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Acknowledgement of Country

We pay our respect to this ancient Land that breathed life for 300 million years. A Land that extends from the ridgeline of the Blue Mountains across the soft sandstone plateau to the coast into the ocean. These ridgelines are the water catchment areas. It's where the rain hits first and flows down into our rivers and creeks, rejuvenating the earth and filling waterholes and hanging swamps. A Land kissed by rainbows and home to the tall Blue Gums. We acknowledge this Land as mother to possums, lyrebirds, the laughing kookaburra, the tawny frogmouth and brush turkey. We recognise the deep cultural and spiritual connection of First Nations people to Country. We honour Elders, those past, present and emerging. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within our community.

Welcome



I'm delighted to introduce you to Loreto Normanhurst and share how we can partner with your family as you consider the next steps in your daughter's educational journey.

At Loreto Normanhurst, we are proud to offer a holistic education inspired by the vision of our foundress, Mary Ward, who believed in empowering young women to be "seekers of truth and doers of justice." This mission continues to guide us today as we nurture students to become curious learners, courageous leaders, and compassionate contributors to society.

From Year 5 through to Year 12, our students are supported by the Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model, a unique framework that fosters academic excellence, personal wellbeing, and spiritual development. Our strong Pastoral Care structures and inclusive, values-driven community ensure that every girl is known, valued, and encouraged to grow with confidence, creativity, and resilience.

We invite you to explore our school and discover the vibrant, spirited environment that makes Loreto Normanhurst such a special place to learn and grow.

Ms Marina Ugonotti
PRINCIPAL

From the Head of Teresa Ball



I warmly welcome you to the Teresa Ball Primary Centre at Loreto Normanhurst.

Our Primary School is a place where curiosity is nurtured, creativity is celebrated, and every student is encouraged to become an agile and critical thinker. Through our engaging and holistic curriculum, including the Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model, we provide opportunities for each girl to explore her strengths, develop her interests, and grow with confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

Our school values of sincerity, verity, freedom, justice, and felicity underpin all that we do. At the heart of our community is a belief that every student can succeed, and that learning extends beyond the classroom, into relationships, wellbeing, service, and leadership.

I am proud of the vibrant and inclusive community we have built at Teresa Ball, and I look forward to partnering with families as we guide each student on her journey of learning, discovery, and personal growth.

Mrs Maree Board
HEAD OF TERESA BALL

The Next Chapter of Primary at Loreto Normanhurst

The Teresa Ball Primary Centre is entering an exciting new chapter. Following strong demand from families and many years of careful planning, Loreto Normanhurst is expanding its Primary School to offer a continuous educational pathway from Year 3 to Year 12.

This expansion will occur in stages. From 2027, the Primary School will introduce a fourth class in both Year 5 and Year 6. From 2028, girls will be welcomed into Year 3 and 4, creating a four-year Primary experience before they transition into Secondary School.

GROWING TOGETHER

The introduction of Year 3 and 4 builds on the success of the Teresa Ball Primary Centre, which reopened in 2015 for girls in Year 5 and 6. Over the past decade, our Primary School has flourished into a vibrant and valued part of the Loreto Normanhurst community.

A four-year Primary experience provides girls with more time to build friendships, develop confidence and independence, discover their strengths and grow within the Loreto tradition. From their earliest years at Loreto, students will be supported by passionate teachers and strong pastoral care, in an environment where they are known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

As the Primary School grows, our commitment to the qualities that make the Teresa Ball experience distinctive remains unchanged. Students will continue to benefit from outstanding teaching and learning, specialist expertise, small class sizes, rich extra-curricular opportunities and a strong sense of belonging.

A LORETO JOURNEY THAT GROWS WITH HER

Being part of a Year 3–12 school provides Primary students with access to the expertise, facilities and opportunities of the wider Loreto Normanhurst community. From specialist learning and sporting facilities to music, visual arts, technology, leadership and service opportunities, girls are encouraged to explore their interests and develop their gifts throughout their Primary years.

The expansion also strengthens the connection between Primary and Secondary School. By the time girls transition to Year 7, they will have developed familiarity with the campus, established strong relationships and built the confidence, independence and resilience to embrace the opportunities ahead.

Whether joining us in Year 3, Year 5 or another year level, every girl becomes part of the Loreto Normanhurst community and begins a journey shaped by curiosity, compassion, courage and a commitment to making a difference.

2027: Fourth Year 5 and Year 6 classes introduced

2028: Year 3 and 4 introduced

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Give Your Daughter a Head Start

Starting Year 5 at Loreto Normanhurst offers a unique and enriching experience that sets the stage for academic and personal growth.

Top 3 Reasons to Start in Year 5

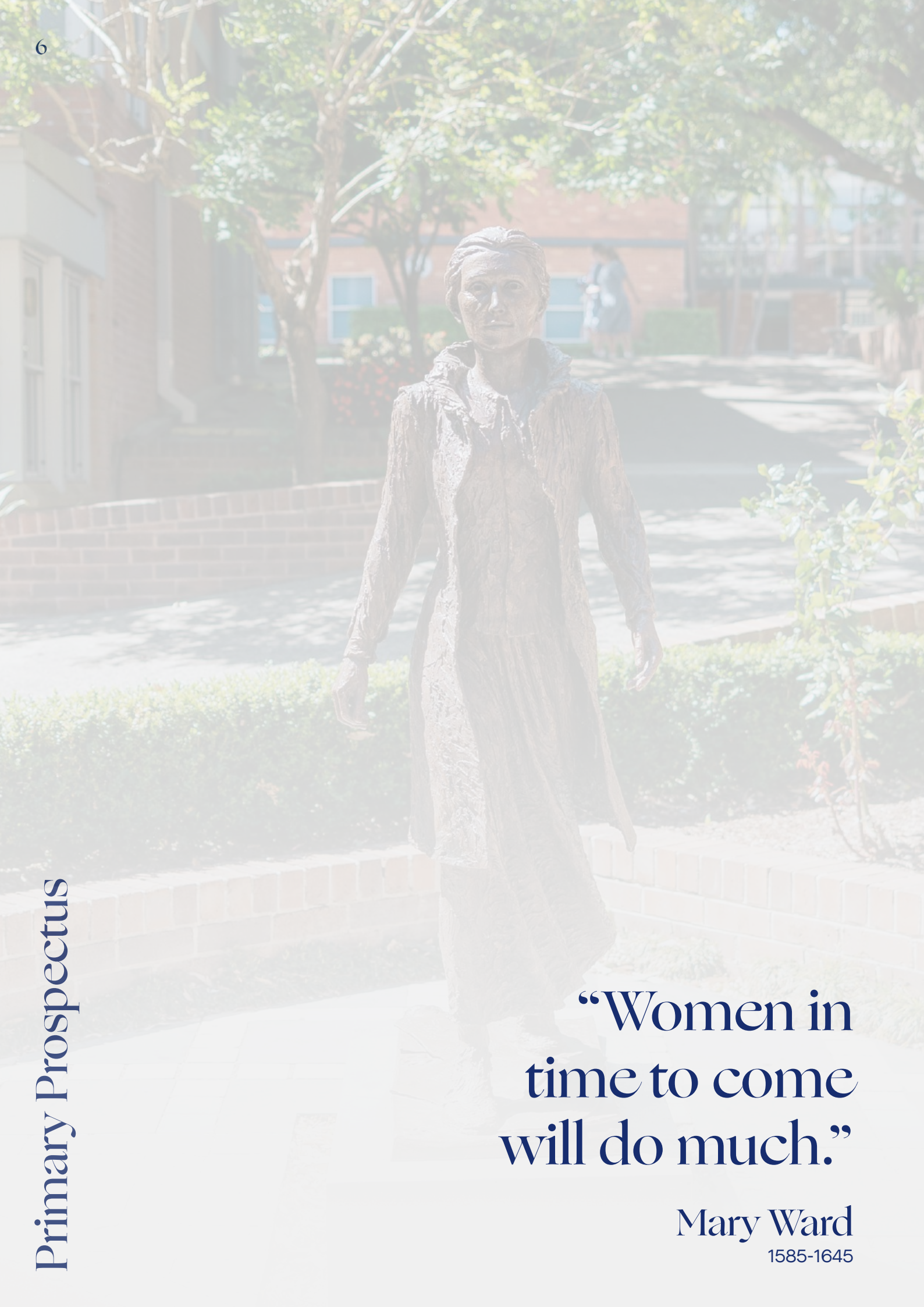
- **Secure Year 7 Placement:** Enjoy a smooth and uninterrupted education journey with a guaranteed spot in Year 7.
- **Award-Winning Model:** Early introduction to our Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model (LNSGM) ensures stable and continuous education.
- **Focused Instruction:** No cross-stage or composite classes; each stage is taught together, focusing on your daughter's year level.

Other Reasons to Start Year 5 at Loreto Normanhurst

- **Personalised Attention:** Smaller class sizes mean each student receives the support they need to thrive.
- **Tailored Teaching:** Our single-sex environment empowers girls with customised learning experiences.
- **Expert Educators:** Specialist teachers provide expertise and insights that help students excel.
- **Tech-Savvy Learning:** As a device school, students develop advanced tech skills and responsible use of technology.



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“Women in
time to come
will do much.”

Mary Ward
1585-1645

Mission

Loreto Normanhurst, which is part of an international family, promotes the pioneering vision of Mary Ward in our Australian and 21st Century context. Our mission translates as our vision as a Loreto school.

Loreto Normanhurst, in the spirit of Mary Ward, as a school community:

- *Encourages* each student to fulfil her academic and personal potential, in an atmosphere of freedom, care and respect for the individual
- *Celebrates* a joyous Christian faith which grows from reflection and leads to justice
- *Develops* independent, articulate and compassionate women of integrity
- *Propels* servant leaders to respond to the needs of the world

Our Values

Freedom

Justice

Sincerity

Verity

Felicity



**FOR GENERATIONS OF YOUNG WOMEN,
HERE IS WHERE IT STARTS.**

Loreto Normanhurst is a leading Sydney independent, Catholic Day and Boarding school for girls from Year 5 to 12.

Established in 1897, the school is part of a worldwide network of Loreto schools under the care of the Loreto Sisters, now formally recognised as members of the Congregatio Jesu (CJ), and is one of six Loreto schools in Australia.

Our foundress, Mary Ward, a devout and pioneering English woman who lived from 1585-1645, believed that, “Women in time to come will do much.”

We provide opportunities for young women to grow with confidence and compassion, developing modern-day Mary Wards who are ready to take on the world - wherever that may lead them.

“When I came to Loreto, I was very nervous, but then I realised that everyone was really nice and that I felt *welcomed and safe in the community.*”

Lara
Primary Student



Graduate Attributes

A Loreto education fully realised is the formation of our graduates as 'compassionate warriors;' independent, articulate, compassionate women who are "seekers of truth and doers of justice."

A LORETO NORMANHURST GRADUATE IS...



A woman of *conscious faith* who is empathetic, reflective and possesses gentle strength



A woman of *creativity* who is expressive, imaginative and takes risks



A woman of *independent thinking* who is curious and a critical enquirer and synthesiser

“Loreto is a special place. I’ve made some great friendships and feel like I belong. The opportunities to grow and develop are amazing, where I’m encouraged to fulfill my potential and be the best person I can be.”

Maia Fijan, Year 7 (2025), started in Year 5 (2023)
Class of 2030



A woman of *grit*
who is agile, resilient
and adaptable



A woman of *service*
who is a leader and
advocate responsive
to her context



A woman of *voice*
who is confident,
articulate and
considered

Faith

“This is our vision: that Loreto schools offer a Catholic education which liberates, empowers and motivates students to use their individual gifts with confidence, creativity and generosity in *loving and responsible service*.”

**Loreto Schools of Australia
Mission Statement**

The Catholic Christian faith is woven into all we do at Loreto Normanhurst. At our school, all people are invited to grow in their knowledge and love of God and to embrace the Gospel. Following the model of the Ignatian tradition, we set time apart from the ordinary to strengthen the spiritual, so that we may truly “find God in all things”.

In the Primary School, students are immersed in an enlivening rhythm of prayer, reflection and celebration. Experiences include midday reflection, early morning Communion Services and celebrations that mark the Church’s liturgical year. Through these experiences, students are encouraged to see prayer, service and compassion as integral to their lives and to their relationships with others.

The Spirituality and Chaplaincy program provides time and space for students to explore their faith, with Spirituality Days, liturgies and other opportunities for reflection throughout the year. Students are encouraged to ask questions, develop their understanding of faith and discover ways to live out the Loreto values of justice, freedom, sincerity, verity and felicity.

Loreto Normanhurst also offers a Sacramental Program supporting Catholic students who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion). Preparation and celebration take place within the school community, fostering a meaningful connection between faith, family and school. Non-Catholic families are welcome to explore Baptism for their daughter as part of her spiritual journey, guided by the Faith and Mission Team.



Our Learning Approach

“We aim to develop agile and critical thinkers who will become life-long learners. Each of our girls has the opportunity to reach her potential in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment.”

Mrs Maree Board
Head of Teresa Ball

WE LEARN TO QUESTION THE WORLD.

At Loreto Normanhurst, we lay the foundations for lifelong learning through our award-winning Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model (LNSGM). This proven approach ensures every child develops academically, socially, and emotionally in a supportive and engaging environment.

In our FACE Curriculum, we place equal value on Faith, Academic, Community, and Extra-curricular experiences, helping each student flourish as a whole person. From their first day in Primary School, students are encouraged to explore, inquire, and grow, building curiosity, resilience, and confidence that will guide them throughout their education.

For more information about our approach to learning visit:

loretonh.nsw.edu.au/learning/primary/academic



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A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms. The girl in the foreground is smiling and looking down at a laptop keyboard. She is wearing a blue blazer over a plaid vest and a white collared shirt. She has a white smartwatch on her left wrist. The girl behind her is also smiling and looking at the laptop. The background is blurred, showing other students and a classroom setting.

“If I had to describe
Loreto in three words,
I would describe it as
welcoming, inclusive
and *exciting!*”

Lucy
Primary Student

Pastoral Care and Community

At Loreto Normanhurst, we are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and connected. In Primary School, students are placed into one of three Houses, Benedicta, Clare, or Dorothea, encouraging a strong sense of belonging and community. Open Circle Groups bring Year 5 and 6 students together to share experiences, discuss topics, and build positive relationships, promoting trust, respect, and collaboration. Leadership opportunities, including School and House Leader roles, allow students to contribute to the school community, develop responsibility, and embody the values of service and leadership. Through these structures, our pastoral care program nurtures emotional wellbeing, personal growth, and lasting connections.

OAKSEED

Our bespoke wellbeing program, OakSEED, is designed to develop core social and emotional competencies in students. Integrated across various curricula, OakSEED focuses on self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, and social awareness, supporting students in becoming confident and compassionate individuals.



'IT TAKES A VILLAGE' - PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

At Loreto Normanhurst, we know that strong partnerships between school and families are central to student wellbeing and growth. The best academic, social and emotional outcomes are achieved through collaboration, shared understanding and ongoing conversation.

Parents are actively involved in their daughter's learning and pastoral development through regular Plenary Meetings with teachers and Tutors/Advisors. Our It Takes a Village Parent Engagement and Education Program supports this partnership through a series of expert-led seminars and workshops designed to keep families connected and informed.

In 2026, the program includes IT and Communication drop-in workshops, offering practical guidance on our digital platforms, alongside wellbeing sessions led by school counsellors to support the growth and development of every student. Together, these initiatives reflect our shared commitment to working in partnership with families to nurture confident, capable young women.



For more information about the 'It Takes a Village' program, we invite you to visit our website.

“Once you join the Loreto community, you’re *loved* without judgement, you’re *supported* with compassion, and you’re *valued* like a sister.”

Elizabeth Heilman
Class of 2023

At Loreto Normanhurst, the strength of our community is felt deeply in the Primary School, where students, parents, staff, and alumnae come together to create a vibrant and supportive environment. This sense of belonging is fostered through active parent involvement and meaningful connections across all year groups.

Each year group has dedicated parent representatives who facilitate communication and encourage participation in school activities. The Parent Association (PAL) plays a vital role in supporting the school through various initiatives and events, enhancing the overall experience for students and families.

Students engage in a range of experiences that promote growth and development, including outdoor education programs designed to build resilience, teamwork, and a connection with nature. These experiences are thoughtfully integrated into the curriculum, providing opportunities for students to learn and grow outside the classroom.

Through these collaborative efforts, Loreto Normanhurst ensures that the Primary years are filled with enriching experiences that support the academic, social, and emotional development of each student.



Extra-Curricular

WE LEARN TO TAKE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

At Loreto Normanhurst, every student is encouraged to shine in one or many areas beyond the classroom. Our extensive extra-curricular program — the “E” in our FACE Curriculum — nurtures creativity, empathy, teamwork and resilience, while giving students the freedom to explore their passions and discover new interests.

Whether participating for enjoyment or competing at an elite level in sport, music or oratory, each student is supported to grow in confidence and capability.



For more information on our Extra-curricular program, we invite you to visit our website.



“I love the extra-curricular activities because you can try *something extra*, find what you really love and learn more every day.”

Isabella
Primary Student



Examples of our extra-curricular activities include:

- Social Justice Group
- Creative Writing and Social Games Clubs
- Art Club
- Music Ensembles and Choirs (including Maestro Music Club)
- Private Music Lessons
- Public Speaking and Debating (including IPSHA Debating)
- Ethics Olympiad and Maths Olympiad
- Da Vinci Decathlon
- An extensive range of IPSHA sporting opportunities

Extended Day Program

Research shows that routine supervised study time improves student learning outcomes, particularly when students are supported by adults with knowledge of the curriculum demands of schools.

EXTDAY@LN (Extended Day at Loreto Normanhurst) is an optional after-hours study program for Day girls in Year 5 to 8 and is intended to meet the needs of families, while also improving individual student growth.

The program offers flexibility around school pick-up times and the opportunity for students to receive extensive after-hours supervision, homework help and guided study, supported by qualified teachers and supervisors. Incorporated into this offering is a variety of supervised recreational activities plus access to extra-curricular activities held in the school grounds.

This service reflects our commitment to partnering with families and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to balance learning, recreation, and community in her day.



To discover a typical afternoon at our Extended Day Program, we invite you to visit our website.





Preparing for Secondary

At Loreto Normanhurst, we know that the move from Primary to Secondary School is an exciting and important step in every student's journey. Our Year 5 and 6 program is designed to provide a supportive, structured environment where students can build confidence, independence, and resilience in preparation for high school.

During these formative years, students are encouraged to take greater responsibility for their learning, develop strong organisational skills, and engage in collaborative and critical thinking tasks. A wide range of academic, creative, and sporting opportunities, alongside leadership experiences, allows students to explore their interests, discover new strengths, and strengthen their sense of community.

By the time they begin Year 7, students are confident navigating the school, familiar with new routines, and equipped with the social, emotional, and practical skills to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead. This thoughtful, structured approach ensures a smooth and positive transition, setting the foundation for each student to continue growing as a curious, capable, and compassionate learner.

Our Campus

“Our teachers
extend our learning
spaces to different
places”

Ella
Primary Student

Set on Sydney’s leafy Upper North Shore and spanning more than 25 acres on the edge of bushland, the Loreto Normanhurst campus is a harmonious blend of heritage and contemporary buildings. Our grounds include beautiful ovals and gardens, playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, multipurpose spaces, and an Aquatic Centre with a 25-metre indoor pool. Primary students learn in dedicated spaces designed to nurture curiosity and collaboration, including the flexible Learning Common and the Primary Library, while all students have access to the Senior School Library, which houses an extensive collection of fiction, non-fiction, and digital resources.

Specialist spaces enrich learning across the arts and beyond, with access to the Chapel, the Mother Evangeline Kendall Visual Arts Centre, Drama and Music spaces, and the Mary Ward Health and Wellness Centre, staffed by nurses and counsellors who provide care and support throughout the school day.

All building developments at Loreto Normanhurst are undertaken strategically, guided by the Master Plan, ensuring that our facilities continue to evolve in line with curriculum innovation and educational best practice — providing students with inspiring spaces in which to learn, grow, and thrive.



Primary Learning Common



Library



Chapel



Mother Evangeline Kendall
Visual Arts Centre



Drama Space &
Curran Theatre



Music Space



Veronica Reid Oval



Tennis, Basketball &
Multi-purpose Courts



Aquatic Centre

Our Master Plan

Loreto Normanhurst has developed a 30-Year Master Plan to guide the strategic growth of the campus, aiming to increase student capacity incrementally by 850 students by 2047. The plan ensures that buildings and spaces evolve in line with contemporary learning needs while remaining ecologically sensitive and reflective of Loreto’s heritage and values.

The Master Plan gradually redevelops or replaces current buildings to create an innovative, unified, and sustainable campus that nurtures community, curiosity, and holistic student development. Recent milestones include:

- **2022:** Completion of collaborative learning spaces in the Mary Ward Centre, opening of St Michael’s Tennis Courts, and a new traffic management system.
- **2023:** Unveiling of Osborn Orchards, our Agricultural Technologies Centre, reflecting our commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).
- **2024–2026:** Construction and completion of McCabe House, our new state-of-the-art Boarding House for 216 students, alongside upgrades to the School Oval. The completion of McCabe House marks a new era of contemporary boarding, providing modern, flexible, and sustainable residential spaces for our students.

PHASE TWO: OPENING DOORS TO INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Phase Two represents a bold, future-focused investment in learning over the next five to ten years. Central to this vision is the creation of fit-for-purpose, contemporary spaces that inspire curiosity, creativity, and collaboration.

Key initiatives include:

- **Technologies Precinct:** State-of-the-art spaces for Hospitality, Food Technology, Design & Technology, Digital Technology, and Textiles & Design.
- **Music Precinct:** Consolidated and upgraded music learning spaces to support our growing music and performance programs.
- **Expanded General and Open Learning Spaces:** Designed to accommodate increasing demand and contemporary teaching practices.
- **Repurposing the current Boarding School:** Unlocking spaces to create additional classrooms, open learning areas, and a staff lounge, optimising the campus for future needs.

With the completion of McCabe House and ongoing developments in Phase Two, Loreto Normanhurst is delivering on its vision for a unified, future-ready campus — blending innovation, heritage, and sustainability to empower students as confident, capable, and compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

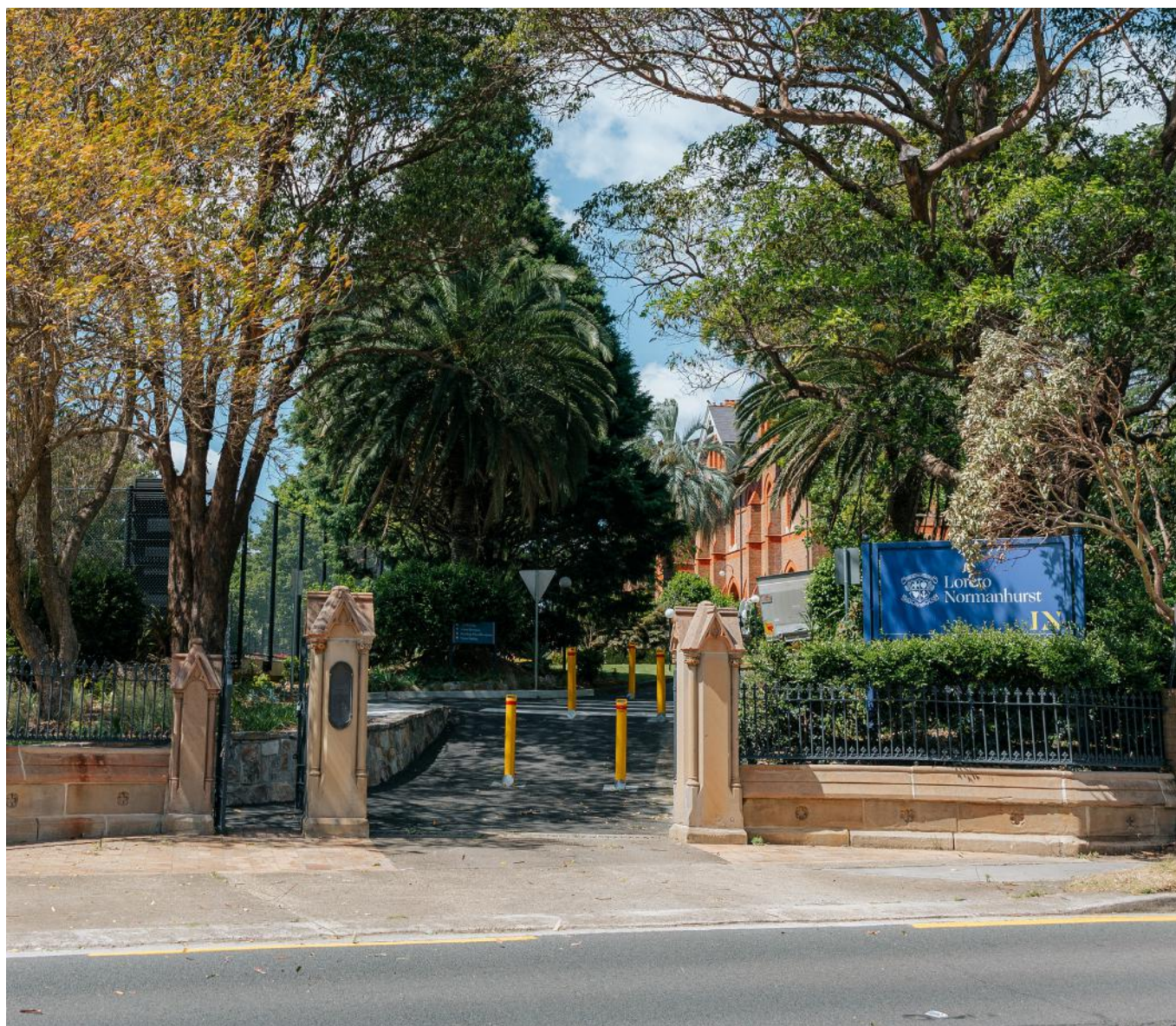


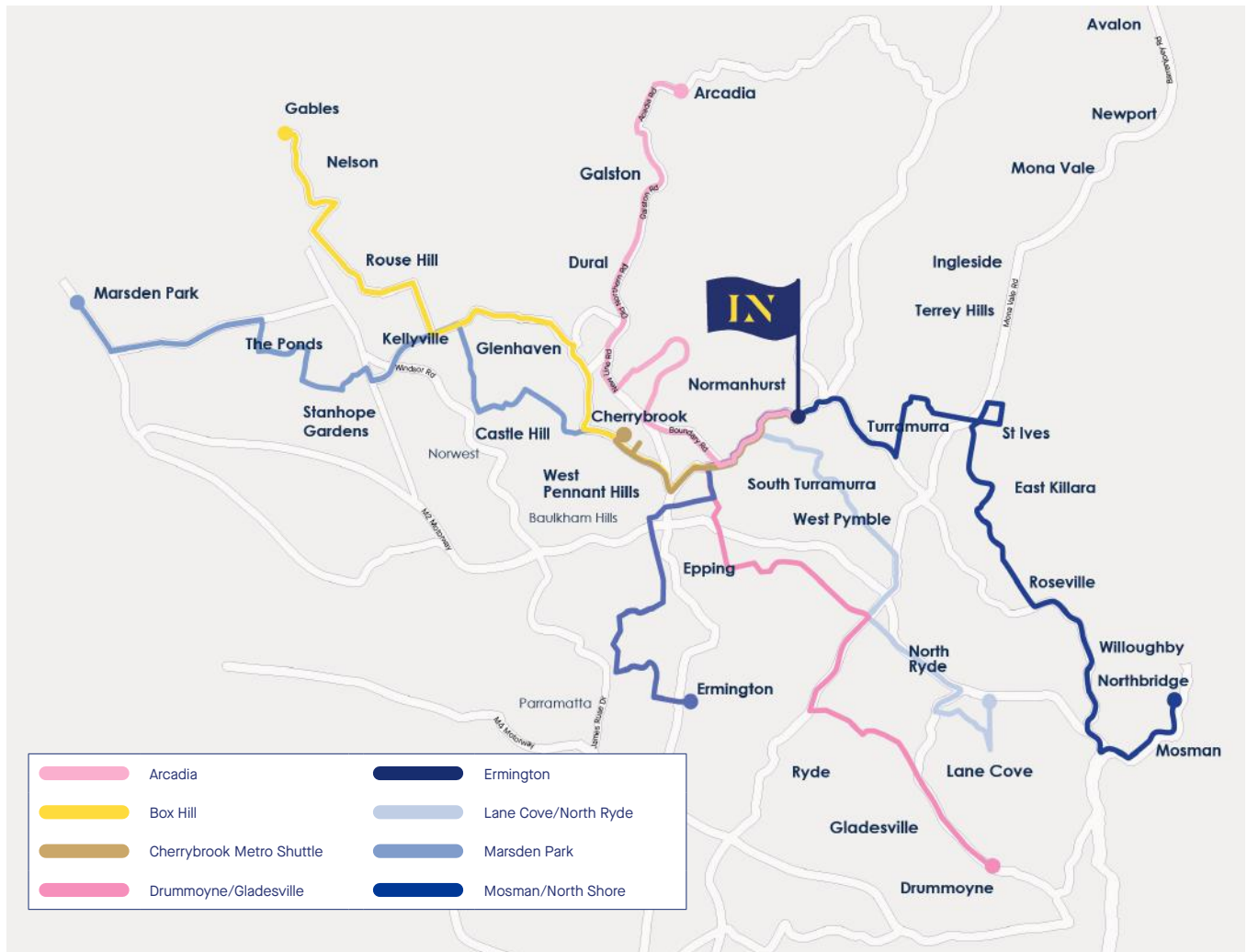
Getting to Loreto Normanhurst

Located on Pennant Hills Road, Loreto Normanhurst is easily accessible by car and public transport. The school is close to the M1, M2, and M7, and Normanhurst Railway Station is just 400 metres away.



We invite you to visit our website to find our Transport Access Guide for more information.





For families using public transport, dedicated school buses run directly to the school from the North Shore, Hills District, Arcadia, Cherrybrook, Castle Hill, St Ives, and Northern Beaches. The Government M60 service also stops conveniently at the school gate on Pennant Hills Road.

Loreto Normanhurst offers six private buses for students in Year 5 to 12, providing safe and reliable transport to and from school each day of term. Routes include Arcadia, Box Hill, Cherrybrook Metro Shuttle, Drummoyne/Gladesville, Ermington, Lane Cove/North Ryde, Marsden Park and Mosman/North Shore, with drop-off and pick-up occurring within the school grounds for added convenience and safety.



Next Steps

Enrolment is as easy
1, 2, 3, 4!



Our intake years are Year 5 Year 7.

We commence the enrolment process approximately three years in advance for Year 7 entry and two years in advance for Year 5 entry. For all other year levels, the enrolment process generally commences one year in advance. Applications are subject to availability at all stages of the enrolment process. Priority is given to alumnae, students with sisters already attending the School, and boarders.

When the enrolment process commences, families will be invited to attend a Parent Information Evening where you will hear from our Principal, Ms Marina Ugonotti, as well as other key Leadership Team members about the benefits of a Loreto Normanhurst education.



For more information, visit our website to:

[Review the Enrolments Guidelines](#)

[Review our Fees and Charges](#)

[Book an Onsite Twilight Tour](#)

[Find out about Scholarships and Bursaries](#)

How to Apply

1 APPLICATION

We encourage the early submission of applications (accepted from birth).

The Application for Admission form must be completed and submitted together with the student's Birth Certificate and Australian Proof of Citizenship (if applicable) and payment of the non-refundable Application Fee for the student to be placed on the Waitlist.



2 INTERVIEW / 📅 SEPTEMBER - MARCH

Three years prior to the year of entry for Year 7, and two years prior for Year 5, families may be invited to attend an interview with the Principal or a member of the Leadership Team.



3 OFFER / 📅 FEBRUARY - APRIL

Upon successful completion of the interview process, offers of places are made, subject to availability and at the discretion of the Principal.



4 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

Parents will then be given the opportunity to accept an Offer of Confirmed Enrolment by signing the Acceptance of Enrolment Agreement and paying the non-refundable Enrolment Fee.





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