About Us?

Roma Mitchell Secondary College is a secondary school consisting of three quite distinct campuses offering specialised teaching programs and environments that promote learning for all groups of students.

The Girls’ Campus is designed to accommodate 400 girls from years 8 to 12. The campus offers a school pathway that allows girls to study in a single sex environment throughout their secondary schooling years.

However, in order to provide the broadest possible curriculum offerings in the senior years of schooling, girls in the Girls’ Campus of Roma Mitchell Secondary College can access a range of subjects that are offered to both girls and boys at the college.

Why a Girls’ only Campus?

Research both here and overseas has confirmed that girls’ educational success can be improved through single sex education.

The research has shown that girls working in an environment without the distraction of boys can be more successful. There are also more opportunities for girls to take up leadership roles and to engage in curriculum that explores the experiences of being female and understand better the challenges that face women and girls in all societies. There are also studies that suggest that single sex learning environments for boys can also lead to greater success at school. (In the Co-educational campus there are some boys only classes.)

The commitment to maintaining a girls’ only campus was made when the local high schools, one of which was Gepps Cross Girls’ High School, amalgamated to form the Roma Mitchell Secondary College.

How does it work?

Years 8 to 10 girls in the Girls’ Campus are taught in girls only classes that operate in a purpose built facility that only caters for girls. There are some shared facilities but even these include separate girls’ only areas. The gym and the library are examples of facilities where girls’ only areas and resources are maintained. There is also a separate canteen and playing fields for girls.

In years 11 and 12 some girls may choose to study subjects that are offered to both girls and boys across the college. Girls from the Girls’ Campus can attend these classes but they are still based in the Girls’ Campus. Their Care Group time, study line time and recess and lunch are still in an all girls’ environment.

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Curriculum

As part of Roma Mitchell Secondary College we are implementing the Australian Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate for the middle years. There is a Gifted and Talented program that is part of the program in place for the whole college. Some girls are involved in the Specialist Sport Program and some Aboriginal girls are participating in the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy program. There is additional support for students who have English as an Additional Language and Dialect and for students with a Negotiated Education Plan (NEP) at every year level.

How to apply

The Girls’ Campus of Roma Mitchell Secondary College is an unzoned school and therefore takes female students from across the Adelaide Metropolitan area. Entry can be gained through application and interview if there are places available.

The application forms are available on the Roma Mitchell Secondary College website www.rmsc.sa.edu.au

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