



SYNOD 2023 REPORT

PENRHOS COLLEGE

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REPORT

A Christian Community for Everyone

Penrhos College supports the vision of the Uniting Church in WA and lives it every day. We share the love of God and serve one another; everyone has a place in our community.

Penrhos College is an all girls' school, in the faith of the Uniting Church. We are committed to educating our students for respectful and responsible participation in an increasingly diverse and fast-evolving global community. Equally, we are committed to the promotion of

justice and equity in learning, working and social environments that are compassionate and inclusive, where each individual feels safe and valued. Our new Strategic Plan seeks to embody the boldness and imagination of the Uniting Church in WA, advancing a culture of learning and growth while empowering positive rebels to be a force for good.

Executive Summary

2023 sees Penrhos embark on its new Strategic Plan, built upon five pillars.

As we **EMBRACE** every member of our community, we foster an inclusive community that incorporates character, spirit and identity. We are strengthening the relationship between Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy in the Senior School with more time allocated to these programs and greater cooperation in planning. Our first wellbeing dog, Layla, has been welcomed with great joy and is already making a difference for our students.

As we **CREATE** learning adventures, we continually reform our student experience. Our Junior School has embarked on a process of certification with the International Baccalaureate Programme, training staff in transdisciplinary frameworks and developing inquiry-based learning. Our Secondary School is releasing students to pursue passion-based projects and developing a new honours extension program.

To **SOAR**, we are developing the skills and talents of our staff. Our Teaching and Learning Committee is building professional development based on the needs and requests of team members. Wellbeing continues to be a focus, with initiatives planned in response to grassroots consultation.

Our focus on building courage empowers positive rebels who will **BLAZE** new trails. Our new Reconciliation Action Plan is the product of student consultation and leadership. The For Others program raises money for partner charities based on student initiative. A renewed focus on sustainability will be delivered under student direction.

IMPACT beyond our community has been seen not just through fundraising but as students volunteer their time and become agents for change. 2022 Graduate, Brooke Nield, used her Alumni Award to communicate Australia's military loss at Sandakan. Overseas travel post-COVID has resumed with a tour of Laos and Thailand in 2024 being planned.

Selected Highlights

We are trialling Skodel, a safety and wellbeing platform, with our Year 6 and 7 students. The aim is to empower students to make positive changes in their lives and support and maintain a safe and connected school community.

The depth and breadth of co-curricular activities continues with students exploring new interests and developing enduring passions. The school production, Legally Blonde, is once again providing a focal point for music, dance and drama to join forces in delighting the wider school community.

This year we've offered 3 new ATAR courses – Psychology, Business Management and Enterprise as well as Outdoor Education.

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