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What is the International Baccalaureate?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is an international educational foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. At its core, is the desire to develop students who will build a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. It offers three major educational programmes:

- Primary Years Programme
- Middle Years Program
- Diploma Program.

The IB's programmes are different because they:

- Are designed using international research and world's best practice
- Encourage students to think beyond their local context and take a global view
- Encourage students of all ages and ability levels to think critically and challenge assumptions
- Develop multilingual students

What is the Middle Years Program?

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP) is a challenging educational framework that encourages students to make practical real world connections with what they learn in the classroom. Rather than focussing purely on remembering content, the MYP has a strong focus on developing key skills that are transferrable across subject areas and applicable to the classroom.

This inclusive program encourages each student to approach learning with a growth mindset and gives them the tools to identify and enhance their strength and growth areas. It also encourages students to look beyond their own experience and consider their place and responsibility in the world. As such, throughout the program students are involved in a range of volunteering and community service opportunities, which aligns with our mission as a Catholic school in the Presentation tradition.

Why does PCW offer the IB Middle Years Program?

The middle years are a significant phase of personal, social, intellectual and spiritual growth. It is a time when students shape their understanding of who they are as individuals, develop strong relationships with their peers and discover how they fit in the wider world. During this time, students also have an increased sense of independence and curiosity but also develop a greater appreciation of their responsibility towards others and the world in which they live.

These attributes of adolescent women are best catered for with learning strategies that encourage individual curiosity and investigation, collaboration and group work. Similarly, with increased independence, students also take on individual challenges that enhance and extend their skills and thinking.

At Presentation College, we believe the International Baccalaureate Middle Years' Program is the best way to prepare your daughter to meet the challenges of navigating our ever changing world.

How does the MYP fit with Senior Pathways?

The Middle Years Program caters for students in Years 7 - 9 with all students exploring a broad base of subject areas. This allows students to challenge and enrich themselves across a range of subjects, but also provides the time and space to find out what they are interested in and passionate about.

In Year 10 as students transition to the Senior School they begin to make decisions about subject choices and future pathways. With the option to be more selective about subject choices they may decide to undertake an accelerated VCE or VET subject. This provides them with the opportunity to explore their interests and future pathways. Students may also opt for early entry into a VCAL program.

In designing our senior program this way, we best prepare our students for success in whatever tertiary pathway or career they wish to explore.