

Melbourne Girls' College

School for Student Leadership 2023

The School for Student Leadership (SSL) is a Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development initiative offering a unique 9-week residential education experience for year nine students. There are 45 students at each campus, approximately between 3 to 7 students from 8 different schools from all over Victoria.

The curriculum focuses on leadership, team work, outdoor experiences, personal development and team learning projects sourced from students' home regions. There are four campuses in iconic locations across Victoria. **In 2023 Melbourne Girls' College have been allocated six places at the Don Valley campus in the Yarra Ranges in Term 4.** The surrounding environment caters for a range of unique outdoor activities to take place, including white water canoeing, mountain biking, hiking and overnight expeditions to places like the Cathedral Ranges. The rich indigenous history of the local area is a key learning focus, as is regular interaction with local community groups and schools.

This is a very popular program for Year 9 students and we only wish we had more places to offer!

Selection Process

The selection criteria for the MGC team to attend the SSL will take into account the following criteria:

- Completion of the SSL Application Form 2023 DUE TUESDAY JULY 11TH, to be emailed to Meredith.carre@mgc.vic.edu.au
- Feedback and endorsement by MGC staff

From the above process 8-10 students will be shortlisted for an interview where the SSL team will be selected from:

- Student and Parent/guardian signed and returned ***Approval form (please see last page of the student application)***
- Responses to interview questions
- Willing to develop leadership skills
- Benefit of the program to the student and willingness to contribute to the MGC community
- Leadership opportunities (see note below)
- Affordability (see note below)

Note:

- Leadership opportunities – MGC aims to provide leadership opportunities and develop leadership qualities in all students. The selection panel are seeking applications from a diverse range of students, including those who have had minimal leadership experience to date.
- Affordability – all students, regardless of financial position, are encouraged to apply. If financial support is required by an awardee this will be negotiated. The total cost of the program is in the vicinity of \$1100.00. This does not include the cost of parent drop off, pick up, parent visiting weekend and gear/clothing requirements.

For further information regarding the School for Student Leadership please contact Meredith Carre at Meredith.carre@mgc.vic.edu.au or visit the School for Student Leadership website www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au . As the newest campus Don Valley does not currently have its own website, however they do have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SSLDonValleyCampus>

Meredith Carre

Student Leadership - Executive

School for Student Leadership (SSL) Application Form

Thank you for attending today's information session and completing this application form to be considered for a place at the School for Student Leadership. To be considered for interview the following information will be utilised:

- The responses you provide on this Application Form
- Feedback from staff with respect to the Selection Criteria (see application)

Your name:

Your class:

Referee: *Melbourne Girls' College Staff Member Name:*

1. Describe briefly one interesting aspect of the SSL program:

2. In your own words, describe a situation where you showed an aspect of leadership OR teamwork. What did you do and how did you demonstrate this quality?

3. Refer to your answer in Qn. 2 above; what did you learn from this experience?

4. What is the main reason you want to go to the SSL? State this clearly and explain your reason.

5. What do you think will be your main challenge whilst at the SSL? Explain why it is a challenge.

6. Have you thought about being away from home/school for a term? What will you miss and how will you manage?

7. Think of one of your passions, hobbies or interests. Briefly tell us about it.

School for Student Leadership (SSL) Selection Criteria

The selection criteria we will ask your teacher referee to consider are commitment, engagement and growth. Thinking carefully about each of these criteria, reflect on **where in your life you have demonstrated each of these qualities and tell us about it**. Please try to contain your response to the space provided.

COMMITMENT

ENGAGEMENT

GROWTH

Parent/Guardian Approval Form
School for Student Leadership 2023

Student Details

Student Name: _____

Form: _____

School Email Address: _____

Referee

Melbourne Girls' College Staff Member

Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact: _____

Additional Referee

Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact: _____

Parental Support

I support my daughter's expression of interest in the School for Student Leadership (Alpine School Campus) during Term 4, 2023. I am aware that it is a residential program, and that there are fees of approximately \$1100.00 that will need to be paid in Term 3 (upon selection of the student team).

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____