

ALLIANCE OF GIRLS SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA

Merger FAQs

Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia and International Coalition of Girls' Schools

WHY MERGE?

As organisations, the Alliance and ICGS are closely aligned — on mission and purpose; on values and guiding principles, and on the programs and services delivered to members. This alignment paves the way for a successful merger and is an extraordinary strategic opportunity.

- underpinned by years of successful collaborations including the Global Forum on Girls Education; Global Action Research Collaborative; Global Mentoring Program for Aspiring Leaders; students from ICGS schools have been attending the Alliance's Student Leadership Conference for years.
- Our programs and services both include research resources, advocacy materials, professional development, conferences and events. Some programs are so alike they share common names — podcasts (Educating Girls), online courses (An Introduction to Girls' Schools).
- Our member schools belong to a variety of important organisations, but none solely focused and dedicated to girls' schools.
- By coming together as a global organisation of girls' schools, for girls' schools we will have:
 - access to more programming and services — more PD, more global connections, exchanges and networking for the benefit of our students and staff
 - a stronger platform from which to advocate the case for girls' schools.
 - the best of both worlds — a strong regional presence and global connections.

WHEN WILL THE MERGER BE COMPLETE?

The merger will be completed in January 2024. Over the coming months the Board and Executive Officer will work with our counterparts at the ICGS and our respective legal advisors to develop the terms under which a merger will deliver greater value to members and retain the strength and voice of the Alliance in Australasia.

WILL AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS HAVE REPRESENTATION ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ICGS?

Australasian members would have representation on the governing board of ICGS with strategic and fiduciary voting responsibilities. An advisory board would be established in Australasia to provide input and ensure regional differences and issues are accommodated.

A regional office and staff will be retained in Australasia to continue the regional programming and advocacy that members value, including regional conferences, and local networking events.

We will work together to determine the new global programs that best fit and are most exciting for the schools in Australasia. Some operations will become centralised and bring economies of scale and efficiency that release funds for more programming and services.

WHAT WILL THE ICGS MEMBERSHIP FEE BE?

We are committed to working together on a global fee structure that takes into account school type, enrolment numbers, tuition-fee, and country. With the objective of making membership accessible to as many girls' schools globally as possible.

It's likely that many schools will see a reduction in membership fee while have access to greater programming and services.

