



ST PETERS
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Global Academy



One of the key principles of St Peter's Girls' School is that we are not just educating our students to pass examinations, but to develop our graduates to the extent that they leave as forthright, independent young women who are prepared to participate in and engage with, the world outside School.

Global Academy at St Peter's Girls

Creating global citizens

The Global Academy aims to build a culture of capability whereby the students will be encouraged to make a difference in their world and not be bystanders. The program allows our students to not only learn about the world, but also experience it and apply the knowledge learned to their interactions with others.

The three sections of the Global Academy include:

The Global Action Program

This program formalises and encourages student involvement in charities and not-for-profit organisations on a local, national and international level. It begins with Units of Inquiry in Year 6 and is developed through the Futures program in Years 7 and 8. All students in Middle and Senior School are involved in the development of relationships with their House charity.

The Global Curriculum

As an IB PYP and Diploma School, and with International Mindedness and Connectivity central to the Middle School Curriculum Framework, we are committed to placing all learning in its global context and to enriching the curriculum by making international links that promote intercultural and global understanding.

The Global Experience Program

Our aim is to offer all students the opportunity of an overseas experience during their time at St Peter's Girls' School. This currently occurs in one of three ways:

- Providing students in Years 9 and 10 with the opportunity to spend time in one of our 'sister' schools around the world as part of our 'homestay' exchange program
- Service learning trips for Year 11s to Cambodia and Years 11 – 12 to Fiji
- Study trip to Europe

Current Overseas Opportunities

Study Trip

Europe

Every two or three years, students in Years 9 – 11 have the opportunity to travel to Europe for three weeks. The itinerary takes in historical sites in London and Paris, as well as the Palace of Versailles. Students then spend three days visiting World War I battlefields and memorials, as well as experiencing the Last Post Ceremony under the Menin Gate. They then travel to Berlin, Munich and Dachau where they visit sites related to World War II.

Service Learning Trips

Cambodia

This annual joint service/volunteer trip in December with Prince Alfred College sees students building houses with Volunteer Building Cambodia and volunteering at New Hope for Cambodian Children. Students also get to immerse themselves in Cambodian culture, and visit historically significant sites. It is open to Year 11 students and can form an important part of the IB Diploma's Creativity, activity, service (CAS) component.

Fiji

Vinaka Volunteering - held during the July holidays. Students work in the Education Program at the local school on Barefoot Manta Island, supporting sustainable agriculture initiatives and establishing clean water storage. It is open to Years 11 – 12 students and can form an important part of the IB Diploma's Creativity, activity, service (CAS) component.

Current Overseas Exchange Opportunities

Our Global Exchange program aims to foster a deep understanding of and appreciation for cultures and peoples around the world. It provides the opportunity for St Peter's Girls' students to come into contact with a range of opinions, experiences and backgrounds. It helps our students learn about the complexities and interconnectedness of the global society in which we live whilst allowing them to compare their own culture with that of another country. Importantly, our exchange program gives our students a chance to discover more about themselves and appreciate their place in this world in a way that can only be achieved by stepping outside of their comfort zones.

Canada – a 5 or 6 week reciprocal homestay exchange at Miss Edgar and Miss Cramp's School, Montreal. Open to Year 9 students.

Japan – a 3 week homestay exchange for students studying Japanese in Years 8 – 12 at Senzoku Gakuen, Kawasaki, near Tokyo.

UK – a 3 week reciprocal exchange at Sherborne Girls in Dorset, UK. Our students stay in the Boarding House, in the January holidays immediately preceding Year 10.

USA – a 4 week reciprocal homestay exchange for Year 10 students in January/February at Kent Place School in Summit, New Jersey, about an hour west of New York City.

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