

Why choose a girls' school? Data from the recent Research Report commissioned by the Alliance of Girls' Schools provide some answers...

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Girls progress more quickly in middle years

The middle years are a transition time for students. Girls' academic growth is vital in this period, as it gives them the confidence to progress to the senior years, and a continued love of learning.

DATA: Alliance member schools are already well ahead in achievement at Year 7, and display faster growth than students generally do between Years 7 and 9.

Girls achieve outstanding results in senior school

Academic success in the senior years gives girls many opportunities when they leave school. Whether it is the choice of a select university course or the confidence to launch a career; high achievement levels in Year 12 provide keys to girls' future.

DATA: Girls attending Victorian Alliance member schools in general, produce almost three times the proportion of very high (40+) Study Scores than non-member schools produce. These results are also reflected in other Australian states. In New Zealand the rate of achievement of outstanding scholarships in Alliance member schools is just over three times the national average.

Girls accomplish high results in individual subjects

Each girl is unique and the wide range of subjects available in Alliance member schools caters for many educational tastes.

DATA: In NSW, girls in Alliance member schools exceeded the state mean in all subjects which were chosen for analysis: English, Mathematics, Business Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Modern History. The highest performing member schools are more than 10 points above the state mean in all subjects.

Girls are far more likely to enter university and tertiary education

Girls who have developed life-long learning skills in single-sex schools often want to continue this development in the tertiary sector. Tertiary education presents girls with many life and career options; they can pursue individual passions through continued study and contribute to society with skills and experience.

DATA: Girls in Alliance member schools achieve high tertiary entrance scores. In Victoria 36% of tertiary entrance scores (ENTERs), are 90 or more in Alliance schools. In South Australia, 52% of girls at Alliance member schools gain university entrance scores of 90 and above.

SOURCE: Australian Council for Educational Research. (2008). *Senior Secondary Achievement in Member Schools of the Alliance of Girls' Schools (Australasia)*.