



**PLC**  
PATHWAYS  
2017

# PLC Pathways in Australia



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Helen Zhou  
2017 Pathways graduate



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# From the Principal



I am delighted to introduce you to PLC Pathways, a program established for girls at PLC Armidale and for boys in Bathurst at Scots All Saints College campus.

PLC Pathways is more than just an English Language centre. Students live, learn, socialise and study all at the one place – either at Armidale or Bathurst, both prestigious centres of learning.

To gain the most from studying in Australia, international students need a strong foundation in English language, both spoken and academic. Our program is unique. It provides high-quality, experienced teaching and cultural familiarisation in a safe and caring residential school environment. Once a certain level of English has been reached, student's progress to further secondary or tertiary study in Australia.

Our graduates, their growth and success both academically and personally, are testimony to the calibre of the Pathways program, recognised by the many schools we partner with.

We are pleased to be welcoming your child to our academic communities.

**Mrs Nicola Taylor**  
Principal

# From the Director



The PLC Pathways program is designed to ensure that every part of a student's schooling is accessible, enjoyable and enriching.

The PLC Pathways program has been designed by educators with many years' experience at the highest levels of English. Our curriculum supports the development of the English language and critical thinking necessary for success.

Students who join our program are part of a prestigious independent school. They learn the cultural and social characteristics of Australian society enabling them to enjoy strong friendships and connections with the community. The students are looked after within a caring boarding community committed to serving their best interests.

PLC Pathways is unique in offering students a fully residential intensive English program within a highly respected independent school. By enrolling your son or daughter into the PLC Pathways program, you are ensuring that they have access to the best quality educational experience possible.

**Mr Chris Spencer**  
Director of PLC Pathways



# What is PLC Pathways?

PLC Pathways is a residential English Language Intensive Course of Study (ELICOS) program for international students for up to 12 months of study. It provides exceptionally high quality teaching and cultural training.

It is a boutique, English language and cultural familiarisation program owned and operated by Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) Armidale, within two school campuses in two different locations: PLC Armidale for girls and Scots All Saints College, Bathurst, for boys. It is for Middle School aged international students, providing pathways to further Australian education at high school and university.



PLC Armidale

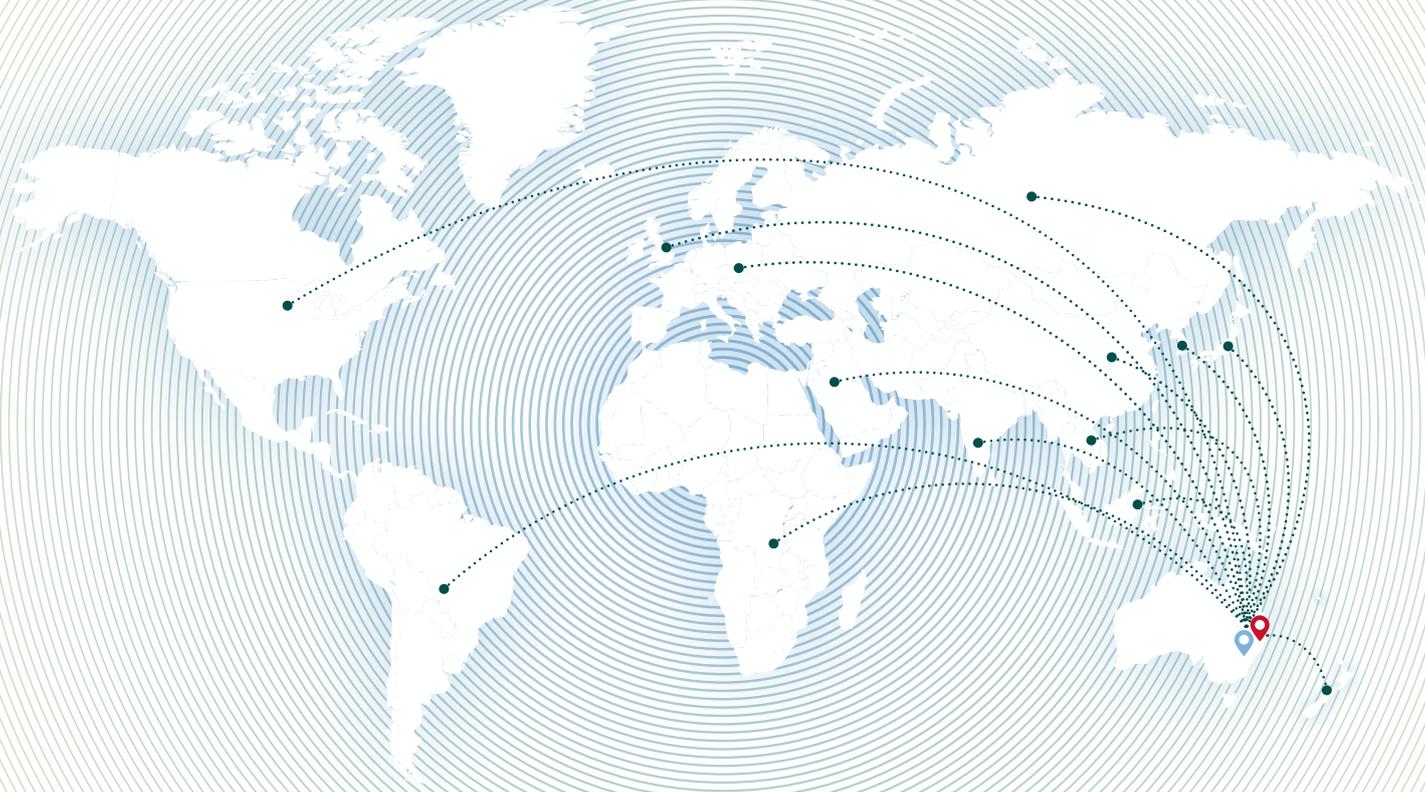


SCOTS ALL SAINTS COLLEGE



Scots All Saints College

PLC Pathways students come from all over the world.



-  PLC Armidale
-  Scots All Saints College

# Our Campuses



**Two campuses –  
PLC Armidale for  
girls and Scots All  
Saints College,  
Bathurst, for boys.**

## PLC Armidale

 Armidale

Since its inception in 1887, PLC Armidale has catered for girls from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12, both day and boarding students, in a nurturing educational environment allowing each girl to focus and flourish in a safe, stable and caring community.

For over 130 years, our College has built a strong reputation for consistent academic achievement, an exceptional music program and sporting excellence. PLC Armidale is an Independent Christian school and offers a culture of learning and academic excellence on an expansive picturesque campus with a variety of facilities and activities, in a safe, secure regional location.

PLC Armidale is located in the New England region of Northern NSW, about one hour's plane flight from Sydney. Armidale is vibrant and culturally diverse and boasts an internationally ranked and recognised university, the University of New England (UNE).



## PLC ARMIDALE FACTS



**Highest performing school**  
across the North West  
New England Region.



**Highest 2019 ATAR score**  
from a Pathways graduate  
at PLC Sydney.



**Highest 2019 ATAR score**  
from a Pathways graduate  
at PLC Armidale.

## Scots All Saints College

 Bathurst

Scots All Saints College offers an education in a caring, Christian environment. A commitment to assisting the spiritual, as well as the physical and academic aspects of all students is fundamental.

The College values academic excellence and has an obligation to focus the attention of students towards their future after their time at Scots All Saints College.

Scots All Saints is located in Bathurst, about two and a half hours drive west of Sydney. Bathurst is also a vibrant regional hub and boasts its own internationally ranked and recognised university, Charles Sturt University.



Pathways graduates move on  
and attend some of the  
**most prestigious and  
highest ranking schools  
in the nation.**



After high school, Pathways  
graduates attend some of the  
**most prestigious,  
internationally recognised  
universities in the world.**

PLC Armidale  
is the only  
ELICOS school  
with boarding  
facilities in NSW.



# Partner schools

Along with PLC Armidale and Scots All Saints College, Bathurst, PLC Pathways works collaboratively with the following independent schools to facilitate further educational opportunities for international students on graduation from the Pathways program:

Located State in Australia	Partner school
New South Wales	Abbotsleigh
	Danebank School for Girls
	Emanuel School
	Kincoppal Rose Bay
	Macarthur Anglican School
	Presbyterian Ladies' College, Sydney
	Presbyterian Ladies' College, Armidale
	Ravenswood School for Girls
	Scots All Saints College, Bathurst
	St Scholastica's College
	St Catherine's School
	St Paul's Grammar School
	TARA Anglican School for Girls
Wenona School	
South Australia	Prince Alfred College, Adelaide
Victoria	Flinders Christian Community College
	Presbyterian Ladies' College, Melbourne
	Melbourne Grammar School
Western Australia	Perth College



# Academic program

Pathways students enjoy all the benefits of being at an independent boarding school while preparing for entry into the mainstream curriculum. Students participate in the regular life of the school by playing sports, participating in music ensembles and orchestras, attending chapel and assemblies, wearing the uniform, sharing meals with Australian boarders and studying within the school campus.

The academic program includes:

- Academic and conversational English delivered by teachers experienced in high level mainstream English teaching as well as students of English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D).
- A deep and critical understanding of western culture and thinking.
- A broad range of experiences outside the classroom.
- Tuition from a range of teachers with extensive experience in a variety of subject areas.

The Pathways curriculum is tailored to individual needs, from beginner to advanced language learners. Students who progress more quickly in their language and cultural acquisition, may seamlessly transition into the mainstream academic program at PLC Armidale, Scots All Saints College, or to any of our other partner schools.

# Pathways Timetable Sample

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b>	8:00–8:40 Choir	6:30–7:30 Swimming	6:30–7:30 Fitness	6:30–7:30 Swimming	7:00–8:00 Tennis Squad	8:00–9:00 Park Run	
		8:00–8:40 Wind Ensemble		7:00–8:00 Pilates			
	8:40–9:15 Assembly	8:40–9:00 Pastoral Care	8:40–9:00 Pastoral Care	8:40–9:00 Pastoral Care	8:40–9:05 Chapel	9:00–10:00 Tennis	
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	Language	Language	Literature	HSIE	HSIE		
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	Language	Language	Literature	Culture & Worldview	Music	8:00–1:00 Various Sports Training	10:00–11:00 Town Trip
<b>RECESS</b>							
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	Music	Culture & Worldview	Physical Studies	English/Drama	Culture & Worldview		
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	Literature	Mathematics	Music	HSIE	Literature		
<b>PERIOD 5</b>	Literature	Christian Studies	Science Lab	Mathematics	Language		
<b>LUNCH 1</b>							
<b>LUNCH 2</b>		1:34–1:55 Drama Club	1:34–1:55 Choir	1:34–1:55 Knitting Club		1:30–3:30 Craft Works	1:00–2:00 Asian Shop Trip
<b>PERIOD 6</b>	HSIE	HSIE	Science Lab	Food Tech	Hot Seat Friday	3:30–6:30 Horse Riding	3:00–4:00 Pool Trip
<b>PERIOD 7</b>	DEAR	DEAR	Food Tech	BTN	Hot Seat Friday		
		4:00–5:00 Town Trip		4:00–5:00 Town Trip			
<b>AFTER SCHOOL DINNER</b>	6:00–7:00 Volley Ball	6:00–7:00 Basketball	6:00–7:00 Basketball	6:00–7:00 Indoor hockey	6:00–7:00 Badminton		
	6:30–8:00 Homework Prep				7:00–8:00 Food Trip	7:00–8:30 In house movies	
	9:00–9:30 Tech Time/Quiet Time				9:30–10:00 Tech Time/ Quiet Time	9:30–10:00 Tech Time/ Quiet Time	8:30–9:00 Tech Time/ Quiet Time
	9:30 Lights Out				10:00 Lights Out	10:00 Lights Out	9:00 Lights Out

HSIE – Human Society and its Environment

DEAR – Drop Everything and Read

BTN – Behind the News

# Co-curricular program

All quality high schools in Australia expect that students will engage in many activities to build their capabilities, develop their character and serve others.

Students enrolled in the Pathways program are expected to make the most of the opportunities they are presented in:

- Music
- Sport
- Co-curricular activities
- Adventure
- Service

In taking part in the many and varied activities Pathways provides, students experience the best opportunities and challenges that exist in independent high school education. This builds individual resilience, leadership skills and a strong character which will enrich your son or daughter for life.



## Music

including individual tuition, ensembles, orchestras and choir.



## Sport

a wide range of Summer and Winter sports are catered for, including team sports, individual coaching and development of new skills.



## Co-curricular activities

which may include academic challenges and competitions with other schools and universities.

## Service

where outward looking and community-minded students give up their time and energy to share their lives with others.



## Adventure

students take on the challenge of outdoor education, hiking, camping and navigation.



# Testimonials

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I was not a confident person before I came to Australia. I chose to stay at PLC Armidale because I like the quiet environment. There aren't so many students in one class, as there are in Sydney so teachers are able to look after each student better. I also feel that people here are more welcoming than in the city. My teachers and classmates here have helped and encouraged me so much, that now I know I have the opportunity to achieve anything, if I work hard at it.”



**Helen Zhou**

2017 PLC Pathways graduate  
2018 PLC Armidale Year 10  
2019 PLC Armidale Year 11  
2020 PLC Armidale Year 12,  
International Prefect

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During my time in PLC Pathways and PLC Armidale, I learnt a lot about critical thinking.

In China, teachers tended to enforce information and knowledge, and that was how we got good grades. It doesn't work like that in Australia. In Australia, you need to think and have an opinion.

Teachers respect your thoughts. Through my educational experiences in Armidale, I have been able to adapt to Australian culture and life.”



**Christine Liu**

2018 PLC Pathways graduate  
2018 PLC Armidale Year 10  
2019 PLC Sydney Year 11  
2020 PLC Sydney Year 12

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What I learned in Pathways which was different to education in China, is a new way of learning ... that is self-learning and learning to think from different perspectives. This has also helped me understand the Australian culture.”



**Teresa Yuan**

2018 PLC Pathways graduate  
2018 PLC Armidale Year 9  
2019 Wenona School, Year 10  
2020 Wenona School, Year 11



**Kate Yin**

2017 PLC Pathways graduate  
2018 PLC Sydney Year 11  
2019 PLC Sydney Year 12  
★Achieved an ATAR of 98.75  
in the 2019 HSC

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The invigorating classes combined with drama lessons, films, novels and “hot seat” not only laid the foundation for EALD course, but also boosted my confidence in oral English. I was also encouraged to take part in a variety of activities, in special park runs, choir and canoeing, which enriched my extracurricular life and helped me to better fit in Australian culture.”

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I learnt a lot from PLC Pathways, not only study, but also how to make friends and to adapt yourself into life in Australia. I am now studying at Toowoomba Grammar School and I found myself being able to make lots of friends and to understand almost all of the classes. I had very good teachers at PLC Pathways and the learning experiences I have had helped me a lot in my future study.”



**Will Wang**

2019 PLC Pathways, Bathurst (Term 1)  
2019 Toowoomba Grammar School (Term 2-4) Year 10  
2020 Toowoomba Grammar School Year 11

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I was timid and physically weak when I first came to Australia, but Pathways transformed me. I’ve learnt many skills and lots of experiences from Pathways such as music, speaking skills, how to be punctual... which are really useful to me.

Pathways’ boarding life was quite different compared with China. I was really lucky to have these fantastic boarding house masters. We could always do a lot of fun activities with them. Pathways is a really nice language school that was a turning point of my life.”



**Jerry He**

2019 PLC Pathways, Bathurst (Term 1-3) graduate  
2019 Scots All Saints College (Term 4)  
2020 The Scots College, Sydney Year 10

“

Here, at PLC Armidale, we are lucky, because PLC offers a range of opportunities for us. These activities and different identities not only open channels for making new friends, practising my English speaking and listening but also balance my academic studying and help me blend into the community.”



**Erin Chen**

2017 PLC Pathways graduate  
2018 PLC Armidale Year 11  
2019 PLC Armidale Year 12  
★Achieved an ATAR of 98.35 in the 2019 HSC

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The most important thing I learned at PLC Pathways is to find my goal. This has helped me a lot with my studies in Australia, especially my self-awareness and self-discipline.”



**Jocelyn Chen**

2018 PLC Pathways graduate  
2019 Kincoppal Rose Bay, Sydney, Year 9  
2020 Kincoppal Rose Bay, Sydney, Year 10

# Why choose PLC Pathways



## Boarding

You can be confident your child is in an environment where they are safe and well looked after. We have highly qualified boarding staff to ensure our local and international students are cared for in a secure, warm and caring homestay setting.



## Meals

Our fully qualified catering staff will ensure your child has access to nutritious meals including Australian and international cuisines.



## Transport

Transport systems are sophisticated in both cities and getting around is easy on buses and trains. Both cities are serviced by regional airports which are connected to all major cities across Australia.



## Supervised homework sessions

Both campuses have highly qualified teaching staff who will assist and supervise your child to ensure they are completing homework, set class tasks and working to meet deadlines.



## Technology

Technology is impossible to avoid however we set strict rules around technology use and limit the amount of time students can spend on devices. Students are clear on college and boarding house expectations when it comes to technology use.



## University access

Both cities are home to internationally ranked and recognised universities. UNE in Armidale and Charles Sturt in Bathurst are both highly sought after and competitive academic institutions.

Pathways is a nurturing educational environment allowing each child to focus and flourish in a safe, stable and caring community.





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