



EARLY YEARS

PREP TO YEAR TWO



WELCOME TO JUNIOR SCHOOL

For young children,
care and education
cannot be separated.

At Girton Grammar School this is a guiding principle through Junior School, and especially in the early years from Prep to Grade 2.

Our Junior School is a place of learning and growth where all children are accepted for who they are, and where we cherish this brief and unique period of life.

The early years at school are a time when children are learning more every day than at almost any other time

in their lives. It is a time to embrace the huge learning opportunities that present themselves, as children explore the world around them and are exposed to new and wondrous things. For this reason, we encourage every student to engage in a broad range of learning experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Teaching based on this approach allows us to bring out the best in every child, for friendships to flourish and for personalities to develop.

CARING FOR STUDENTS

Every child in the Girton Grammar Junior School will be known, not only by their classroom teacher, but also by their specialist subject teachers, co-curriculum teachers and the administration staff.

Every child will be cared for and understood

We are very proud of our culture of acceptance where our students understand what it is to be a good person and to look after each other.

The primary care of students is through a child's classroom teacher, but each child will be in one of our much loved Houses, giving them a chance to be a part of a different group of children who, together, are all part of a bigger community.





EXTRA CARE IN PREP

Every parent wants their child to become a happy, confident learner and that means getting off to a great start in the first year of school life.

Class sizes are kept small so that individuals are given the attention they need as they begin their lifelong journey in education.

Young children love having their family involved in their school life. We encourage parents and carers to be involved in their child's education as much as is practical for each family.

LEARNING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Having fun is a great way to learn. As well as classroom lessons, students have the opportunity to take part in a range of learning experiences, taught by specialist subject teachers, outside the classroom.

The study of languages, so beneficial to young fertile minds, starts in Prep with French and Japanese, and continues right through the Junior School years and into the Senior School.

In Year 2 all students learn a stringed instrument and in Years 5 and 6 students may join the Band and Super

Strings program. Choir is part of the curriculum in Years 3 to 6.

Junior School students will experience dedicated Science classes in a Science Laboratory, as well as Drama, Art, Music and Physical Education classes, all taught by specialist teachers.

The Junior School has recently undergone a major refurbishment with new classrooms, Science labs, computer labs and new classroom spaces for 21st century learning.



HAPPY CHILDREN ARE LEARNING CHILDREN

Girton Grammar is proudly the first Australian school to adopt Yale University's internationally renowned "RULER" approach, which teaches young people to Recognise, Understand, Label, Express and Regulate their emotions.

Over five years of implementing this approach have helped to build a harmonious place of learning, based on respect for other people's feelings.

Through the RULER approach, children can better express how they feel and understand how others might feel.

This allows teachers to support each child based on their personal needs and, with emotions managed, the child is more open to learning.

Learning to become emotionally intelligent at a young age is foundational to helping children and adults lead productive, healthy and fulfilling lives.

The transition to the Senior School is seamless for Girton students who have attended the Junior School, with the RULER approach and House system carried through until Year 12.





MAKE AN ENQUIRY

If you are currently contemplating where to send your child to school, please call our Registrar to find out more about how the Girton Grammar Junior School can support your child's individual needs.

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