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Principal's Notes



Paul Brock, in ‘Towards schooling in the 21st century’, states that “education can, indeed must, play a most important role in confronting issues of national and global significance in the 21st century”.

While Australia is rolling out a national curriculum, it could be argued that what we need is education on a global level – for without a truly educated global community, we will not easily understand one another better, talk to one another in each other’s languages, grow and learn together because we value others’ way of seeing the world or elevate conversations as to how, collectively, we manage the limits of constraints imposed by our planet.

PLC has chosen the International Baccalaureate (IB) as a significant step in addressing these needs and educating our young women to be global citizens. The 2011 school year saw the extension of programmes offered to

include the IB Diploma for Years 11 and 12 and our first pioneering cohort of students. It is a logical transition from the philosophy and pedagogy of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and one that prepares students well for tertiary studies. It very much complements the more liberal education of the undergraduate courses now offered at the University of Western Australia and the University of Melbourne.

Additionally, the decision has been taken to commence the MYP in Year 6 rather than Year 7. This provides students with five years to achieve the rigorous criteria and, importantly, provides for continuity of curriculum between the Junior School and Middle School, as Year 6 will remain as leaders of the Junior School.

The IB organisation returned in 2011 to evaluate the School’s MYP.

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The regular five-year evaluation process is both a requirement and a service provided by the IB to authorised schools. It ensures the quality and fidelity of the programme across all IB world schools is maintained through a process of formal reflection by all stakeholders within a school community against the IB Programme Standards and Practices. I congratulate our MYP Co-ordinator and Deputy Principal, Kim Edwards, together with the team of MYP Heads of Department on receiving a report with many commendations. The process has allowed us to refine objectives for the next five-year cycle, particularly connecting learning across subjects to support depth of understanding while still maintaining separate disciplines of learning.

In the Junior School, we welcomed Heather Pope as our new Head of Junior School. We have quickly come to appreciate Heather's professional knowledge and wisdom, openness and vision for an education that meets the needs of every child as well as her deep understanding of a PYP education. She has set about creating an environment that has encouraged discussion, open communication, evidence-based research and project planning. A strategic plan has been created, shared and, in many cases, acted upon. Across the 2011-12 holiday period, one of the initiatives – creating a 21st century library facility for Junior School - has taken shape.

At the end of 2011 we were delighted to receive the positive news that the Federal Government has provided formal recognition that the IB programmes meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum. What this means is that PLC is teaching the Australian curriculum but within

an IB framework that is holistic, bilingual and based on cultural awareness and international understanding.

The vision for PLC, which is mirrored so well by the philosophy of IB, is to prepare young women - the decision makers of tomorrow - to live in a complex multicultural and connected world and to have the skills and attitudes to be part of a shared future.

In the words of Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Beth Blackwood
Principal

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Council

The PLC Council is responsible for effective governance and strategic direction of the School and reports to the Uniting Church in Australia. Members of Council are all volunteers and offer significant time and professional expertise in a variety of areas including education, law, finance, planning and business. Their astute governance, strategic vision and leadership ensure the School will continue to provide educational excellence for future generations.

A number of strategic plans received focus during 2011, including those for Junior School, Information and Learning Technologies and Marketing. Commencing with a pilot programme in 2012, the Personal Learning Plan strategy will teach students to set and periodically review their progress towards personal goals.

Council considers the redevelopment of the Senior School imperative to offer contemporary and open facilities required to achieve the excellent education we desire for all our students, particularly important for their transition from Secondary School to tertiary or work environments. Concepts have been developed with architectural drawings anticipated during 2012.

Council completed a review of its Committee structure in 2010/2011 and determined the governance and strategic recommendations that were previously the responsibility of the ILT, Education, Governance and Performance, and Strategy Committees should return to Council and these committees were disbanded. As a result, we said farewell to valued independent members: Mr Barry Horne from the Strategy Committee; and Mr Geoff Lewis from the ILT Committee.



MARTIN KIRKNESS



SUSAN ROBERTS

At the end of 2011, Council farewelled two members who have each made significant contributions. Mr Martin Kirkness completed the maximum nine-year term on Council. Mr Kirkness became a member of the Finance Committee upon joining Council and was appointed Chair of the Committee soon after. Council is indebted to Mr Kirkness for his discerning leadership of the Finance Committee, strategic focus and community spirit. He is succeeded as Chair of Finance by Mr Alan Atchison.

Dr Susan Roberts retired from Council after seven years. Dr Roberts was a member of the Education Committee for six years prior to the Committee restructure, the last four of which she was Chair of the Committee. An experienced Human Resource professional, Dr Roberts also willingly led the Middle Management and Teacher Workload Sub-committee as its Convenor during 2006/2007.

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JOHN ATKINS

We also said farewell to two Council members during the year. Mr Tony Lofthouse completed his three years as President of the Parents' Committee in October. However, the PLC community will continue to benefit from his valued support as he remains a member of that Committee.

Mr John Atkins retired from Council in March 2011 after more than six years that included representing the Parents'

Committee as its President. Mr Atkins' contributions included serving on the Strategy Committee, Governance and Performance Committee, and the Information and Learning Technologies Committee, the last two-and-half years as Chair. Mr Atkins has experience on a number of boards, evidenced by his astute strategic advice and knowledge of best practice and contemporary governance.

During the year, we welcomed three new members to Council: Mrs Kathy Bonus was appointed as a nominee of the Old Collegians' Association, Mrs Jenny Playford succeeded Mr Tony Lofthouse as President of the Parents' Committee and Mr Alan Atchison, previously an independent member of the Finance Committee, was appointed an Ordinary Member of Council. Each of these members brings extensive experience and expertise from their relevant fields as detailed in the PLC Community Handbook.

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2011 Council Members

Rev Ken Williams and Rev Ron Larkin
Moderators of the Uniting Church
in Australia (WA)

Hon Justice John McKechnie
Chair of Council/past parent/law/university

Ms Robyn Ahern
Current parent/business

Mr Alan Atchison
Current parent/finance

Mr John Atkins
Current parent/law/business

Mrs Kathy Bonus
Past student/past parent/planning

Mrs Katrina Burton
Past student/current parent/law

Prof Tracey Horton
University/business

Mr Martin Kirkness
Current parent/finance

Mr Tony Lofthouse
Current parent/business/finance

Mrs Jenny Playford
Current parent/business

Mr Simon Read
Current parent/finance

Dr Susan Roberts
Educator/human resources

Prof Karen Simmer
Past parent/university/medicine

Mrs Gillian Swan
Uniting Church/educator

Mr Tony Taylor
Current parent/finance/recruitment

PLC also thanks the following
people who have provided their
time, knowledge and experience to
Council Sub Committees during the
year:

Mrs Hazel Day (Master Plan & Infrastructure)

Mr Ned Franetovich (Master Plan &
Infrastructure)

Mr Barry Horne (Strategy)

Mr Philip Idle (Master Plan & Infrastructure)

Mr Geoff Lewis (Information & Learning
Technologies)

Mr Jamie Lutz (Chair, Audit)

Mr Ian Macliver (Audit)

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College Leadership Team

Beth Blackwood Principal	Anna Hu Director of Information Systems and Services
Keith Anderson Deputy Principal	Malcolm McTavish/Leanne McTavish Co-Directors of Boarding
Sharon Anderson Head of Middle School	Bob Niven Director of Operations
Kim Edwards Deputy Principal	Tina Phillips Human Resources Manager
Neesha Flint Head of Senior School	Heather Pope Head of Junior School
Chavaune Francis Director of Community Relations	Chris Robinson Head of Staff
Sam Kronja Director of Finance and Administration	

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Staff Farewells

This year PLC farewelled two long-serving staff members, Linda Bynon and Rosemary Lukin.

We thank both Linda and Rosemary for their longstanding contribution, dedication and loyalty to PLC.



LINDA BYNON

Linda Bynon began her teaching career at PLC in 1987 and for 25 years has been a dedicated, inspiring teacher of English and Literature, as well as some French in the early years. She imbued her students with an enduring love of language, literature and the importance of conscientious effort. In her role as Summers House Adviser and later as a Senior School Co-ordinator, she was the epitome of commitment, concern and care for others.



ROSEMARY LUKIN

We also farewelled Rosemary Lukin as Registrar after 22 years service at PLC, initially as Development Officer. Rosemary's knowledge of PLC and its values, the students and families she introduced to the School together with the wider school community, is extensive and invaluable. She has endeared herself to many over the years. Rosemary will remain a presence at PLC in the Learning Enrichment Centre.

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2010 Results Snapshot

In 2010, 99.4% of Year 12 PLC students achieved secondary graduation through the Western Australian Certificate of Education with girls excelling in both academic and vocational courses.

In the WACE Examinations, 28% were placed in the top 5% in the State and 52% had an ATAR above 90%.

PLC was listed among the top 15 performing schools in 20 WACE subjects/courses of study: Accounting and Finance, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Dance, Drama, Economics, English, Food Science and Technology, French, Literature, Materials Design and Technology, Mathematics 3CD, 3AB, 2CD, Specialist, Media Production and Analysis, Modern History, Politics and Law, Psychology, and Visual Arts.



Bonnie de la Hunty Sarah Cole Isabella Borshoff

Individual outstanding results were:

General Exhibitions

Bonnie de la Hunty (joint Dux of School)
Sarah Cole (joint Dux of School)
Isabella Borshoff

Course Exhibitions

Sarah Clapin (Dance)
Isabella Borshoff (Literature)

Certificates of Distinction

Hannah Tunstill (Biological Sciences)
Bonnie de la Hunty (Chemistry)
Sarah Clapin (Dance)
Mariko Hunt and Grace Taylor (English)
Eleni Bacopanos (Geography)
Raena Kaur (Human Biological Science)
Isabella Borshoff (Literature)
Bonnie de la Hunty (Mathematics)
Mariko Hunt and Philippa Martino (Media Production and Analysis)
Katelyn Prendiville (Physical Education Studies)

A Special Certificate of Distinction

was awarded to Eloisa Dickinson (Media Production and Analysis).

Certificates of Excellence

Prue Batchelor, Isabella Borshoff,
Melissa Brumby, Sarah Clapin, Sarah Cole,
Amy Cox, Molly Dale, Bonnie de la Hunty,
Madeleine di Francesco, Daniella Harlan,
Raena Kaur, Flora Lolev, Philippa Martino,
Nicole Mumford, Sophie Pemberton,
Nicole Platell, Kay-Lyn Tan, Grace Taylor,
Hannah Tunstill.

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Academic Achievement

In addition to the excellent results of our 2010 Year 12s, PLC students continued to achieve in state and national competitions. Some of these successes include:

Head Prefect, Dinu Kumarasinghe (Year 12), was awarded the Public Speaking Award at Lions Youth of the Year Awards.

Alisha Maclean (Year 10) was selected for the WA State Debating Squad.

The team of Alisha Maclean, Rebecca Cole, Madeleine King and Lucy Yang (all Year 10) won the Junior Division of the WADL debating competition. McKenzie Eastman, Madeline Conway and Katrina Reynolds (all Year 8) won the Novice division.

Alma Jovanovich (Year 10) won the final of UN Youth WA's inaugural public speaking competition, UN Youth Voice.

Year 11 students Kate Franklyn (2nd), Merry Li (3rd), Marissa Loh (5th), Arielle Tay (7th), and Eleanor Norman (8th) were placed in the top 10 in the State in the Alliance Française Examinations.

Tabitha Malet (Year 7), Elizabeth Kuiper (Year 11), Sophie Taylor (Year 11) and Merry Li (Year 11) were prize winners in The West Australian Young Writers' Awards. Georgia Langloulant (Year 11), Kate Wambeek (Year 11), Caitlin Atwell (Year 7) and Louisa Dry (Year 7) were shortlisted as finalists.



WADL Debating Competition winners.



Alliance Française Examination high achievers.

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Tabitha Malet (Year 7) won the inaugural The West Australian Spelling Bee competition.

Year 10 students Siobhan Deacon, Olivia Jurat and Ellie Burton were State winners in the National History Challenge in their individual categories and Ellie Burton was state winner in the Best Year 9-10 category.

Year 8 students Noa Gubbay, Alice Ford, Cara Donnelly and Isabella Leunig were runners-up in the Year 7-10 division of the national Geologi Short Film Competition.

Hannah Bougher, Ella Neild, Kate Franklyn, Eva Kruimer, Sophie Taylor, Kylie Yu (all Year 11) and Kira Cranswick (Year 12) gained High Distinctions in the Australian Chemistry Quiz while Merry Li, Arielle Tay, Tessa Poot (all Year 11) and Sarah Ransom (Year 12) received Distinctions.

Charlotte Boyle and Katie Lloyd (both Year 12) won a gold medal and Alice Garbutt-Wilkins (Year 12) a silver medal in the final of the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute 'Titration Stakes' at Murdoch University.

In the Australian Mathematics Competition, High Distinctions went to Eloise Wiffen (Year 7), Amelia Murray (Year 8) and Claire Braidahl (Year 8), and Tess Parker (Year 10) won the Prudence Award for most consecutive correct questions.

In the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, High Distinctions for Mathematics were awarded to Sophie Lim (Year 4), Lucy



Tournament of Minds Competition winners.

Jarrett (Year 4), Isobel Cole (Year 7) and Amelia Murray (Year 8).

In the ICAS English competition, Kate Curtis and Ava Cadee (both Year 6), and Scarlett Downes, Natalie Everett and Eva Marsh (all Year 5) won High Distinctions. Kate Curtis received a State medal.

The Junior School team of Juliette Adler, Ava Cadee, Alex Cowan and Kate Curtis (all Year 6) and Grace Bowen, Scarlett Downes and Saskia Thomas (all Year 5) won the national finals of the Tournament of Minds competition in the Applied Technology section in Hobart.

Year 12 leavers Pia Chaffey, Natasha Graham and Charlie Gribble have all received Collegiate Scholarships to Bond University.

DJ Carmichael Academic Scholarship recipients who commenced in Year 7 were Isobel Cole and Tabitha Malet and Year 8 were Claire Braidahl, Brittany Doney, Ellen Dowley, Georgia Ford, Amelia Murray and Olivia Shannon.

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National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for 2011

Below is a summary of our National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for 2011.

In 2008 the NAPLAN commenced in Australian schools with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

See below and on the following page the percentage of our girls achieving in one of three bands nationally (top 20%, middle 60%, or lower 20%) for each area.

READING

	National	PLC Year 3	PLC Year 5	PLC Year 7	PLC Year 9
Top	20	46	47	42	36
Middle	60	43	47	56	53
Bottom	20	11	6	2	11

WRITING

	National	PLC Year 3	PLC Year 5	PLC Year 7	PLC Year 9
Top	20	36	46	54	39
Middle	60	59	47	44	55
Bottom	20	5	7	2	6

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National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for 2011

SPELLING

	National	PLC Year 3	PLC Year 5	PLC Year 7	PLC Year 9
Top	20	27	35	28	27
Middle	60	59	60	65	64
Bottom	20	14	5	7	9

GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION

	National	PLC Year 3	PLC Year 5	PLC Year 7	PLC Year 9
Top	20	35	40	40	42
Middle	60	51	54	53	51
Bottom	20	14	6	7	7

NUMERACY

	National	PLC Year 3	PLC Year 5	PLC Year 7	PLC Year 9
Top	20	38	29	39	32
Middle	60	57	64	56	56
Bottom	20	5	7	5	12

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Performing Arts

PLC is recognised for its high-calibre and innovative music, theatre and visual arts programmes, with students excelling in performing arts in and beyond school.

The range of wonderful cultural events this year have included the student Art Exhibition 'Picture This', the Senior School Photography Exhibition, the School production 'Macbeth', Year 12 curriculum production 'Fragments' and Year 11 curriculum production 'Flavio and Isabella', Dance Showcase 'Développé' and performances at the IGSSA Dance Festival.

Concerts from the Music Department included the annual Proms Concert, the Solo and Chamber Music Concert, Junior School Winter Concert, Vocal

Recital Evening, Year 12 Music Recital, PLC Spring Concert and Year 11 WACE Recital, Senior Spring Concert and the Junior School Spring Concert.

The Pipe Band played at the Anzac Day March and celebrated its 30th reunion in May.

PLC had nine ensembles performing in this year's WA Schools' Jazz, Band and Orchestra Festivals: Vivaldi String Orchestra, Year 5 Band, Junior School Concert Band, Stravinsky String Orchestra, Concert Band 2, Stage Band, Concert Band 1, PLC/Scotch Chamber Orchestra and PLC/Scotch Wind Ensemble.

Zosia Tindale (Year 7) was accepted into a special programme with the Western Australian Conservatoire of Classical Ballet for talented and dedicated students.



Olivia Lowson (Year 7) was awarded the 2012 Bruce Woodley Scholarship for Excellence by the Chamber Choir for the Australian Youth Choir, WA Chapter.

Olivia De Jonge's (Year 8) talent for acting was recognised with a nomination for the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts awards to be judged at the Sydney Opera House in 2012.

Music Scholarships were awarded to Miah Smith (Year 6) and Nicola Armstrong (Year 7).



Music bursary recipients were Madeline Lofhouse (Year 10), Morgan Bowen (Year 8), Ciara Taylor (Year 6), Olivia Lowson (Year 7), Olivia Triglavcanin (Year 6), Tabitha Malet (Year 7), Kate Curtis (Year 6), Hayley Clarke (Year 5) and Tess Bevan (Year 6). Elise Wilson (Year 10) received a McLarty Family Bursary.

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Sporting Excellence

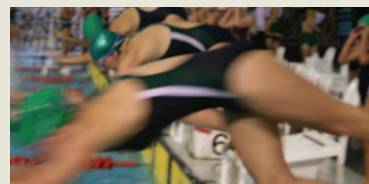
Sport is an integral part of the PLC curriculum as well as the co-curricular life of the School with opportunities to participate in competitive team sports as well as recreational pursuits such as surfing, sailing, yoga and rock-climbing.

Across the year, PLC has competed in Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Netball, Basketball, Water Polo, Equestrian, Tennis, Softball, Hockey, Soccer, Rowing and Volleyball.

PLC tennis players won the overall Champion School for the IGSSA Tennis competition and PLC came second in the Schoolgirls Head of the River Regatta and for the overall season.

Elite Sportswoman pockets for students who have represented Australia were awarded to Nikki Chung (Year 11) for gymnastics and Georgia Siciliano (Year 11) for athletics and equestrian.

Special congratulations to Nikki Chung, who was named in the Australian National Senior Gymnastics team, and Natasha Gay (Year 11), whose Junior Women's Four won the B final at the Junior World Rowing Championships in London.



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Connecting the Community

PLC boasts an active and engaged School community and is especially grateful for the ongoing support it receives from volunteer groups comprising alumni and parents.

The PLC Auxiliary continues to organise many social and fundraising events, including the popular Open Garden Day.

The City Country Lunch was held in the PLC Boarding House and the Outdoor Cinema evening and Auxiliary Tennis Morning were other enjoyable events of the year. The Auxiliary supported the Junior School Disco, the Valedictory Dinner and Second Hand Clothing.

This year, the Auxiliary and Service Learning office teamed up to

develop a new family service project for Senior School students and their parents.

The Parents' Committee was active in supporting Junior School Parent Information Evenings, Middle and Senior School Support Your Daughter Evenings, the Year 10 Social and Year 11 Dance, and in hosting the annual Sundowner.

Winners of the Parents' Committee Scholarships were Catriona Read (Year 8) and Alisha Maclean (Year 10).

Our commitment to rural Western Australia meant visits to Dowerin, Wagin, Broome, Karratha, Kununurra, Newdegate, Mingenew and Margaret River and a reunion for current, past and future parents and alumni in Broome.



The Old Collegians' Association hosted a Welcome Lunch for past students returning to the School as parents and a morning tea for the 2012 Student Prefecture and their parents. The Annual Art Exhibition was held in the Middle School Gallery and once again featured works by former students.

Alumni events held by the School included the Easter and Founders' Day services followed by lunch for past students who left PLC 50 years ago or more.

In addition to the Year 13 Brunch, and reunions in Melbourne and

Sydney, class reunions for 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 65 and, for the first time, 70 year groups were held.

An Alumni Connect Breakfast was hosted by Beth Blackwood and attended by past students as well as a number of Year 12 girls.

The PLC OCA awarded the following scholarships : Vera Summers Scholarship to Kate Mannolini (Year 10), Heather Barr Memorial Scholarship to Annie Cormack (Year 11), and the Olive Cusack Scholarship to Isobel Camerer (Year 9).

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Community and Service Learning

Connecting the head, heart and hands is a primary goal of a PLC education. The School has a strong tradition of engaging students to become responsible citizens and active leaders, and has developed relationships with worthy organisations locally, across the State and overseas.

As examples, this year our Operation Santa donations through UnitingCare West provided for 90 families and hundreds of books and games were donated to disadvantaged indigenous and refugee families. Eighty comfort packs were donated to women escaping domestic abuse through Wyn Carr Women's Refuge. Over 1000 cans of food and dozens of blankets were donated to the homeless.



More than 40 organisations have been touched by the efforts of House Tutor Group lunchtime and other student fundraising events, which raise awareness and funds for our many community partnerships. Evening and weekend family projects have helped feed the homeless in Perth, packed medical supplies at Royal Perth Hospital and delivered the soup patrol.

Service Immersion Tours have become integral to Service Learning. During our fifth tour to Cambodia, we celebrated building our 105th house in the remote villages outside Phnom Phenh.

This represents an achievement by the PLC community of housing over 1000 people and the funding of 80 wells, each supporting up to 40 families. Since our inaugural tour in 2008, 68 families (daughter and parent) have undertaken the journey. Forty-three members of our community spent the school break building houses and working in schools in Cambodia, assisting the Mission of Charities, Street Children and Water Filter projects and Free the Bears.

A separate group of PLC Diploma students initiated the Cambodia Sewing Project as part of their Creativity, Action and Service



and rallied the support of other students and parents to sew 124 pairs of shorts that were donated to Cambodian street children by the visiting Year 10s.

A dozen Senior School students made the trip to the Kimberley during the July school holidays to support Mowanjum Community. They developed relationships at Mowanjum through children's holiday activities and support of the annual Community Festival.

Upon returning to Perth, students organised a concert at PLC by Red Alert band, made up of five of the gifted Mowanjum teenage boys.

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Beyond McNeil Street

International and national tours and exchanges enable students to broaden their perspective and expand their studies in various curriculum areas.

Caitlin O'Shea, Madeleine Lofthouse (both Year 10) and Katie Baronie Shaw (Year 11) were selected to attend the International Leadership Academy at the Institute of Civic Leadership in Vancouver, Canada, in August.

Isobel Martin and Talia Clohessy (Year 10) were selected for an exchange to Schottengymnasium in Vienna in December 2011. Emma Salem (Year 10) and Kate Forrester (Year 10) travelled to South Africa on exchange, while Siobhan Deacon (Year 10) participated in an exchange to Japan.

Three Year 12 students won Rotary International Youth Exchange for 12 months in 2012: Megan Bilney to Switzerland, Isabel Kordic to Finland and Kimberly Warrant to France.

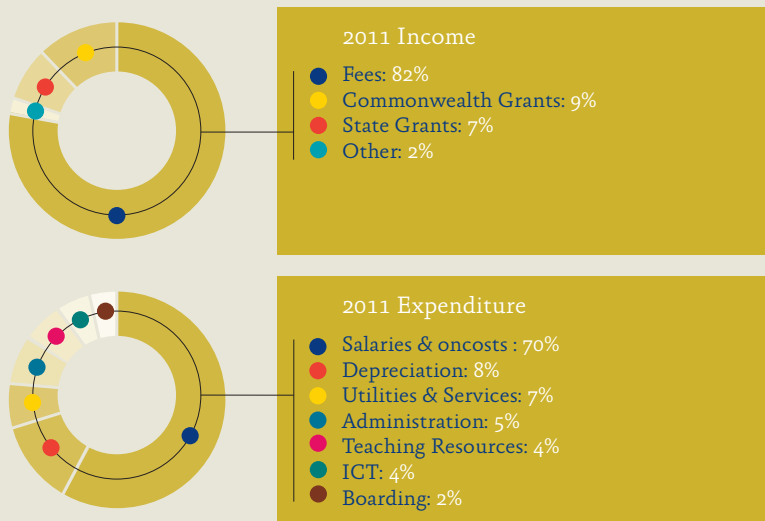
This year, PLC girls have pursued a diverse range of interests in many destinations including the Kimberley, NIDA in Sydney, and tours to Canberra, France and Cambodia.

PLC has been host to students from South Africa, Austria, Germany, China and Japan.

As educators, our staff have travelled within Western Australia, Australia and overseas, including China, India, Malaysia, Singapore and the United States.

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College Operations



Foundation

The PLC Foundation is responsible for raising and managing its funds for the benefit of the School. The capital campaign for the Swim and Recreation Centre was successfully completed in 2011. The Foundation now looks forward to the forthcoming campaign and contributing to the major Senior School project.

In the past years, PLC has been fortunate to be the recipient of generous bequests from supporters of the School. These benefactors have been instrumental in the ongoing development of a leading and innovative school of excellence for girls. In 2011, to thank those who choose to make a difference to the future of the School by making a significant contribution in their lifetime, the Foundation introduced a new membership criterion for the Summers Society. The inaugural members welcomed into this category at the Foundation AGM were Lady Jean Brodie-Hall AM (Slatyer 1933), Dr Patricia Kailis AM OBE, Mrs Rosalind Lilley (McClelland 1961) and Mr Willy Packer (1976).

The Foundation has welcomed two new Board Members: Ian Macliver and Andrew McKenzie. Both members bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge, which will assist in the prudential management of the Foundation Funds.

The School recognises the time, expertise and dedication of the Foundation Board: Elisa Fear, Sue Hobson, Mimi Packer, Ian Macliver, Andrew McKenzie and Jennifer Thornton and Chair, Robyn Ahern.

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2011 Strategic Achievements

- Successful completion of IB evaluation of MYP (Years 7 – 10).
- Mapping of English, Mathematics, History and Science curriculum against Australian Curriculum.
- Introduction of Mandarin as a second language in Year 5 and as a co-curricular option in earlier years.
- Development of Strategic Planning initiative for individual goal setting for Middle School students.
- Junior School Strategic Plan established based on parent and teacher review and feedback.
- Year 6 becomes MYP transition year.
- Information Learning Technologies Strategic Plan 2012-2014 developed and approved.
- New Swim and Recreation Centre completed, including facilities such as Music Room and outdoor play area for the Junior School.

2012 Initiatives

- Full implementation of Year 6 as first year of MYP at PLC.
- Mandarin as a second language extended and offered across Years 4, 5 and 6.
- Trial implementation of individual goal setting initiative in two Year 8 tutor groups.
- Implementation of Junior School Strategic Plan.
- Redevelopment of facilities for contemporary library space in the Junior School (as per Strategic Plan).
- Development of plans to upgrade Senior College campus facilities for Years 10, 11 and 12.
- Information Learning Technologies Strategic Plan 2012-2014 to be implemented.
- Full-time Counsellor appointed to Middle School.
- Increase in staff available to the Learning Enrichment Centre to support gifted and talented students from Year 7-12.
- Review of organisational structure for curriculum leadership at PLC.
- Refresh PLC website.