a range of other disciplines such as Drama, Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Digital Technology. In Years 7 and 8, students create an entrepreneurial project through our innovative in-house Futures Program.

Every year, our students develop a close working relationship with their Home Group teacher who acts as a mentor, guide and link between student and parents. These expert teachers also deliver aspects of our wellbeing program, building each student's personal and time management skills.

Middle School Overview

Core subject (all students take this subject)

Elective subject

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
English	English	English
History	History	History
Geography	Geography	Geography
Philosophy and Religion	Philosophy and Religion	Philosophy and Religion
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science	Science
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts
Music	Music	Music
Physical Theatre	Drama	Drama
French, Chinese or Japanese	Dance	Dance
Food Technology	French, Chinese or Japanese	French, Chinese or Japanese
Digital Technologies	Food Technology	Design Technology
Health	Digital Technologies	Food Technology
Physical Education	Health	Engineering Technologies (eTECH)
Futures Entrepreneurial thinking and experiences linked to 21st century problems		Health
	Physical Education	Physical Education
		Rite Journey

Please note: Subjects will be offered depending on student interest. Please use this table as a guide.





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Senior School Subjects

Our Senior School provides more academic choice for students through both the SACE and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB). Our curriculum for Years 10 - 12 caters for students with a range of abilities and interests, providing a strong academic focus leading to university entry. The two curriculum choices, SACE and IB, both deliver an excellent foundation for future learning and career pathways.

Our girls are also able to undertake IB Diploma subjects as a SACE student to gain the appropriate credits towards their SACE qualification.

A key feature of our delivery of the SACE curriculum is that students study the Stage 1 subject, Personal Learning Plan, during Year 10. The Research Project (Stage 2) is completed in Year 11. Depending on students' readiness, Stage 2 subjects may also be completed in Year 11.

Senior School Overview

YEAR 10	YEAR 11 SACE	YEAR 12 SACE
Dance	Dance	Dance
Drama	Drama	Drama
Music	Music	Music: Ensemble Performance Music: Music Studies Music: Solo Performance
Visual Arts: Art/Design	Visual Arts: Art/Design	Visual Arts: Art/Design
English English as an Additional Language	English Literary Studies General English	English English Literary Studies
Health and Physical Education High Performance (Training Responses and Game Analysis)	Physical Education	Certificate III in Fitness Physical Education
History (20th Century World) History Uncut Justice and Society	Legal Studies Modern History	Legal Studies Modern History
Chinese French Japanese	Languages (choose from IB languages)	Languages (choose from IB languages)
Essential Mathematics Mathematics	Essential Mathematics General Mathematics Mathematical Methods (A, B & C) Specialist Mathematics (D)	Essential Mathematics General Mathematics Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics
Business, Enterprise and Technologies	Business Innovation Digital Technologies	Business and Enterprise Digital Technologies
Forensic Science GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science) Psychology Science	Biology Chemistry Nutrition Physics Psychology	Biology Chemistry Nutrition Physics Psychology
Food Technology	Food and Hospitality	Food and Hospitality
Personal Learning Plan	Research Project	
Study Support		

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IB Diploma Programme

An IB education develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring graduates through a two-year course that culminates in a globally-recognised qualification.

The IB Diploma curriculum emphasises both breadth and depth of knowledge. Students study six subjects as well as three core components: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) and the Extended Essay (EE). These core areas broaden the educational experience and challenge students to apply their knowledge.

Subjects can be undertaken at a standard or higher level. Students study Literature and Mathematics, and can choose other subjects including Chinese, French, Japanese, Spanish, Economics, Global Politics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Visual Arts.

The IB Diploma is highly regarded by tertiary institutions both locally and overseas, creating global pathways for graduates.

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS offered at St Peter's Girls
Group 1
English A: Literature
Chinese A: Language and Literature
Group 2
Language B: Chinese/English/French/Japanese
Spanish ab initio
Group 3
Economics
Global Politics
Psychology
Group 4
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Group 5
Mathematics
Mathematical Studies
Group 6
Visual Arts
Core
Creativity, Activity, Service
Extended Essay
Theory of Knowledge

IB POINTS	ATAR NATIONAL CONVERSION
45	99.95
44	99.85
43	99.70
42	99.40
41	98.80
40	98.25
39	97.50
38	96.70
37	95.75
36	94.50
35	93.30
34	92.10
33	90.65
32	88.95
31	87.10
30	84.40
29	81.90
28	79.90
27	77.65
26	75.15
25	72.10
24	68.70

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Co and Extra-Curricular Activities

St Peter's Girls has an extensive offering of co and extra-curricular activities to complement our girls' academic pursuits. We aim to ensure our students are well-rounded individuals with cultural and sporting interests that extend beyond the classroom walls.

Clubs/Activities	Music	Sport (Summer)	Sport (Winter)
Environment Club	Stage Band	Aerobics	Australian Rules Football
Chess Club	Flute Ensemble	Athletics	Badminton
Debating	Percussion Ensemble	Basketball	Hockey
Public Speaking	Rock Band	Gymnastics (R - 6)	Lacrosse
Coding Club	Chapel Band	Rowing	Netball
Student Representative Council	Senior Strings	Softball	Soccer
Leadership	Vocal Quintet	Swimming	
Year 12 Prefects	Large Vocal Ensemble	Tennis	
House and Sport Leaders	Concert Choir	Touch Football	
Service, Events and Arts Leaders	Chamber Choir	Volleyball	
		Water Polo	

School camps, trips and social activities

St Peter's Girls runs a variety of camps, study tours and social activities which are held locally, interstate and overseas to foster personal development and self-esteem as well as enriching and building the community life of the School.

Outdoor education trips teach students about camping, nature and teamwork. Study tours are also held, with examples including a week-long visit exploring heritage, sport and technology in Canberra, a study tour encompassing history and war remembrance in Europe and a field trip to Sovereign Hill in Victoria to experience life during Australia's gold rush in the 1850s.

Various social activities are arranged by the School including outings for international students who invite non-international classmates. Recent activities have included rock climbing, sky walking, dodge ball and trampolining, allowing the girls to have fun while strengthening their social bonds.

There are also ample opportunities for our students to socialise, learn and compete with boys and students from other schools through debating, chess, public speaking, dance, music and sport. The School Formal is another highlight on the calendar for many of our senior girls.

Tutor Program

The St Peter's Girls' School Tutor Program is a free service provided to Years 7 - 12 students. Its purpose is to nurture positive study habits while supporting girls to understand their classroom learning and consolidate their knowledge.

This is a highly flexible program that students can use at scheduled times. Our tutors are all recent Old Scholars who know the demands of being a student. They are some of our best and brightest graduates who have been carefully selected to cover key course areas.



Fee Structure 2019

Application for Enrolment

Application fees are non-refundable and must be paid in Australian currency.

Application fee	\$120
Enrolment confirmation fee	\$1000

Tuition Fees \$ AU	
Reception to Year 3	\$24,300 per annum
Years 4 – 6	\$27,900 per annum
Years 7 – 9	\$31,800 per annum
Years 10 – 12	\$35,000 per annum
IB Levy Year 11	\$1,350 per annum
IB Levy Year 12	\$2,030 per annum

Non-tuition charges \$ AU	
Australian Homestay Network Placement Fee	\$290 (once only, includes airport pick up)
Homestay accommodation	\$325 per week The host family can charge the student an extra \$10 per week for internet.
Uniform	\$1,500 approx
School bus service	\$310 per term (optional)
Individual music tuition	\$35 - \$40 per 30-minute lesson (optional)
Overseas Student Health Cover	\$535 per annum (2018 rate)
Extra-curricular activities (e.g. rowing, social events and Service Learning trips)	Costs vary. To be advised as requested.

Living arrangements and support

International students can live with a parent or nominated relative/guardian, or they can live in School-approved homestay accommodation. This is organised in conjunction with an authorised homestay provider and involves full board accommodation offered by a family, couple or single person where a set weekly fee is charged. Living in homestay helps international students become part of the wider community and learn more about Australian culture. It provides a comfortable study environment and interaction within a family setting. At the School itself, international students enjoy a comprehensive support network including a dedicated International Student Coordinator, personal counselling, EALD teaching and specialised tutoring.

For more information, please visit our website at stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au or contact Ann Li via ali@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au



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