

*'Let the Light
shine true'*



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Welcome

Named in honour of the birthplace of St Joan of Arc, the patron saint of the Parish of Haberfield, to which Domremy is closely linked, Domremy College Five Dock was founded by the Presentation Sisters in 1911.

Nano Nagle founded the original society in 1775 in Ireland which became known as the Presentation Sisters. It is in the spirit of Nano Nagle's determination and selflessness that at Domremy College we inspire and encourage our girls to carry Christ's light forward.

Set on beautiful grounds with a number of stunning heritage buildings, Domremy stands for excellence, tradition, faith and service to others.

Domremy is a place of infinite possibilities. With an explicit focus on girls' education, the College prides itself on creating opportunities and experiences that build courageous, independent young women ready to take on the world with a strong growth mindset. The students are at the heart of innovative curricular and co-curricular activities.

Domremy College is a comprehensive high school with a strong focus on the spiritual, academic, social and physical development of our students.

Domremy is a vibrant and dynamic community. We are deeply committed to working with parents to develop in their girls a strength of character that enables them to embrace their future with confidence, determination, hope and compassion.

The students and staff look forward to welcoming you at Domremy College.

Vivienne Awad, Principal

*'Educating the mind
without educating
the heart is no
education at all.'*

(Aristotle)



*“Thy word is
a lamp unto
my feet and
a light unto
my path.”*

(Psalm 119:105)



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Our Vision

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In the spirit of the Presentation Sisters, we inspire and nurture Domremy girls to become confident, courageous, loving and generous women who embrace learning and carry Christ's light forward.

Our vision is realised through:

- pride in our Presentation heritage
- confident and resilient learners
- our teachers
- innovative rich opportunities for girls
- connected learning

Our Motto

La Verité - The Truth

The truth guides our daily actions. Our hope is that through their continuous search for the truth, our students will contribute to the transformation of society.



Pride in Our Presentation Heritage

Domremy girls know that as individuals they can make a positive difference in our community. Central to our faith and based upon the life of Jesus is the call to act for justice.

Our extensive social justice program offers girls the opportunity to contribute, raise awareness of their shared responsibility and grow as people of character and compassion. As young women educated in the Presentation tradition, they are inspired by the works of Nano Nagle and the order of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Domremy social justice program is based on action. Social justice initiatives include:

- visits to local nursing homes
- supporting Catholic organisations such as Caritas and the Edmund Rice Centre
- involvement in overseas immersion programs
- the Social Justice and Environment Committees.

The sense of purpose achieved through our social justice and leadership programs equips the Domremy graduate with the maturity and wisdom to be more compassionate and contribute wholeheartedly to her community.



“Deeds not words.”

(Nano Nagle)



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“People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens.” (Pope Francis)



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Confident and Resilient Learners

Domremy College chooses to be a growth mindset school because this philosophy supports our vision. According to Carol Dweck, author of 'Mindset: The New Psychology of Success', individuals who possess a growth mindset understand that persistence and hard work are required to improve one's learning.

Those with a growth mindset believe that talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence.

Teaching for a growth mindset can assist us to develop confident, resilient and persistent learners.



“The passion for stretching yourself and sticking to it, even (or especially) when it’s not going well, is the hallmark of the growth mindset. This is the mindset that allows people to thrive during some of the most challenging times in their lives.”

(Carol S. Dweck, Mindset: The New Psychology of Success)

Our Teachers

Domremy teachers are passionate about their subjects, deeply committed to their students and knowledgeable in best practice teaching and learning.

The Domremy learning culture extends to all members of our community. We have an innovative program of teacher professional development. Our teachers are highly experienced and connected to professional networks. They publish evidence of their achievements, contribute to external examinations processes and consult on teaching and learning in other schools. Domremy teachers aspire to be the best they can be by modelling collaborative learning with colleagues, and by seeking feedback for improvement from a variety of stakeholders. Our strong academic results attest to the quality of our teachers, the relationships they develop with their students and the quality of feedback they provide to allow for learning growth.

*‘Example isn’t another way to teach,
it is the only way to teach.’*

(Albert Einstein)



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Innovative

Innovation, based upon critical reflection and research, is essential to learning. This philosophy extends to every aspect at the College. While valuing our traditions, we encourage curiosity, inquiry and constructive debate. A Domremy girl has the freedom to explore her individual gifts and talents knowing that the structures and programs that are in place will support her. We provide the necessary environment that develops trust which is essential to encouraging creativity.

Our learning programs draw on contemporary research and the latest understanding of educational psychology and learning theory. We understand the value of girls' education and the opportunities that flow when young women feel empowered and confident in their own abilities.

Innovation is achieved through:

- a learning philosophy based on the Growth Mindset theory
- the Newman gifted and talented program
- academic and co-curricular enrichment, such as music composition and sound recording
- the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) program
- the Learning Support program
- the Domremy Literate Graduate program



Connected Learning

Domremy fosters a desire to look outward through connecting with many local and global organisations that can provide opportunities for students to engage in authentic learning experiences connected to the real world.

This is achieved through opportunities such as the following:

- an extensive academic and co-curricular program that includes Debating and Public Speaking
- involvement of in-residence programs such as the APRA AMCOS Songmakers Program, and the Writer-in-Residence Program
- student leadership program
- a comprehensive Music and Drama program
- involvement in sporting associations such as the Metropolitan Catholic Colleges (MCC) & Catholic Girls Secondary Schools Association (CGSSA)
- the Duke of Edinburgh Program
- Mock Trials
- after school tutoring with successful and committed Domremy graduates
- STEM enrichment opportunities such as the Leadership and Training Program at NASA
- Alliance of Girls Leadership Network
- the Collective Thinkers Group
- the Social Justice and Environment Committees
- Students assisting local primary schools with Catechesis, and Reading



A Vibrant and Welcoming Community

The hospitality that is synonymous with the charism of the Presentation Sisters extends to all members of our Domremy community. From the outset, each Domremy family experiences the welcome and genuine delight staff and students take in sharing what we do.

Domremy families look forward to the many community events hosted at the College each year, such as the Parents and Friends Cocktail Evening and Trivia Night, together with community initiatives such as the Vinnies Winter

Sleepout and the Pink Bay Walk in support of the NSW Cancer Council. Each event is designed to provide special moments and opportunities where families can meet their daughter's teachers, friends and their families.

Through their service in their wider community, Domremy girls demonstrate a generous spirit which is at the heart of our Catholic tradition. Over time, Domremy girls establish themselves as compassionate, caring and giving individuals in the spirit of Nano Nagle.



“The welcoming nature of the school community makes Domremy a great place for my daughters to grow academically, socially and spiritually.” (Parent)



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La Verité Graduate

Who is the Domremy graduate?

The Domremy graduate is courageous. She has the confidence to act for justice. Her faith is demonstrated through her deeds. She values friendships and understands the rewards of having unconditional positive regard for others. She is driven to use her gifts and talents to make a positive contribution, not just through work but as a member of the community. She understands that, with effort, she can be smarter tomorrow than she is today.

The Domremy graduate looks forward to learning, whether at university or throughout her career. She has a confident voice and understands the value of listening. She thinks before she speaks as she knows the power of words to bring people together and see the world differently. Her dreams are global and the opportunity to be a citizen of the world is exciting to her.

The many academic and co-curricular opportunities offered at Domremy have enabled me to grow and have shown me the power that lies within the individual student to make the most of their schooling experience so that it is filled with valuable understanding and knowledge. Domremy has provided a welcoming, peaceful place to develop a healthy and enriched mind.

(Graduate, Class of 2015)



*“Such a spirit touches our lives
and moves us to consider and
enter into the lives of others.*

*At the same time we are being
called to an awareness of the
needs of the Earth, and our
place in creation.”*

*Such a spirituality ever seeks
to embody the solidarity of the
Church in and with all that
God has made.”*

(Dr Gerald Moore,
G A Spirituality for Justice, p23)





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