

NASA to up-skill 161 students in STEM during Australia's largest Space School expedition

Girls from 26 schools across the country will form the largest group of Australian students ever to travel to the US to take part in the world renowned Houston Association for Space and Science Education (HASSE) Space School. The group has been organised by the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia and departs on today and tomorrow.

HASSE Space School International Study Program immerses students in the world's most profound and impactful STEM environment – that of space exploration and science in conjunction with NASA.

Alliance President and Principal of Mentone Girls' Grammar School, Fran Reddan, said the trip would be a life-changing experience that empowers young women to embrace more technologically challenging careers in STEM.

'Students these days need multi-disciplinary skills to navigate the fast-moving landscape of their future career pathways,' said Ms Reddan said.

With 75 per cent of the fastest growing professions in Australia being STEM related, the Alliance understands the importance of these global programs for girls.

Statistics show that girls from girls' schools are bucking the trend and are more likely to study STEM at school and pursue university studies and careers in STEM fields.

Charles Chung, Director of iVicon Australia, the exclusive Australasian partner for HASSE, said the Space School delivers the ultimate, once-in-a-lifetime STEM experience in one of the worlds most inspiring organisations, NASA, and fosters a long-term interest in mathematics, science, teamwork, creativity, and technology.

'In partnership with the Alliance, this expedition promotes true collaboration amongst the schools and directly aligns with our vision of empowering young women for changing times,' he said.

Alliance schools across other states will be sending students to participate in the program later this year.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

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Firbank Girls' Grammar School	1
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School	20
Loreto Mandeville Hall	20
Mentone Girls' Grammar School	10

St Margaret's School	12
Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School	3
Catholic Ladies College	1
St Columba's College	1

ACT

Canberra Girls Grammar School	20
Merici College	12
St Clare's College	4

QLD

Clayfield College	2
Moreton Bay College	7
Somerville House	19
St Margaret's Anglican Girls' School	3
Mount Alvernia College	1
Rockhampton Girls Grammar School	1

NSW

Catherine McCauley	1
Domremy College	2
Kambala School	2
Loreto Kirribilli	4
Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College	2
Pymble Ladies' College	1
Queenwood School for Girls	4
Roseville College	2
Santa Sabina College	3
Stella Maris College	3

About the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia:

The Alliance is a not for profit organisation which advocates for and supports the distinctive work of girls' schools in their provision of unparalleled opportunities for girls. It represents all school sectors – independent, Catholic and state, and has over 160 member schools throughout Australasia, representing over 132,000 girls and 10,000 educators.

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