why choose a boys’ school?
all about boys

Boys will be boys. But many schools ignore this crucial understanding and teach boys and girls as if they were a uniform group.

Are they really so different?

Yes. Research shows that boys and girls not only have distinctive bodies – they have distinctive brains. This means that their development is different in almost every way – socially, intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Boys mature later than girls. They learn at their own pace. They are bursting with energy, funny, creative and risk-taking, as well as disorganised!

Boys learn by doing. They are active learners. They need to be heard. They are strongly influenced by peers and adult mentors.

Boys can struggle with literacy. Their learning drops off if classroom discipline is not maintained. Yet they respond to the right incentives and teachers have a strong impact.

“There comes a time in every rightly constructed boy’s life where he has a raging desire to go somewhere and dig for hidden treasure.”

Mark Twain
celebrate
the
difference

Prince Alfred College is a boy-friendly place. We focus entirely on the unique needs of boys and celebrate their strengths and abilities.

With more than 140 years of experience in teaching boys, we understand what makes them tick.

Knowing boys means we teach them the way they learn best. We set high expectations – and the boys respond with high achievement. We value every boy’s individuality – and they learn to value each other. We see their leadership potential – and they rise to become leaders.

We enjoy boys’ humour and enthusiasm. We celebrate their adolescence, rather than suffer it. We have a good ratio of female and male teachers who relate well to the boys as well as being mentors and role models.

We keep boys active with learning, sports and the arts. We nurture their minds, challenge their bodies and motivate their spirits. We watch them grow with pride.

“We once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another.”

Marva Collins
developing men

We are committed to helping all our boys develop into men who are competent, confident and compassionate. We see their moral and values development as important as their grades.

The boys at Prince Alfred College learn to be independent yet interconnected. Their intellectual pursuits are encouraged alongside a dedication to their all-round development. We support their striving for excellence as we nourish their understanding of wider social responsibilities and community engagement.

We are committed to boys’ education because we know it offers many advantages for boys.

We believe our school offers excellent opportunities for developing a sense of modern masculinity in boys – a manhood that includes ethics as well as achievement, and an ethos that values women. That is why we regard our partnership with girls’ schools as a vital part of our boys’ education.

Prince Alfred College is proud to help the next generation of boys go beyond their dreams and achieve their full potential; to inspire excellence.

For further information please contact the College.