

Walford Anglican School for Girls is an independent, Anglican, day and boarding school for girls, located in Hyde Park, South Australia.

The school is non-selective and caters for approximately 594 students from ELC to Year 12, including 70 boarders.[1]

Walford's motto is "Virtute et Veritate" which translates to "with Courage and Truth".[2]

The school has a wide range of extra curricular activities and is just 4 km from Adelaide CBD. Walford was the first all girls' school in Australia to offer all three programs of the International Baccalaureate (IB) and the first girls' school in South Australia to offer the IB Diploma (students are also welcome to study the SACE program).[2]

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History[edit]

The school started in 1893 in Fisher Street, Malvern, in the home of the first headmistress, Lydia Adamson. In December 1912 Ellen Ida Benham purchased the school, and led it until her death in 1917.[3] Mabel Jewell Baker, a senior teacher at the school took over as headmistress.[4] In 1920 boarders were housed in a new property in Hyde Park, and later the school itself moved to this site.[3] When Baker retired at the end of 1955 there were 450 students and a well-established boarding house.[5]

In 1956 Walford was incorporated as a Church of England Girls' Grammar School[6] and Nina Morrison, OBE became the first salaried headmistress.[7] She was followed by Helen Reid AM (1972-1991) and then Marilyn Haysom (1992-2004).

In May 2004 Helen Trebilcock become the first Head of Walford to use the title of Principal. followed by Rebecca Clarke.[5]

Sport[edit]

Walford is a member of the Independent Girls Schools Sports Association (IGSSA).

IGSSA premierships[edit]

Walford has won the following IGSSA premierships.[8]

Athletics (2) - 2004, 2006

Basketball (3) - 1993, 1994, 2007

Hockey (4) - 1978, 2014, 2015, 2016

Soccer - 2020

Swimming (2) - 2008, 2009

Tennis (10) - 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Volleyball (2) - 2002, 2006

Notable alumnae[edit]

Christine Adamson - Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales[9]

Frances Adamson - Governor of South Australia, previously Secretary, Australian

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Australian Ambassador to China.[10]

Jennifer Cashmore - MHA of the South Australian State Parliament[11]

Taasha Coates - Singer, Songwriter and member of the band The Audreys

Isobel Marshall, 2021 Young Australian of the Year[12]

Margaret Clunies Ross - Professor of English Literature at the University of Sydney

Pamela Sykes - Molecular Geneticist. Founding fellow of the Faculty of Science in the Royal College of pathologists of Australia

Ann Vanstone - Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (South Australia)

Ann Woolcock - Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Sydney

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List of boarding schools

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