



# St Michael's Collegiate

SET FOR LIFE

## Creative to the core

**ELLIE CONNOR and LILY DAVIDSON**

ST Michael's Collegiate provides many opportunities for students interested in performing and the visual arts.

Specialist lessons in art and music begin in Kindergarten and Prep. *Anglesea Presents* is a highlight of the Junior School each year, showcasing singing, dancing and acting. This year's production titled *Tattybogle*, will be staged on September 18-19.

Drama is introduced as a specialist subject in Year 5, while in Year 7 students can select drama/dance as an elective.

The Middle and Senior schools take turns to perform a musical each year - this year the Middle School presented the hit Broadway musical, *Annie*.

Our School of Performing Arts (SPA) offers an extension program for gifted musicians, singers, dancers and actors from Years 7 to 12 who gain entry by audition.

Jane Polley is director of the SPA and the teachers have had successful professional artistic careers with the Australian Ballet, London Philharmonic Orchestra and state theatre companies.

Artist-in-residence Lindsay Broughton teaches art to small groups of students in a studio that was originally the stables.

● AT COLLEGIATE we also have the opportunity to participate in a great range of sports including hockey, soccer, water polo, canoe polo, rowing,

orienteeing, netball, basketball, sailing, touch football, athletics, cross country, swimming, softball, t-ball, badminton, surf lifesaving, surfing, tennis and table tennis.

Middle School girls support sport in the Junior School by coaching soccer, minkey hockey, netball and basketball ball.

Year 4 girls, in turn, are fitness leaders for the students in Prep-Year 3. **SOPHIE MOORE and SANCIA BINGHAM**

### SCHOOLshorts

#### New technology

YEAR 5 girls at St Michael's Collegiate have been trialling new Acer Iconia tablet computers this year. So far they have been successful. "I think it is good because it has the new version of Windows," student Lottie Frohmader said.

Jocelyn Lowther and Shenara Perera said they were really enjoying the touch screens, while Romany Wake is pleased that the tablets are not as heavy as other laptops.

**AMY WALLACE and ANNA WALLS**

#### Learning languages

ALL students from Kinder to Year 4 at Collegiate will be learning the Mandarin language next year. Girls in Years 5 and 6 will study Mandarin and French, which will enable them to explore two very different languages from two fascinating cultures.

In Years 7 and 8 the languages Latin, French and Mandarin will be on offer, with German as an elective in Year 9. Learning Mandarin will open many doors for Collegiate students and will be a challenging but enjoyable opportunity.

**SOPHIE LIENERT**

#### School thanks

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The team consisted of Sancia Bingham, Ellie Connor, Lily Davidson, Madeleine Dragar, Sarah Gourlay, Sophie Lienert, Neve Mitchell, Sophie Moore, Amber Rothe, Amy Wallace and Anna Walls.

### Successful aspirations

**SARAH GOURLAY**

THE leap from Middle School to the Senior School can be quite daunting.

The Aspire program was developed to ease the transition to senior school at St Michael's Collegiate (Year 9-12) and to encourage this age group's confidence, independence, leadership, responsibility, resilience and potential.

The Aspire program starts with a week-long camp at Southport, involving many activities including abseiling, bushwalking, white-water rafting, rock climbing, caving and mountain biking.

"With the wide range of opportunities the Year 9 Aspire program offered, I continually learned things about myself," previous participant Alison Gourlay said.

"The Year 9 camp was tough but I experienced many different activities I never thought I'd try - caving, abseiling, mountain biking, and an overnight bushwalk," Alison said.

The program also includes trips away, which vary from five to 12 days long and are designed to teach Year 9 students about community service.

Students have had the opportunity to travel to the Solomon Islands, Fiji, the Northern Territory and Freycinet and Mt Field national parks to undertake service and challenge opportunities.



Year 9 girls on one of their camps.

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Old Girls

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