



Entry in Year 5 is a guaranteed pathway to Year 7

Year 5 is our primary entry point into Loreto Normanhurst and guarantees a place in Year 7. Due to sustained demand, our Primary School expanded from two classes to three in 2022, and we are planning further expansion of Year 5 in 2027. As a result, fewer places will be available for entry into Year 7 for day girls.

What you can expect in Year 5 & 6

Small by design

- Small class sizes with no composite or cross-stage classes
- Introduction to our award-winning Student Growth Model and FACE Curriculum (Faith, Academic, Community, Extra-Curricular)

Thinking beyond the classroom

- Research, critical thinking and communication through the Year 6 Eminent Women Project, UNICEF Challenge and Philosopher's Circles

"Our Year 6 'Flood Safety Book' team were Grand Finalists in the 2025 UNICEF Challenge."

Leadership starts early

- Primary School Leaders, House Leaders, Mission, Social Justice and SRC roles

Every student is known & supported

- Strong pastoral care and consistent teacher mentoring
- Diverse Learning Support and NOVA Program for high-potential learners

Secondary-style learning experiences

- Specialist lessons in Music, Visual Arts, Languages, PDHPE and Drama in dedicated secondary spaces

Extra-curricular opportunities to explore and excel

- Robotics Club, da Vinci Decathlon, Maths Olympiad, debating, Ethics Olympiad
- Concert Band, Treble Voices Choir, Piccolo Strings Ensemble

"Primary students participate in Oratory Holiday Programs and two students participated in the IPSHA Speakers Challenge in 2025."

Sport, wellbeing and movement

- IPSHA sport and LN Active options including Taekwondo, Dance and Gymnastics

Learning beyond the timetable

- Teacher-led lunchtime clubs: Social Justice, Creative Writing and Art
- Extended Day Learning after school

Connected, outward-looking girls

- Co-educational experiences including Year 6 Social Justice Day with Saint Ignatius' College Riverview

Learning beyond the classroom walls

- Two Outdoor Learning Experiences each year

Easy, safe and reliable transport

- Private bus connections providing a safe, dependable and convenient journey to and from school

Why Year 5 matters at Loreto Normanhurst

- Research consistently finds that confidence, belonging and learning habits are more securely established when secondary expectations are introduced earlier.
- Stronger academic foundations, critical thinking, research and communication skills are well-established.

*Source: Independent Schools NSW Whole-School Wellbeing Framework

Learning Tailored for Girls

- A safe, empowering space where girls find their voice and grow their confidence.
- A single-sex setting proven to support academic achievement and leadership.
- Personalised teaching, targeted support and learning spaces that help girls thrive.

*Source: International Coalition of Girls' Schools Data



Year 5 2026 SRC Captains next to the Teresa Ball ibvm sculpture



Year 5 & 6 Felicity Camp Term 1

"One of the best things about camp was spending time with friends. We got to work together, support each other, and try new things as a team. We also enjoyed meeting and talking to new people, especially the Year 5 students. Overall, it was an exciting and fantastic experience that we will always remember."

Alycia & May, Year 6

Two years that make a lifetime of difference

What our Year 6 parents say:

"My daughter has flourished in her confidence, school enjoyment and involvement. She has a lovely group of friends and good community support."

"What I value most is the caring and supportive environment the primary school provides. I value how the school helps my child feel welcomed, supported and encouraged. The positive relationships with teachers and the wide range of learning and opportunities make a real difference."

What our Year 6 students say:

"I mostly value my education because that is why we come to school – to learn and to grow whether it is in friendships, academics, or sport."

"I value being able to push myself and having teachers that give me more challenging work even if I may do terrible on an assessment, I will use that to push myself to my limits."

"I value my learning experience and how my teachers have helped me grow and thrive in what I do."

Join a School Tour

Visit us on a Twilight Tour. Scan the QR code to register.



A confident journey from Year 7 to Year 12

A carefully designed secondary journey that builds on the foundations established in Year 5 and 6 supporting each girl to grow in independence, leadership and academic strength, and graduate ready for life beyond school.

Entry to Year 7 – what families need to know

Due to sustained demand for Primary entry we will be introducing a further Year 5 class from 2027. As the School is not expanding the Secondary School, this growth in the Primary years will have an impact on capacity for entry as a day student into Year 7 with fewer places available. Families are encouraged to consider entry in Year 5 for continuity through to the Secondary School.

What you can expect from Year 7-12

- A culture of servant leadership, grounded in Loreto values, where girls grow in confidence, compassion and responsibility through meaningful leadership opportunities in school life, service and community.
- Strong academic programs with personalised learning support and extension, ensuring every girl is appropriately challenged, supported and encouraged to achieve her personal best.
- Integrated Learning, our bespoke subject, where girls learn to connect ideas and skills across different subjects, helping them understand how learning works in the real world.

- A structured pastoral framework through House and Tutor Groups, where every girl is known well, forms friendships across year groups, and feels supported – while having fun and enjoying school as girls should.
- A rich extra-curricular program across sport, creative and performing arts, service, clubs and leadership, allowing girls to discover interests, build friendships and develop confidence beyond the classroom.

The secondary years at a glance

Year 7 | Transition, Belonging & Exploration

- A supported transition into secondary school with clear routines and guidance
- House system and Tutor Groups fostering belonging, connection and wellbeing
- Flexible learning spaces designed for collaboration and engagement
- A wide range of extra-curricular opportunities across sport, service and clubs
- Introduction to Integrated Learning across subject areas
- Extended Day learning opportunities after school

Year 8 | Critical Thinking & Collaboration

- A deepened Integrated Learning program that strengthens connections across subjects
- Explicit focus on teamwork, creativity and problem solving



"I value my connections with peers both in my year and in all other years, as well as teachers. I feel like I always have someone to talk to if I need and people who are interested in me which makes me feel valued and more than just a student."

- Year 12 2025 Student



Year 9 | Real-World Immersion & Personal Growth

- Learning beyond the classroom through the Far North Queensland Experience
- Development of independence, resilience and adaptability through structured, supervised experiences
- Broader subject choices and early pathway exploration
- Academic rigour supported by the Academic Coaching Program

"We can rely on Loreto Normanhurst to well support and encourage our girls to reach their full potential. This includes encouraging them to be critical thinkers, respectful to all others and assertive communicators"
— Year 9 Parent

"I value knowing that I attended a school that genuinely cares about its students and the kind of people they become."
— Year 12 2025 Student

Year 10 | Future Readiness & Direction

- The LAUNCH Program supporting the transition from Stage 5 to Stage 6
- Careers education and personalised pathway planning
- Growing independence with continued pastoral guidance

Year 11 | Leadership, Perspective & Service

- Leadership through Loreto Day and Social Justice initiatives
- Mentoring, immersion opportunities and senior leadership pathways
- Encouragement to lead with compassion, confidence and purpose

Year 12 | Preparation for Life Beyond Loreto

- Drawing on the full Loreto journey to ensure tertiary and pathway readiness
- Strong wellbeing and pastoral structures during the senior years
- Leadership and mentoring of younger students
- An education that prepares graduates for life

A Loreto Normanhurst Graduate is a woman of...



Independent Thinking



Creativity



Grit



Service



Voice



Conscious Faith



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