Working in a boys’ school has its delights

Whether we work with the youngest innocent preppies or the big man-child of the senior students, boys are filled with energy, humour and vulnerability and it is indeed a privilege to be such an important part of their education and development. However, a woman in such a male oriented environment can face challenges in her professional progression. The glass ceiling is still firmly in place in education, particularly the secondary sector where the proportion of female principals does not reflect the proportion of women in the industry. This is exacerbated in all boys’ schools where female principals are extremely rare, whereas a male principal in an all girls’ school is barely noteworthy.

Women Educators in Boys’ Schools 2017, through presentations, workshops and panel discussions, will provide women teaching in boys’ schools the opportunity to reflect on their career progression, consider their pathway to leadership and look at what a woman has to offer in this male environment. You will be asked to challenge yourself to bring about the change you seek, whether it is for your own professional development or to improve the leadership opportunities for women in your school.

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The City of Toowoomba

The city of Toowoomba, sometimes referred to as Queensland’s garden city, has a population of approximately 160,000 people. It is Australia’s second largest inland city, after the nation’s capital, Canberra. Toowoomba has an airport with direct connections to Sydney and Melbourne, four hospitals, a university (The University of Southern Queensland), 32 primary schools and 18 secondary schools in its local district known as the Darling Downs. Situated on top of the Great Dividing Range (elevation 700 metres) the city of Toowoomba does not experience the degree of humidity or the heat experienced in Brisbane and northern Queensland.

Travel To Toowoomba Grammar School

Delegates can travel to Toowoomba via Brisbane or fly directly into Toowoomba from Sydney, Melbourne, Cairns and Townsville.

(i) From Brisbane – The School is one-and-a-half hours driving time (135 km) travelling west from Brisbane on a dual carriageway throughout.

(ii) From Sydney and Melbourne – Qantas via AirNorth fly direct from Sydney and Melbourne to Toowoomba (Toowoomba/Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport). Flights to and from Toowoomba occur every day with the exception of Saturday.