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**SPIRIT**

LORETO KIRRIBILLI

We acknowledge and extend our gratitude  
to the Cammeraygal people of the Eora nation,  
the original and ongoing custodians of the  
land upon which Loreto Kirribilli is built.

In the spirit of reconciliation, we honour and respect  
Elders past, present and emerging and their deep  
connection to the land, waterways and skies.



*Picture: Eora women fishing from their nowie were a common sight on Sydney Harbour. Watercolour*

KIRRIBILLI WAS NAMED  
AFTER THE FIRST PEOPLE'S WORD

*kiarabilli*

WHICH MEANS 'GOOD FISHING SPOT'



43 (detail) from Banks Manuscript 34; c1790, © Trustees of the Natural History Museum, London

# discover our **SCHOOL LEADERS**

*"We are delighted to welcome you to Loreto Kirribilli's Open Day, your opportunity to meet teachers, chat with students, explore our beautiful campus, and discover the people, culture and spirit behind a Loreto Kirribilli education. We look forward to sharing what we experience every day - a school alive with spirit, connection, and purpose, where we develop girls to be the leaders of tomorrow."*

*N. Archard*

**DR NICOLE ARCHARD** BA Dip Ed, MA, MEDLEAD, MTHEOLST, PHD



**Left** Junior School Captain  
Sadie and Vice-Captain Imogen

**Right** Principal Dr Nicole Archard  
with 2025-26 School Vice-Captain  
Gemma and School Captain Caitlin



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Principal's Address

10.30am & 12.30pm  
Centenary Hall

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**HARBOURSIDE CAMPUS**



*Scan QR code for  
more information  
about our Open Day*

From the beautiful heritage Loreto Kirribilli Chapel, to the state-of-the-art STEM workshops and Science labs, explore our harbourside campus where our Junior and Senior Schools share excellent facilities. Find your way around with the wrap-around map on the cover of this booklet.



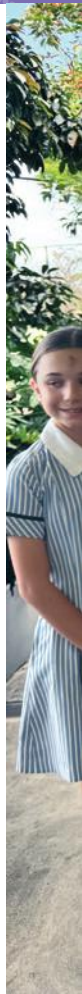
# discover our **MISSION**

*"As a specialist educator of girls, I strongly believe, as did Mary Ward, that girls and women are to be celebrated and that they have much to offer society. I believe that a girls' school environment, enriched by Catholic values and faith, will prepare our students to be strong and confident women of the future. It is through the values of a Loreto education that our girls become 'wise, loving, well-educated women', who are socially just, ethically minded, and the women leaders our society deserves and requires.*

*"To embrace a Loreto education is so much more than achieving academic excellence: it is about shaping the whole person - a person who has integrity and a strong self-belief, a person who cares deeply about others and our world, and who possesses the confidence to put themselves forward in the pursuit of personal and spiritual growth."*

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Visit our beautiful  
Chapel & discover more  
about our Mission and  
Social Justice  
initiatives

# discover our **SCHOOL OF IDEAS**

From the Kindy classrooms to the Senior Library, be immersed in a world of learning and discovery. All day, all over the school see our Curriculum displays, demonstrations and activities. Speak with teachers and students to *discover more*.



TAS Workshops



Drones in the GBC





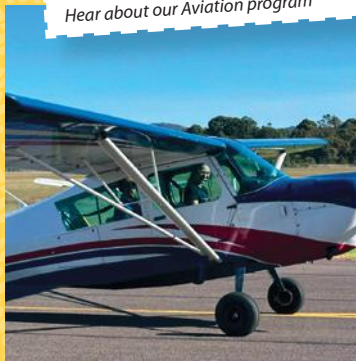
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STEM Displays & Demonstrations

All Day | Spiritus Levels 5 & 6



Discover our Science labs



Hear about our Aviation program





## *discover our* **SPORT**

Tour our Gymnasium and Fitness Centre, and see demonstrations of Netball and Rowing, and maybe even have a go on the erg! Chat to the girls about what sport they love. Our Sports Captains will be available to answer questions too.

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NET SET GO matches  
Rowing Training Session





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**ARTS**

From Drama to Music to Visual Arts, discover the vibrant artistic life of Loreto Kirribilli. Tour the Music Rooms, the Annexe, Centenary Hall and hear some of our youngest performers in action in the Junior School Petite Voices.



Petite Voices



Art Workshops

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Dance Troupe Displays  
Centenary Hall



Dance Performances



Music Ensembles

# discover our **PEOPLE**

At Loreto Kirribilli, our vision is to offer a Catholic education that liberates, empowers and motivates students to use their gifts with confidence, creativity and generosity. In the classroom and beyond, our teachers inspire our students by learning through inquiry, innovation and creativity. Our girls are stretched beyond their comfort zone, with our teachers there every step of the way!

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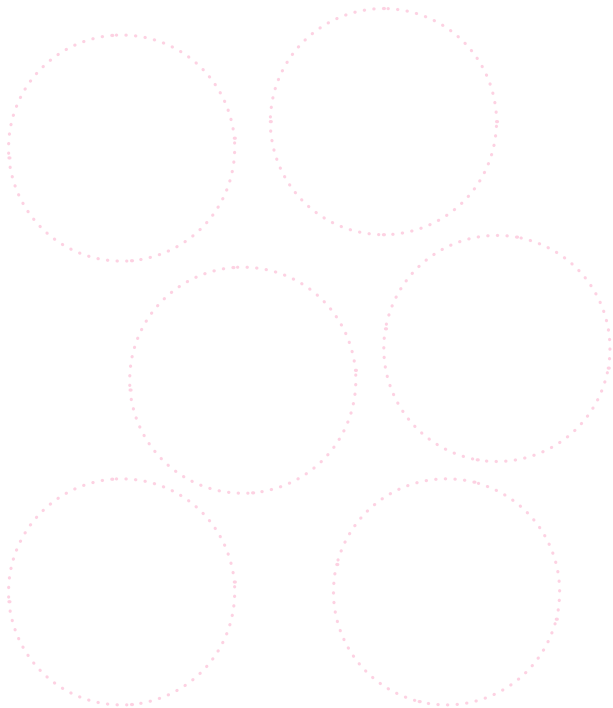
Our teachers are available across the school today to talk to you about their favourite subjects





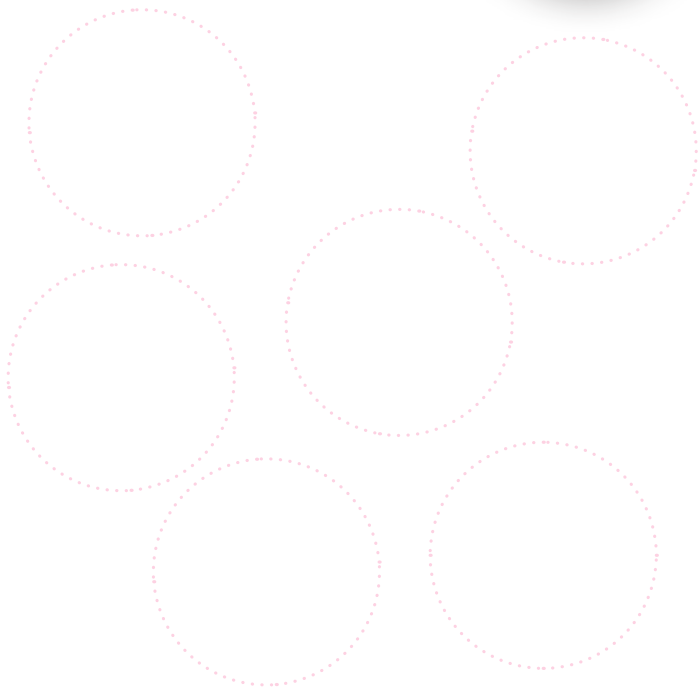
# STAMPS & STICKERS

Collect stamps and stickers as you make your way around the school.  
Can you find them all?





Visit the TAS Studios  
(Spiritus Levels 3 & 4)  
to assemble your own  
'Discover' keyring  
and charms



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Holistic Care  
Seminars C1 & C2



Year 7 Friendship Day



Lunchtime outdoor activities



Lunchtime Quad Concerts



Wellbeing Warriors

# discover our **HOLISTIC CARE**

At Loreto Kirribilli, we recognise that student wellbeing is one of the most important factors for successful learning. Our Holistic Care program is inseparable from learning; it is embedded within a framework that places students at the centre of an integrated model of K -12 Waves, Connection and Focus Programs.



Whole school Wellbeing Week



Peggy - our school therapy dog





Mary Ward



Mother Gonzaga Barry ibvm





## *discover our* **HERITAGE**

Our foundress, Mary Ward (1585 - 1645), began the journey of educating girls more than 400 years ago, this was continued from 1875 in the Australian context by Mother Gonzaga Barry *ibvm*.

'MGB' as she is fondly known, led a small band of courageous nuns from Ireland to Australia to establish Loreto schools here. Loreto Kirribilli, established in 1907, began with the historic house 'Elamang', and grew from there, with the landmark Chapel building being completed in 1930.

Our Mary Ward statue and Rose Garden are at the heart of our school, serving as a meeting point and landmark.

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*Enjoy a delicious  
Devonshire Tea in the  
Mary Ward Rose Garden*



## *discover our* **PARENTS & FRIENDS**

Meet our Parents and Friends, more colloquially known as the 'P&F', Loreto Kirribilli's parent organising body, with the primary objective of nurturing our community and the extraordinary Loreto Kirribilli spirit!

*Our 2025-2026 P&F Committee*

Sports Lunch



Secondhand Uniforms

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Catch up with our  
Parents & Friends on the  
Front Drive

Spring Fair



Regular Lunchtime BBQs





*Above LK Connect events connect our talented ex-students with young Loreto Kirribilli graduates. Events include Women in Health, Advertising, Finance, Tech, Law and more.*



## discover our **EX-STUDENTS**

Our thriving ex-student community keep in touch years after they have left school, a testament to the strong sense of belonging our students have with the school.



LK Connect Networking and Mentoring program, now in its seventh year, gives our students, young graduates and parents the opportunity to tap into the amazing talent pool of our ex-student community.

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Meet our ex-student community & learn about LK Connect on the Front Drive



*Ms Celia Sheldon, President of the Ex-Students' Union,  
and Mrs Debbie Henry, Development Manager.*



## *discover our* **HOUSES**

Our Houses provide structure to the many intramural activities and competitions held through out the year, from the Music Festivals to Sports Carnivals, Theatresports competitions to May Day Celebrations.

Houses also provide structure for our pastoral program. Each House name has historical significance to Loreto Kirribilli.

## BARRY

named after  
Mother Gonzaga Barry,  
who brought Loreto  
to Australia.



## HEATON

named after the  
Heaton family, early  
benefactors of  
the school.



*Have you  
noticed the coloured  
sashes our student  
ambassadors are  
wearing?*

**ASK STUDENTS  
ALL ABOUT IT**

## MILSON

named after the  
Milson family, original  
owners of 'Elamang'.



## WARD

named after Mary Ward,  
founder of Loreto  
schools worldwide.





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Find out more  
about our Bursaries at  
[loreto.nsw.edu.au/bursaries](http://loreto.nsw.edu.au/bursaries)



## *discover our* **BURSARY**

The means-tested Loreto Kirribilli Bursary enables students to benefit from a Loreto Kirribilli education, growing into confident, curious, socially responsible young women - the leaders of tomorrow.

This represents a wonderful opportunity for students whose families do not have the means to access a Loreto Kirribilli education. The students should demonstrate a love of learning and a willingness to make a positive contribution to the life of their school and the broader community.

The means-tested Bursary will be awarded annually to students providing full or partial fee-relief for their education from Years 10-12.

This Bursary is proudly supported by the Ex-Students' Union and our parents and friends.

# discover our **CREST**

The Loreto Kirribilli Crest is even older than the history of Loreto in Australia. It is made up of four symbols which hold an important place in our lives:

## **Mary Queen of Angels**

*Mary, Mother of God, is patron of our school*



**While I live, I trust in the cross**



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*The Cross, which is the sign of our faith in Christ*



*The Sacred Heart, which symbolises the unfailing love of God for us*



*The Anchor of Hope, an old symbol for Our Lady, and the promise of Christ to be with us*



*The Heart of Mary - who grew to be like her Son in her great love, and whom we strive to be like*

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## SCHOOL VALUES

At the heart of a Loreto education are the beautiful values that we share across all Australian Loreto schools: Freedom, Justice, Sincerity, Verity, and Felicity. These values drive our students, staff, and broader community in the honourable pursuit of educating girls and young women to become *'seekers of truth and doers of justice.'*

Each year the school adopts one value. This year we are celebrating the Year of Felicity.

Mary Ward loved a *'cheerful giver'* and a *'cheerful mind'* and showed in her own life an extraordinary connection between joy and courage.



Freedom  
**JUSTICE**  
Sincerity  
**VERITY**  
Felicity



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## **AWARD-WINNING SCHOOL**

**LORETO KIRRIBILLI WAS RECENTLY RECOGNISED  
IN THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION AWARDS**

Our Principal, Dr Nicole Archard, has been named an Excellence Awardee as School Principal of the Year. Junior School teacher, Ms Kate Archer, has been named an Excellence Awardee as Primary School Teacher of the Year, and Loreto Kirribilli Senior School has been named an Excellence Awardee for the most outstanding non-government secondary school in Australia.

These prestigious national awards recognise and celebrate schools that demonstrate exceptional excellence, innovation and leadership in Australian education.





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