

Hobart's girls to get leadership leg up

More than 200 Years 8, 9 and 10 students from girls' schools across Hobart will gather together for two days of leadership workshops to develop their confidence, skills and experience on March 17 and 18.

Organised by the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia the leadership summit will help the girls to understand the value of authenticity in leadership and gain awareness of their unique leadership style and qualities. Students will have the opportunity to identify their own personal strengths, and how they can be applied in real life scenarios.

Loren Bridge, Executive Officer of the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia, said girls from girls' schools were uniquely positioned to embrace leadership opportunities.

'Girls in single-sex schools hold every leadership position in their schools — from captain of the cricket and debating teams to president of the science and coding clubs. This diversity of opportunity and lack of gender stereotyping gives girls the confidence and experience to tackle any career or leadership role they may choose,' said Mr Bridge.

'Equipping girls at an early age with confidence, grit and self-belief is vital if they are to tackle the ongoing gender inequality that women still face.

'In Australia women still hold just 32% of key management positions and only 14.2% of board chair positions, demonstrating that there is still a long way to go. The earlier girls are empowered to embrace their leadership strengths, the more likely they are to change those statistics in the future,' she said.

Fiona Nolan, Principal of Mount Carmel College said recent events show us that women today are faced with many and varied challenges.

'It is crucial that we equip our students to be the next leaders within our communities, our organisations, and our governments. These leadership workshops provide young women with a taste of the skills they need to meet these challenges with strength,' said Ms Nolan.

'It creates an opportunity to connect with the other Alliance schools and to network with students who together will lead their generation into an exciting future,' she said.

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Photos can be organised.