



MERIDEN
AN ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Welcome



Throughout their school life Meriden girls are equipped to make a positive difference in their world. Our girls are global citizens who are encouraged to be open-minded and inclusive and to respond to situations with integrity, responsibility and compassion.

At Meriden every girl is valued and her journey through the school is guided according to her individual needs. Our School is a community that supports and encourages students in their artistic, service, athletic and cultural endeavours while keeping academic excellence at its heart. We limit our class sizes to allow teachers to foster curiosity, initiative, perseverance and enthusiasm for learning in their students.

At Meriden we care about our girls' performance and their wellbeing and believe that, by nurturing both, we are best placed to help our students to achieve their potential.

Our School's academic outcomes are outstanding and most of our graduates are accepted into the top universities in Australia and abroad. We are equally proud of our students' achievements in music, sport, debating and their many other pursuits.

Meriden is renowned for its commitment to developing well-rounded young women who are confident, articulate and generous, well-equipped to become courageous and innovative leaders of the future.

Meriden caters for girls from Pre-Kindergarten (four years of age) to Year 12. We invite you to tour our facilities and witness the energy and exuberance of our impressive School.



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MRS LISA BROWN
Principal

Inspiring young minds





Young minds are curious, adventurous and vibrant. They are receptive and open, responsive to ideas and direction.



At Meriden we inspire these young minds by nurturing them according to individual needs. We understand that intellectual curiosity is unique to every student, and our small class sizes allow our teachers to know students personally and ensure that each girl has a voice.



Meriden puts strong emphasis on finding individual paths of learning for each girl. Our experienced teachers draw upon a range of teaching and learning strategies to cater to the different needs of students, and the different ways they learn. We provide positive, student-focused learning environments and deliver a rich, diverse curriculum designed around clear learning goals. Performance and wellbeing are carefully monitored. It is our aim that every student is actively engaged in the classroom.

From their earliest years at Meriden, our students are challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their full potential. They are given opportunities to extend themselves in the classroom, on the sporting field, in the performing arts and in a myriad of other activities. They are supported in their pursuits by a friendly and caring school community that helps develop confident, compassionate and resilient young women.

Through special academic enrichment programs, we extend and challenge very able students as well as giving support to those requiring additional assistance.


Dedicated, creative and enthusiastic teaching helps our girls achieve personal goals and academic success, while experiencing the rewards of being curious, thinking creatively, using initiative and exploring ideas.



ENT ENDEAVOUR

Nurturing spirited hearts





Passion, energy, generosity, determination.

These are some of the keys that unlock the wonders of a student's world. Her journey of discovery can lead to a passion for music, drama, sport, or debating. It can lead to performing in front of crowds, creating masterpieces or experimenting in science labs. These passions are formed when we encourage students to look for new horizons and to be brave, optimistic and adventurous. We encourage students to challenge themselves and others in their quest for knowledge, fulfilment and improvement.

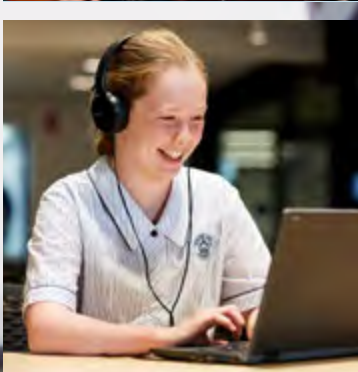
At Meriden we build the spirits of our girls by showing them how to explore and express their individual talents, and to celebrate and appreciate achievements both large and small. Our girls are encouraged to seek challenges, to learn from their mistakes and to be resilient enough to keep trying, learning and improving. Under the guidance of our pastoral care programs, our students explore personal and social issues and learn to build resilience, foster creativity, make sound decisions and become independent.

We expect commitment and perseverance from our girls, and in return they experience the thrill of achievement, of reaching their goals and of being part of a successful team. The rewards build confidence, self-worth and respect in individuals and in the school community.

All students are encouraged to participate in Meriden's vast array of cocurricular activities. Cadets, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, theatre sports, musical productions, debating, community service, science clubs, robotics, public speaking, chess clubs, orchestras, ensembles and choirs provide activities for every ability and an opportunity for all girls to explore their interests and develop their talents. There is a place for everyone in our sports teams too. They include athletics, badminton, basketball, diving, football, netball, swimming, tennis, volleyball and water polo as well as physical fitness activities.

At Meriden, every student is known and her unique contribution to the life of the School is valued.

Equipping life-long learners





Inquiry, reflection, creativity, excellence.

Meriden is a school that equips students to develop the skills and qualities required for independent, life-long learning. Our students are taught to be flexible thinkers, creative problem-solvers and skilled communicators.

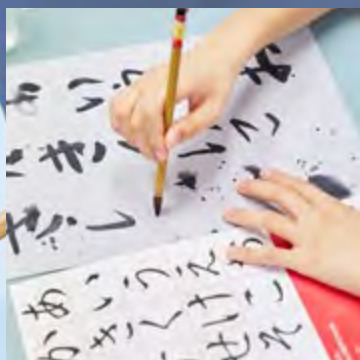
The framework for teaching and learning at Meriden is student-centred and based on best educational practice. It includes a wide range of enriching and holistic educational programs and activities across the entire school.

At Meriden, learning is a partnership. Our girls and their teachers work together to explore concepts, solve problems and overcome challenges. Our students learn how to think and reflect, and how to organise their work and their time. They acquire important research skills such as how to collect data, differentiate between the quality of different types of information, analyse the data and form valid conclusions. They become skilled communicators who can present their ideas in a confident and articulate manner.

The use of information technology at Meriden reflects the world in which our students live. It is integrated across all subject areas as a tool to enhance learning. Teaching our students to make their way through, and benefit from, the virtual world is achieved by giving them access to technology in its many forms in an age-appropriate manner. It is our aim that Meriden girls become responsible digital citizens and discerning users of technology who can access and evaluate information from all sources.

Meriden girls develop a thirst for knowledge and confidence to reach their goals. Throughout their time at Meriden they experience the value of learning and of applying independent thinking to situations throughout life.

Enhancing our communities





Meriden girls are citizens of the world, whose classroom knows no bounds.

An understanding of other people and other cultures prepares our students to live and work in the global community of the future. Developing a broad, international outlook is built into all areas of learning from as early as Pre-Kindergarten.

Global mindedness helps our students appreciate their place in the world, and to respect and value diversity. They are taught to understand and appreciate the value of the physical world.

At Meriden, all students study a language other than English until Year 8 and we encourage them to continue this richly rewarding experience through to Year 12.

Our Senior School students have the opportunity to learn about other cultures first-hand through overseas tours, exchange programs, and specialised programs such as Global Studies which develops the capabilities required to identify and address complex real-world problems.

Gaining a sense of global issues helps our girls develop passions and interests that inspire them into action. They learn how to effect positive change and make a difference in the world. Meriden girls thrive through their involvement in community service, social justice and sustainability programs.

A global outlook on living and learning helps our students develop the skills required to stand out from the crowd and take the lead. All students are nurtured and encouraged to undertake leadership roles throughout their time at Meriden. There are numerous opportunities to assume responsibility and, with the right guidance and support, we believe that every girl can develop the skills and confidence to become an effective leader.

Building strong faith





Compassion, integrity, courage and respect.

These are the Christian values that form the foundation of our School, and guide our students on their path through life. Our students and teachers live these values, and by doing so they build a school community where students feel loved, respected and confident. Living our values builds trust between students, teachers and families, and provides an environment where people feel safe and secure.

The culture of our School is based on the Christian faith and our expression of this faith is consistent with Anglican tradition. It explores the person of Jesus and teachings of the Bible while promoting respect for those of other faiths and backgrounds. Girls of all religious faiths and cultural backgrounds are welcome at our School.

At Meriden, values are experienced, not taught by textbook. Our Chaplaincy team is pivotal to the life of the School, and runs programs and activities that provide guidance, support and pastoral care to our school community. Weekly Chapel services and Christian Education classes provide girls with the framework for ethical thinking, moral decision-making and dealing with the issues of life. Voluntary student Christian groups at all age levels meet regularly at lunch time to encourage each other, pray and learn from the thoughts and experiences of their peers. These groups enable girls to explore the Bible and discuss issues that are relevant for them. Our students become well placed to deal with the ethical dilemmas that exist in everyday life.

Community service plays a significant role at Meriden. Our girls learn to serve their friends, family, peers and the community with understanding, grace and generosity. They gain a deep understanding of the importance of making meaningful contributions to the community through their participation in community service activities and they experience first-hand what it means to be an active and engaged citizen.

We encourage our students to be thoughtful and generous, to be positive and persistent and to enjoy the fun and rewards of friendship, and being a true friend.

Meriden girls make their *marks.*





Meriden girls are given opportunities to experience life and learning in ways they may never have imagined.

While academic success is the foundation of the education at Meriden, experiences in the performing arts, sport and numerous cocurricular activities provide a complete education.

Every year Meriden ranks among the top independent girls' schools in the Higher School Certificate, with students consistently featuring on the HSC All-Round Achievers' List. Often Meriden girls are in the top five placings in NSW in a particular subject, putting them among the state's elite academic achievers. The results of our younger students in external literacy and numeracy testing far surpass the state average and their performance in state-wide individual subject competitions is equally impressive.

The major projects of our HSC students are consistently showcased in Encore and OnStage performances and ArtExpress and Shape exhibitions. These events feature the most outstanding HSC major works in Music, Drama, Design and Technology and Visual Arts from across the state each year.

The opportunities provided in performing arts, sport, debating, public speaking, theatre sports and other activities have seen our girls' talents showcased in competitions and performances across Australia and the world. Our musicians and singers have performed for audiences in Europe and Asia to resounding ovation. They consistently place amongst the top performers in competitions such as the Sydney Eisteddfod. Meriden has a thriving Music Department which aims to foster a love of music in every student and develop the skills of talented young musicians. It is supported by the Meriden Music Academy which offers professional instruction in music, speech and drama.

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Our School has a proud tradition of fostering strong public speakers and our girls regularly debate their way to the champion's podium in the annual Archdale Debating competition.

Meriden girls are given the opportunity to participate in a vast array of sports, and have represented Australia at international level in athletics, swimming, water polo and tennis. The Meriden Tennis Academy has nurtured some extraordinary talent. In international competition, the Meriden team has been crowned World Schools Tennis Champions and, at home, the Meriden team has won the Tildesley Tennis tournament each consecutive year for many years. Every year, several of Meriden's top athletes secure full scholarships to study at major universities in the USA while representing the university in sport.

Meriden girls also make their mark in leadership and service roles with the Australian Army Cadets and Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. During their years at Meriden all girls develop a comprehensive portfolio of achievement in a range of areas, along with a compelling record of service to their community. It is these impressive portfolios that have enabled some of our girls to gain entry to university courses and secure cadetships with prestigious global organisations even before the release of their HSC results.

Meriden's university entry levels are consistently impressive. Each year approximately 94% of Meriden graduates take up university offers at Sydney's top universities as well as prominent interstate and overseas universities. They study courses as diverse as medicine, law, communications, accounting, economics and the arts.

When our students graduate, they become part of a global network of women who are connected by the experiences and friendships they developed while at Meriden. They achieve success in a vast range of professions and interests and can be found around the world as global citizens making their mark.







Our campuses



On Meriden's picturesque campuses, heritage buildings sit alongside modern, purpose-built architecture. Our school grounds are ever-evolving: with our girls, with technology and with the promise of future possibilities.

Meriden comprises three adjacent campuses – Lingwood, Junior School and Senior School. Each campus is just a short stroll from the others, and this close proximity fosters a special sense of community and school pride across all age groups at Meriden.

LINGWOOD CAMPUS

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten



The Lingwood campus houses Meriden's Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. This purpose-built facility has been architecturally designed to meet the developmental and educational needs of young children. It even contains its own library catering specifically for four to six-year-olds. Vibrant indoor-outdoor spaces make the campus an exciting and inspiring place to learn and grow.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

Year 1 to Year 6





The Junior School campus for students in Years 1 to 6 is set on well-maintained lawns that come alive during recess, lunch, physical education lessons and sport. The campus features modern, light-filled classrooms, a state-of-the-art library, specialised spaces for music, languages and STEM learning as well as an auditorium and Music Academy. Our Junior School students utilise the swimming pool and tennis courts on the Senior School campus.

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

Year 7 to Year 12





Meriden's Senior School campus for students in Years 7 to 12 provides a superb teaching and learning environment with the full range of facilities and resources to cater for all areas of study and interests.

The many dedicated learning spaces include a Maths Learning Centre, Design and Creative Arts Centre, Research Centre and a STEM facility where students gain practical experience with industry-standard technologies ranging from coding and robotics technologies to 3D printers and CNC machines.

A Sports Centre, indoor and outdoor gymnasiums, Tennis Academy, heated pool, Library and Reading Room, together with a brand-new state-of-the-art Music and Drama Centre and Music Academy, enable every girl to expand her interests and hone her talents.



Travelling to Meriden



Meriden's central location in Strathfield makes travelling from all areas of Sydney and surrounding regions convenient and direct.

Our students come from local Inner West suburbs as well as areas further afield such as St George and Sutherland Shire, the Hills District, Northern Districts, Eastern Suburbs, Central Coast and Blue Mountains.

Strathfield is well-served by public transport and the School is only a short walk from Strathfield train station and bus stops.

Trains

A major interchange on the City Rail network, Strathfield is 15 to 20 minutes by train from Sydney city centre and from Parramatta city centre. It is serviced by the Northern, North Shore, Western, Inner West and South lines. Country Rail trains from the NSW Central Coast and the Blue Mountains stop at Strathfield.

Buses

Strathfield can be accessed by government or private bus services from many areas of Sydney.

In addition, Meriden operates its own fleet of private buses to areas where the commute is more difficult to navigate by public transport. Bus routes and timetables can be found on the Meriden website.

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More information

Choosing the right school for your daughter is one of the most important decisions you will make. The best way to find out what Meriden is really like is to visit our School and see our teachers and students at work. Open Mornings are held throughout the year and individual tours can be arranged through our Enrolments Office. We welcome your interest. Please contact:

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