STUDENT ENTERPRISE
AT MELBOURNE GIRLS GRAMMAR

The Centre for Educational Enterprise (CEE) represents our commitment to leading and contributing to these international dialogues. “Enterprise” was carefully chosen – we are advancing entrepreneurial thinking in our school, to shape and influence our practices and the learning experiences of our girls. “Enterprise” suggests courage, boldness, leadership, risk taking – but also savvy appraisal of options and a desire to succeed, to progress, to innovate. This resonates with our history of educating young women to be trailblazers – we want our girls to graduate with the confidence to seize opportunities, refusing to be type cast, stereotyped or diminished in any way because they are girls.

Excerpt from Speech Night 2014, from Principal, Catherine Misson

Why Student Enterprise?

Our girls are being prepared to flourish in an evolving world, one in which communication, travel, trade and social interactions are driving human experience forward at an unprecedented pace and through ever more closely connected global networks. To succeed our girls must have an entrepreneurial mindset: they will be creative, resourceful, adaptable, team oriented, and independent. They will use their imaginations to develop solutions to problems that interest and engage them, harnessing their intellectual and creative potential. Our girls will see themselves as emerging global citizens, ready to explore opportunities for personal and community growth and development. We achieve this by valuing the diversity of our girls, encouraging their curiosity, and focusing on the process of learning. Enterprising girls approach problems with the confidence that they have the skills and attributes to design solutions. They particularly want to produce high quality outcomes through sustained application, collaboration, and lateral consideration of possibilities.

What it means for our students

At the outset of Year 9, each student meets with the Student Enterprise Manager to develop her Enterprise Profile. The Student Enterprise Manager is responsible for provision of opportunities that extend learning into local and global contexts, facilitating the development of a student’s enterprise profile. This is a unique offering by Melbourne Girls Grammar, under the auspices of our Centre for Educational Enterprise.

The Student Enterprise Profile remains an active experience throughout the four years of the Senior Years Program, building experiences and learning within four domains:

- **Learning Beyond School**: local and global opportunities, incorporating trips, exchanges, online certificates and passion focused opportunities
- **Careers Inspiration**: this is an expansive domain, with a particular focus on internships that supplement and inform learning experiences beyond the academic domain
- **Student Philanthropy**: volunteer work is a highly valued component of our girls’ experiences, informing their understanding of active global citizenship
- **Leadership**: this can be individual or team based, demonstrated through participation in enterprise opportunities and the broader co-curricular program

Student Enterprise Requirements

- There is an expectation that students will have one global experience in the Senior Years Enterprise Plan (e.g. Language Immersion exchange in Italy or France, Senior Years Science and Enterprise Tour, World Challenge Expeditions to Asia). The purpose of an international trip is to develop a global mind-set and give students an opportunity for both cultural immersion and development of independence and self awareness.
- Students are strongly encouraged to complete one additional accreditation, most likely offered online, during their 4 years of Senior Years Studies (e.g. Social Media and Marketing Certificate)
- Students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship, and depending on the nature of their Global or Domestic Experiential Opportunity this may also qualify as an internship (e.g. a certificate in Global Entrepreneurship in Dublin, Marine Science Content Study Course in Central America, Corporate Business internship within Melbourne)
- Students will be responsible for inputting content to all domains of their Enterprise Profile which is retained on eVL and be responsible for supplying evidence/references to confirm their participation in experiential learning opportunities. Volunteering, coaching, community and social projects and fundraising as well as study tours, certificates and leadership positions will be considered. Students will be aware this profile will be attached to their final School Reference.

Upcoming Enterprise Opportunities

- French and Italian Language Immersion Programs
- Senior Years Global Leaders Conference UK 2016 - Applications close 6 May
- Costa Rica Biodiversity and Conservation Expedition 2016 - Applications close 6 May
- Senior Years Science and Enterprise Tour Europe 2017 - Information evening 16 May 2016
- Senior Years World Challenge Expeditions China, Sri Lanka or Nepal - Information evening 23 May 2016
- NAB Girls in IT 6 week Internship Program

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