## Designed for All





**EVERY STUDENT BELONGS** At CGGS every girl is welcome and

**Debbie Dunwoody** 



### PRINCIPAL'S

### A CENTURY COMMITTED TO THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG WOMEN

### **OUR HISTORY**

Camberwell Girls Grammar School has survived the Great Depression and World War II; merged with Ormiston Girls' School - Australia's oldest school for girls; became an early adopter of technology and a leader in its use; achieved a long and continued pattern of academic excellence; welcomed students of all faiths and cultures; stayed true to our Christian identity, and truly lived our motto, Useful in Service, for over 100 years. Remarkably, all of this and much more has been accomplished under the leadership of only seven Principals.

From humble beginnings in 1920 with just eight students and one teacher in the hall of St Mark's Church... to now, located on two beautiful campuses just 100 metres apart, CGGS bustles with 800 students,150 staff and a community of parents and old grammarians, all tied by that special bond - a CGGS education

Many things have changed over our 100-year history, however the school's commitment to providing a quality contemporary education for girls has stayed the same.

CGGS has not only survived the last century, it has thrived. Remaining at the forefront of education, CGGS is one of Australia's leading independent schools for girls.



## **SCHOOL MOTTO VISION, MISSION** & VALUES

Camberwell Girls Grammar School

### **AN ANGLICAN** SCHOOL

### Our Vibrant Community

It is each and every single one of us in the CGGS community that makes our school the vibrant, multicultural and highly inclusive school that it is

Diverse communities are vibrant communities. Being part of our community, in which many cultures, religions, ideas and socioeconomic backgrounds exist, exposes our

students to others who are not like them and therefore, enriches their experiences. Diversity also does something else, it helps students to learn.

The population of CGGS covers every continent except Antarctica! It is truly great that we are all different, this is what enriches our community

immensely. Woven through our fine school, woven through each and every CGGS student is a world of different perspectives, cultures and people.

While 72% of our current students were born in Australia and 28% in other countries, one thing is for certain, 100% of them are CGGS girls.

**OF OUR CURRENT STUDENTS WERE BORN IN 24 COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF AUSTRALIA** 

**OUR FIRST** INTERNATIONAL **STUDENT ARRIVED** 

**OUR OLD GRAMMARIANS Countries** 

### **OUR CURRENT COMMUNITY ARRIVED AT CGGS FROM**



**INCLUDING** SIGN LANGUAGE!

### **WE SPEAK OVER**

**WE COME FROM EVERY** CONTINENT **EXCEPT** ANTARCTICA!

> **OUR THERAPY DOG ROSY CANINE!**

**SPEAKS FLUENT** 

# Girl Power of the contract of

### THE BENEFITS OF AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL

When it comes to the education of your daughter, the best you can give her is a contemporary, thoughtful and intentional single-sex education. This is not based on hearsay, or personal opinion, it is a fact!

Research has proven that there are many positive benefits of sending your child to a single-sex school. When it comes to learning, girls learn differently to boys. They also have different social, moral, sporting and cultural needs.

At CGGS we offer a holistic education, designed especially for the ways girls learn best and it's delivered by strong role models. We have developed programs that support and enhance the development of young women.

To maximise the advantages of a single-sex environment, to optimise student achievement and to build confidence in our students, CGGS educators have a range of learning approaches they apply in the classroom to ensure they get the most out of each lesson with our girls.

In addition, CGGS provides a caring and supportive environment; celebrates and acknowledges each girls abilities and talents; encourages participation and risk taking in all academic and co-curricular activities; develops a sense of high self-esteem; ensures girls voices are heard and that there are no boundaries in learning or career aspirations.

By attending CGGS, the best years of her life will be the absolute best years of her life. EDUCATION DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR GIRLS



WE PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

# Early Learning Centre

3 & 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

a warm and welcoming space for both girls and boys. Nestled in the Junior School grounds in a modern and purpose-built facility, it is the perfect environment for our youngest students to commence one of the most important stages of life, the early childhood years.

Staffed by fully qualified educators the team recognise and celebrate

the differences in each child's development, personality and abilities. Education is a process of participation, and we believe meaningful relationships between educators, children, families and the community need to be fostered.

Our aim is to build deep foundations that provide the basis for lifelong learning. We offer a program where young children can work and play together in a friendly, caring and challenging environment.

Our ELC captures and extends the inquisitive nature of young children. We value and recognise the importance and richness of play for children's learning, and the close relationship between play, learning and development.

We encourage children to participate in experiences that provide opportunities for them to question, wonder, inquire, problem solve and explore. In line with our holistic approach to teaching and learning, we embed literacy and numeracy experiences into our

everyday program. We value diversity and promote empathy, equity and social justice.

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including the beautiful outdoor spaces,
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the Library, Chapel, Art and Music rooms.

The CGGS Early Learning Centre is renowned for ensuring children are fully prepared for junior school.

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### **FOUNDATION - YEAR 6**

Albert, the Ormiston site became the School and Senior School together as Education is a partnership and at

Senior School, our stunning Junior and intimate environment. Modern

visually exciting learning spaces, offer an extensive education, which with the oldest girls school in Australia, co-curricular offering, but small enough to 6, our Junior School encourages

committed to working alongside our

confident, and with the knowledge that phase of her education - senior school.

CREATIVE, **ENGAGING** & EXCITING **LEARNING SPACES** 





A STRONG SENSE OF **INDEPENDENCE** 

In Years 7 to 9, each Form Class has two Form Tutors to assist with the care and support of every student in these important years. Form Tutors have allocated time every day to spend with their students. In Years 10 to 12, students belong to a Form Class and the Form Teacher takes on this supportive role.

learning hub and common area that they share with their Year Level Coordinator. Students are encouraged to take ownership of this space, with responsibility for decorating and

A dedicated Student Services Centre is home to the Deputy Principal / Head of Senior School, Counsellors, School Nurses and Professional Services

Our Senior School offers the independence and sense of community that girls need to succeed. Thanks to our broad subject offering, students are given the opportunity to expand their horizons in the lower secondary years, before personalising their academic program in the VCE years.

they develop into young women of compassion and determination, who take responsibility for their own learning and for the welfare of others. They leave CGGS ready to make an impact on the world.



### **OUR EDUCATORS**

At CGGS we are fortunate to have a team of highly qualified educators, who learning environment. have a genuine passion for education and a strong understanding of how girls learn best. Rich with experience,

they bring energy and excitement to the classroom and create a highly positive, collaborative and enjoyable

They are leaders, who set high expectations and expect the very

best of every girl. They know their students and they inspire them to embrace challenges and encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning. Thanks to their talents, our students thrive in the classroom they build resilience, confidence and

independence from an early age. As a result, CGGS students develop a genuine love for lifelong learning.

At the same time, staff learning is a strategic priority for the school. Our unique professional learning

program provides a broad range of opportunities for staff to continue their own lifelong development.

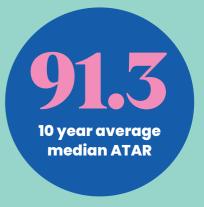
Our aim is to recruit a high calibre of staff, ensuring a high quality education for our students.

### TEACHING WITH ENERGY & VIGOUR

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### OUR LEARNING ARCHITECTURE ...BY DESIGN

Ve recognise the vital importance of preparing our girls for life and work in a rapidly changing world. Being intentional and explicit about our design of education matters if we want woung people to thrive.

CGGS is the only school to use the ...BY DESIGN learning architecture. Why? Because we created it.

Developed over two years by a dedicated in-house team, the group took into consideration relevant data and research around global trends in both the workplace and education.

Launched in 2020, this unique architecture underpins all teaching and learning at CGGS and provides our students with an extraordinary transferable skillset, not only for school but for life.

At CGGS we believe that educating young women for their future means more than imparting discipline-specific knowledge and skills. We want each learning experience to also impart our students with the transferable skills they will need in their lives, no matter what career path they choose.

BY DESIGN is an approach to learning which encompasses our context (who we are and what is important to us), the elements of teaching and learning

that we value (how we design) and the opportunities that it affords (what we do and why we do it). It embraces the school's fundamental characteristics of connection, grit, growth and sustainability and focuses on eight key transferable skills - communication, problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, initiative, leadership, planning and organisation and teamwork.

lt recognises the need to connect learning to real-world experiences and assists students to understand the 'why' of what they are learning as well as the 'how'. It helps students to see the purpose in their learning more clearly than ever.

Ongoing Learning, Seasonal Learning and Pop Up Learning experiences are all planned using the bespoke BY DESIGN App, with teachers ensuring that knowledge, skills and values are explicitly taught within the context of that discipline or experience.

look for and create opportunities, and to tailor programs year-to-year. It is a way of viewing the world, anticipating change and leveraging opportunities. A way of making sense of things, adding value to community, practising wellbeing and taking responsibility as learners - it's a very dynamic way of teaching and learning to ensure our CGGS girls are ready for life beyond the school gates.

WE CONNECT LEARNING TO REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

# Thrive at CGS!



### **CURRICULUM**

Our academic programs at all year levels are developed to make connections between what our students are learning, and the world around them. Every day, both in and out of the classroom, CGGS students are challenged and inspired to grow academically.

The CGGS curriculum is diverse and challenging and our students develop a love of learning from the earliest years.

### **Junior School**

Our Junior School curriculum is continually evolving and our aim is to build deep foundations that provide the base for lifelong learning. We have a holistic approach to teaching and learning and encourage the growth and development of the whole child. Literacy and Numeracy is a focus at all year levels and is designed to be joyful and rigorous. Students from Early Learning to Year 6 also participate in specialist subjects which include Art, Library, Science, Languages and Music. Our Full STEAM Ahead Program enables students at all levels to participate in programs which explore the combined

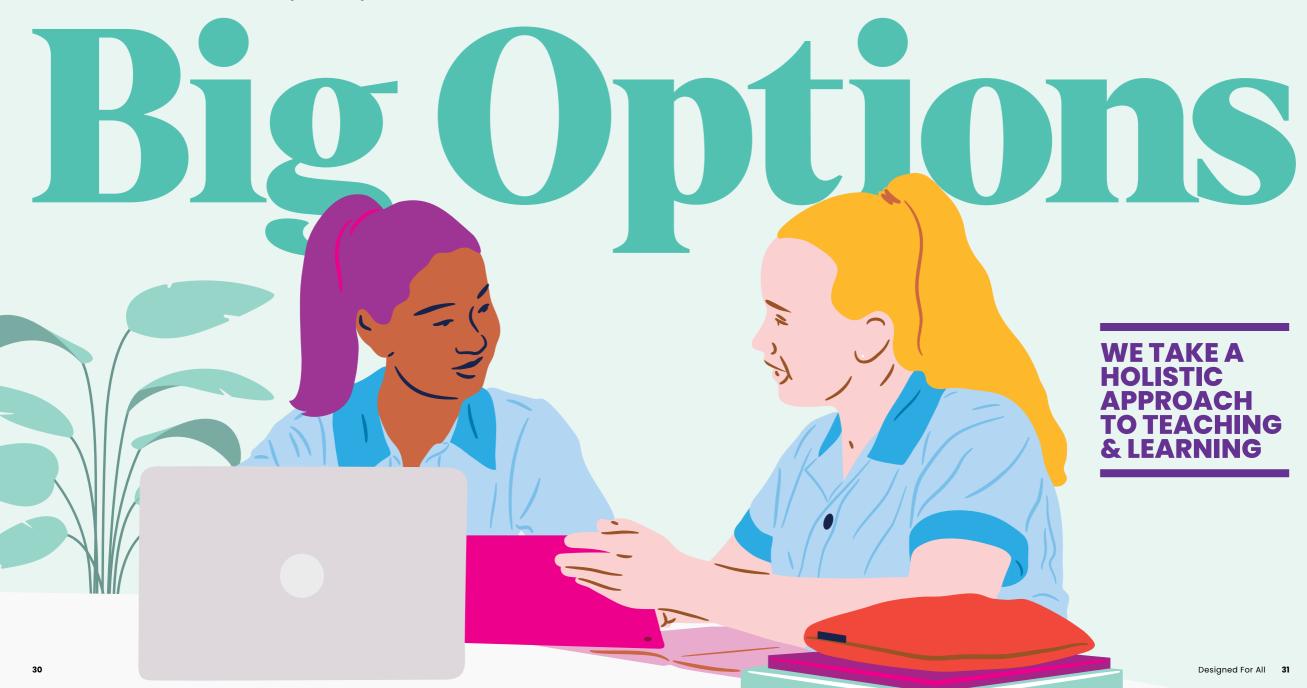
areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics - with a strong focus on coding and robotics.

### **Senior School**

At Senior School the curriculum is designed with our student's futures in mind, and with the understanding that communication, problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, initiative, leadership, planning and organisation and teamwork and collaboration are critical skills in the modern world.

Informed by the Australian Curriculum, our core subjects are complemented by an extensive suite of unique cross-disciplinary elective subjects which have been developed to provide the necessary breadth, depth and future-relevance in her education.

At CGGS we recognise the vital importance of preparing our girls for life and work in a rapidly changing world. Our broad curriculum enables our students to thrive, and plays a significant role in assisting them to identify their interests and strengths, which ultimately leads to pursuing their dreams.



## School Spirit CONNECTING **STUDENTS ACROSS ALL** YEAR LEVELS 32 Camberwell Girls Grammar School

### **HOUSE PROGRAM**

Introduced in 1928, the CGGS House Program maintains tradition and builds strong school spirit through a wide range of friendly annual competitions.

Run for the girls, entirely by the girls, being part of one of the school's four Houses (Lawrence, Schofield, Singleton and Taylor) ensures that our students connect across year levels.

On competition days, the school is a sea of red, yellow, blue and green as girls dress head to toe in their House colour. There is laughter in the air and chants echo through the school. It's a time of coming together, whilst cementing firm friendships that span across all year levels. Most of all, it is a time for joy as students compete in serious but good-hearted competition.

### **HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

**Dance Athletics** Music **Tabloid Sports Cross Country** Drama **Swimming & Diving** Debating **Public Speaking** Reader's Cup **Theatre Sports** 

### **CO-CURRICULAR**

Whether you're receiving a standing ovation for performing in a musical, shooting hoops like a pro on the basketball court, designing the school magazine or checkmating your opponent in a chess competition - our school has something for everyone.

Every student's education is enriched by the extraordinary array of co-curricular opportunities on offer at CGGS.

Our students know that a well-rounded life is important, and maintaining a balance brings great joy, as well as many health and wellbeing benefits.

Our wide range of co-curricular activities and clubs enable our students to explore physical, creative, social, entrepreneurial and career interests with like-minded peers.

With over 90 offerings, CGGS has something for every girl to be actively involved in, and to make her own contribution to school life and culture. As a result our students are continually trying something new, discovering hidden strengths and talents, and finding their true passion.

**Opportunities available** through:

**Competitions Creative Arts Interest Clubs** Music **Performing Arts** Sport

SOMETHINE

**OVER OFFERINGS** 

### **EDUCATION OUTDOORS**





### **STUDY TOURS & INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES**

From floating in zero gravity at NASA Space Camp to spending your Summer holidays at a school in France... playing music in some of the world's best venues across Europe to volunteering in Cambodia in support of children and families in need - CGGS offers many opportunities for learning outside of Australia.

Overseas tours and exchanges offer rich and immersive experiences that go well beyond the boundaries of the classroom. By experiencing new cultures our students maximise their learning, build independence and gain a global perspective. Whatever

the program, CGGS students return to Melbourne with a much deeper understanding of the cultural, social and historical aspects of the host country.

Our Study Tours and International **Exchange Program complements** the curriculum and is made possible through strong global networks and partnerships with schools and organisations throughout Cambodia, China, France, Germany, Singapore, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.



### **WELLBEING PROGRAM**

### CREATING THE OPTIMUM SCHOOL **ENVIRONMENT**

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### **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

LEADERSHIP CAN BE CULTIVATED **IN ALL GIRLS** 



### **SERVICE LEARNING**

Our school motto, Utilis in Ministerium (Useful in Service), is the core of what it means to be part of the CGGS community.

From supporting the Red Cross in WWII to making Zonta birthing kits for women in developing countries - for over 100 years, our girls have truly been living the school motto.

CGGS students quickly learn the importance of helping others and

contributing to the wider community. It's not just about raising funds, but about giving time to those in need an learning from others.

Our Service Learning Program and dedicated classes raise consciousness about injustice,

encourage empathy and allow our girls to take action be it locally, nationally or globally.

Service Learning Captains, along with students, staff, parents and friends, all work tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for the charities

and organisations connected to the school, many which support the needs of women

A CGGS education empowers its students to become compassionate global citizens - young women who lead with humility and who are inspired to make a difference by contributing to building a more just and sustainable world. This proud tradition of teaching students to give will continue to be a cornerstone of our school into the

### compassionate **WEAREA DEDICATED TO SERVICE** World Vision Dream Stitches **Bapt**care Birthing Kit Foundation Hedley Sutton Eat Up. FOR GIRLS

## LOW Emissions, Impact

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Service to the environment. encompassing the impacts of climate change, waste and shrinking biodiversity is an issue of our time, and will greatly impact our students both personally and professionally into the future.

Our aim for CGGS is to become a more sustainable school and to further reduce our ecological footprint. We aim to achieve this through building an environmentally conscious culture, and through the adoption of schoolwide sustainable practises.

Sustainability education is integrated into both the Junior and Senior School curriculum and each school has a student environment club that focuses on developing a variety of yearly sustainability initiatives.

More broadly, our Sustainability Coordinator works with the School Management Team to implement strategies to promote waste management, reduce water and energy consumption, enhance biodiversity in the school grounds and promote green procurement processes.

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it. It is our collective and individual responsibility to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live.

Ultimately, our goal at CGGS is to create an environmentally literate and responsible community of students, staff and families whose daily actions reflect care for the earth and its biodiversity.



### **OUR ALUMNAE**

Actors, scientists, lawyers and doctors... teachers, engineers, marketers and musicians... artists, IT technicians, traders and authors... photographers, zoologists, podcasters and police officers... fashion designers, CGGS graduates are empowered government advisors, coders and entrepreneurs - our CGGS graduates certainly walk a bright path!

We are immensely proud of all our alumnae - almost 10,500 old grammarians, for following their passions and embracing the pursuit of academic rigour whilst at CGGS.

Women who are now dotted all over the globe, inspiring others and making a difference in their chosen profession. Women who all have one common thread, the benefit of a holistic CGGS education.

to be courageous, constructive and compassionate global citizens, who embrace diversity and have a will to serve others. Our graduates lives, careers and adventures demonstrate the reality of all that is a CGGS education and they serve as continual inspiration to our current students.

**COURAGEOUS** 



## Dur School is Your Schoo

### BUILDING A COMMUNITY

One of the basic higher needs of human beings is connection. We want to be part of a community as it provides a sense of belonging and makes life richer.

At CGGS, our students, staff, old grammarians and families, both past and present, all actively participate in the life of the school. Every day, members of our community invest their time and talents for the enrichment of the CGGS experience.

We highly value the connectedness and warmth of our parent community. Families are important partners of the school, and we know firsthand that their involvement and support enriches the learning and educational environment for our students.

We encourage current families to find an area of involvement that interests them and join the many parents, alumnae and friends who help make a CGGS education possible.

We have been committed to building this community for over 100 years. The old African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" - also means, "It takes a community to raise a school."

Our school is your school and everybody has the opportunity to play a vital role in the way CGGS shapes its future.

### THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is made up of parent volunteers to execute their friendraising and fundraising initiatives. Volunteers are welcome to join the following parent groups and initiatives: Parents & Friends
Association
Year Level Representatives
Friends of Sport
Friends of The Arts
Friends of STEAM
Friends of the Second Hand
Uniform Shop
CGGS Dads Group

**Event Volunteer** 

WE VALUE
THE WARM
PRESENCE OF
OUR PARENT
COMMUNITY



### **OUR FACILITIES ENABLE DYNAMIC LEARNING TO TAKE PLACE**

### **OUR FACILITIES INCLUDE:**

**Light-filled classrooms** 

Open plan multi-purpose spaces

**Science Centre** 

**MakerSpace** 

**Robotics Lab** 

**Performing Arts Complex** with large auditorium & orchestra pit

**TV Studio** 

**Creative Arts Centre** 

Libraries

**Drama Studio** 

**Music Tuition Pods** 

**Food Studies Kitchen** 

**Visual Communication &** 

**Design Studio** 

**Digital Media Lab** 

Chapel

**Music Centre** 

Cafe & dining rooms

**Aquatic Centre with 25 metre** heated indoor pool

Indoor basketball, netball & volleyball courts

Outdoor tennis, netball & basketball courts

**Oval with professional grade** 100m running track

Labyrinth

**Playgrounds** 

**Outdoor courtyards and** calming gardens

**TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF CGGS** 

### **LOCATION**



**LOCATED JUST** FROM THE CBD **OUR SCHOOL IS EASILY ACCESSED** BY CAR, TRAIN, TRAM & **BUS** 

# Here to

### **WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU ARE CONSIDERING** CGGS

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR **ADMISSIONS TEAM**

Camberwell Girls Grammar School is a unique environment and we are delighted that you and your family are considering joining our vibrant community.

The search for the right school is exciting but the process can be daunting and overwhelming at times. And, making a final decision can be hard!

At CGGS, we aim to make the admissions process as seamless, transparent and stress-free as possible.

This prospectus and accompanying materials provide a great insight into life at CGGS. If you require any additional information, have questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would love

the opportunity to meet you and your family in person to assist you further.

Alternatively, we are just a phone call or email away and are available and willing to help you at any stage through your admissions journey.

We very much look forward to helping you through this process and welcoming you into the CGGS community.

Warmest wishes,

The CGGS Admissions Team

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