



‘Melbourne's oldest girls' school uses the city as classroom and playground’

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"We're so fortunate to be right on the edge of the city," says Principal Sister Mary Moloney. "The museum across the road is a second classroom for the girls."

"We'll have a look at 600-million-year-old rock samples or the dinosaur walk," she says. "The museum becomes a familiar place for our students; they have history and humanities classes there too." Science teacher.

"Within a double period, we can be over to the National Gallery of Victoria to see the latest exhibition and back again," he says. "Where we are is absolutely unique." Art teacher

"They're regulars here (Academy girls) so they know how it works. And the art faculty there (Academy) are so switched on. It's a very strongly networked school." NGV education staffer.

Students spend study periods in the State Library, hunt for French restaurants in language class or pound the running track of the nearby Carlton gardens for fitness club.

"All you have to do is look for the blue dress" Teacher.