



Sacred Heart Girls' College Newsletter

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> I Dream A School

I dream a school
when learning will be celebrated
Where there will be laughter and loving
Where there will be songs and dancing
where all people will celebrate
the joy of living and learning.

I dream a school
when anything can happen through
discovery
and the beauty of ordered learning
will be open to innovation and spontaneity.

I dream a school
where both playground and classroom
will be places of safety and fun
and everyone will have a friend.

I dream a school
where straight rows of desks
will give way
to a circle of learners
and everyone will be welcomed
to join the circle
so that seeing one another
we shall see that there are other ways to
learn.

I dream a school
where risks can be taken and mistakes
made
and successes celebrated and built on.

I dream a school
that is curriculum focused
child centred
community oriented
culturally enriched.

I dream a school
where children are recognised as
thinkers, feelers and doers
And the "whole" person is educated.

I dream a school
where what I read in the Gospels
comes alive in our life together.

I dream a school
where all differences will be ended
and where each person
will be accepted and valued
for who they are.

(author unknown)

Term Dates for 2021

TERM 1:

Monday, 1 February – Wednesday, 31 March (last day of classes)

TERM 2:

Monday, 19 April – Friday, 25 June

TERM 3:

Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

TERM 4:

Monday, 4 October – Friday, 3 December

The Weeks Ahead

Monday, 15 February

Monday, 22 February

Year 7 Discovery Camp (Blue, Gold & Green Homerooms)

Tuesday, 16 February

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, 23 February

Year 7 Discovery Camp (Blue, Gold & Green Homerooms)

Wednesday, 17 February

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 24 February

Year 7 Discovery Camp (Blue, Gold & Green Homerooms return)
Year 7 Discovery Camp (Red, Purple & Silver Homerooms depart)

Friday, 19 February

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Thursday, 25 February

Year 7 Discovery Camp (Red, Purple & Silver Homerooms)

Friday, 26 February

Year 7 Discovery Camp (Red, Purple & Silver Homerooms return)
High Achiever's Assembly

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Tuesday, 2 March OES Year 11 Camp 1

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Welcome to the 2021 academic year. The first two weeks of classes have gone relatively smoothly as the staff and student community settle into the routine of school life, adjusting to the restrictions due to the pandemic.

Monsignor Stuart Hall, President of the Canonical Administrators of the College, celebrated the staff Eucharist on Thursday, 28 January.

Staff Mass >>>>

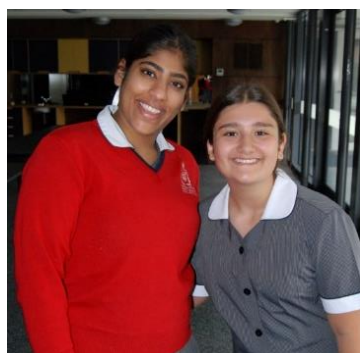


The staff welcomed the students back on Monday, 1 February. Classes for most levels began in the afternoon after a morning of administrative and wellbeing activities. The Year 12 Big Sisters gave a special welcome to their Year 7 Little Sisters as they showed them around the school.

The directive from the Department of Health and Human Services and Catholic Education Victoria to resume wearing masks came through on Wednesday, 3 February. Associated with this, and in light of the COVID outbreak in the South Eastern region of Melbourne, the decision was made to postpone the Mass for the Opening of the school year scheduled for Friday, 4 February. The Opening Mass was transferred to Ash Wednesday (subsequently this was once again postponed due to the government announcement of the short and sharp lockdown announced on Friday, 12 February). The College moved into home based learning for the time of this lockdown.

2021 First Day for our students

Year 12 Big Sisters with their Year 7 Little Sisters....





.... and very happy parents



Welcome to Sacred Heart Girls' College

We welcome the following new and returning staff members to our College community this year. We extend a warm Sacred Heart welcome to those joining our community.

New Staff >>>>

Stephanie Cross	Religious Education & Homeroom
Emma Hornby	English, RE, Homeroom
Frank Jansz	Mathematics, Homeroom
Ella Robinson	Politics, History, English, Homeroom
Kellie Ryan	Instrumental Music

Replacement Staff >>>>

Linda Parlee	College Counsellor
Jacinta Formoso	Mathematics
Maria Varra	Italian
Basia Quill	Drama
Helen Flanagan	Religious Education, English
Stephanie Lewendon-Lowe	Instrumental Music
Angela McStephen	Instrumental Music

Language Assistants >>>>

Françoise Tran	French	Jatni Rachmat	Indonesian	Maria Grippo	Italian
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Welcome back from Parental Leave

Kaitlin Staley	Arts Dance
Sinead Senaweera	Religious Education, English
Rebecca Fyfield	Religious Education, English

Welcome back from leave

Angelina Peluso	Learning Leader – Religious Education
Michael Smith	Religious Education, English

Alice Lewandowski, from the Instrumental Music Department, will be on leave for the first part of this term

May all those who join Sacred Heart this year quickly feel “*at home*” as they experience the warmth of our welcoming and hospitable community.

College Leadership Team for 2021 >>>>



Mr Christopher Dalton
Principal



Ms Jenny Bilton
First Assistant to Principal
Human Resources
and Staff Wellbeing



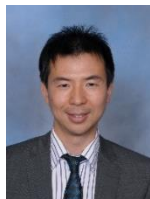
Ms Carmel Feeney
Deputy Principal –
Student Wellbeing



Ms Julie Swanson
Deputy Principal - Learning
& Teaching



Mr Brian McCann
Director of
Organisation



Mr James Tian
Director of Business
Operations



Mrs Suzanne Blain
Teacher

The following members of staff take on the leadership of the areas identified:

Directors of Learning Innovation >>>>



Mrs Alison Robinson



Ms Emma Young

Learning Leaders >>>>



Mr Peter Minack
Arts



Mrs Rosalind McMorrow
English



Ms Lynsey Pritchard
Health and PE



Ms Dominique Wiegand
Humanities



Ms Lorenza Arestia
Languages



Ms Kylie Thompson
Learning Diversity



Ms Jennie McKinnon
Mathematics



Mr Angelina Peluso
Religious Education



Dr Peter McClive
Science



Mrs Chrisa Damiris
Technologies

Year Level Leaders >



Mrs Anne Noonan
Year 7



Mrs Kate de Lacy
Year 8



Ms Narelle Marson
Year 9



Mrs Suzanne Blain
Year 10



Ms Shivane Shan
Year 11



Ms Caroline Duckett
Year 12

Mission and Ministry Team >>>>



Sr Madeleine Barlow RNDM
Mission Support



Ms Tracey Clarke
Liturgy and Retreats



Ms Mary Compton
Liturgy and Retreats



Ms Leigh Shelley
Social Justice



Ms Caroline Duckett
RNDM



Mrs Angelina Peluso
RE Learning Leader

Co-ordinators / Directors >>>>



Mrs Michal Bloch
VCE



Ms Nancy Calo
Director of Music



Mrs Margaret Connolly
Careers/VET



Mrs Tasia Fay
Sport Administrator



Mrs Hayley Watson
Transition



Mrs Sally Farr
Literacy



Ms Fiona McNeill
Director of
Performance



Ms Shivanee Shan
Student Leadership and
House



**Ms Mary
Compton**
Library



**Mr Cameron
McGrath**
Director of Outdoor
Education

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written to school communities in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to offer his prayerful best wishes for the year ahead.



We proclaim a crucified Christ
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9 February 2021

*Parents and Carers of children in Catholic Schools
Staff and Colleagues in Catholic Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you all.

I do hope that the Christmas season brought many blessings to you despite the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

May I take this opportunity to once again extend my gratitude to each and every one of you; parents, carers, teachers and administrators, who have risen to meet the challenges of these times.

You have been resilient and innovative, and kept your families and communities close in times of distancing. The rich life of Catholic education is an indispensable part of our missionary call to the Gospel, and the good people of God are blessed abundantly through your efforts.

I am sure that you are eager to commence this year and to be filled with the energy and excitement that comes from helping our young people flourish and grow.

May St Joseph, our protector, strengthen and guide you all as faithful carers and diligent workers as this year unfolds. Please know that my prayers are with you.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

St Patrick's Centre, PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia
Tel: +61 3 9926 5612 Email: archbishop@cam.org.au

In your thoughts and prayers please remember the following members of staff and their families who mourn the loss of loved ones:

- * Rick Hargreaves on the death of his mother, Beryl, at Christmas time
- * Tracey Clarke on the death of her grandmother, Ellen Watson.
- * Andrew Berrigan on the death of his sister, Angela

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord
May perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace
Amen*



Every blessing for the fortnight ahead as we journey through 2021.

Christopher Dalton
Principal

“The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking encourages us to not stop praying and fighting together so that every person who is enslaved might be restored to freedom.” #PrayAgainstTrafficking.
PopeFrancis@Pontifex 9 February 2020



> Start of School Year

Welcome back, or welcome to, Sacred Heart for the 2021 school year. I hope that your daughter has settled back into the routine of school life well. The buzz in the courtyard and classrooms is wonderful to hear (albeit interrupted by our snap lockdown). If you have concerns about how your daughter is settling back into school, please contact her Homeroom teacher, Transition Coordinator (Year 7s only) or Year Level Leader – timely conversations often reduce the risk of problems becoming bigger than they need to be.

> Uniform

We have an excellent school uniform and have made changes over the last few years to improve comfort and inclusion in uniform options. Most students wear the uniform well and are positive role models. But, unfortunately, there is a “but”. There are also a number of students who are not meeting uniform expectations and we seek your support to ensure that each student presents themselves as Sacred Heart students as best as they can.

Please have a look in your daughter’s student planner (pages 26 to 27) for more information. College shorts that are no longer mid-thigh in length are too short and need to be replaced. The only permitted jewellery is plain, small gold or silver studs or earrings (i.e. no stones or clear studs in additional piercings) and a watch. One stud or earring in each ear please – lowest hole in the lobe.

> Quickcliq

If your daughter has left her lunch at home, don’t forget that you can save yourself a trip to school and order recess and lunch items via your Quickcliq account (quickcliq.com.au). You just need to order and pay by 9:30am and your daughter can collect her food from the canteen window in the Hall. It is quick, easy and avoids queues.

> Masks

All staff and students are required to wear masks when indoors. Please ensure that your daughter has a mask for school every day and a spare mask (or two) in a snap lock bag in her locker in case she loses her mask or it becomes unusable during the day.

Thank you for your support in your daughter’s education and contribution to College life. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the Welcome Evenings held thus far and I look forward to seeing you at the remaining Term 1 events.

Carmel Feeney
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching

A warm welcome to the 2021 school year especially to families new to the Sacred Heart community this year. One of the joys of a new school year is that all our students have the opportunity to start afresh, to approach their studies anew with passion and persistence, to leave any disappointments behind them and refocus on what this next stage of their learning journey will look like. Much has been written and said about the implications of learning from home last year but all too often it has focussed on what was lost rather than building on what was gained. Our students, especially at VCE, became more resilient and independent learners, which is supported by our excellent Year 12 results and all of us became more agile and adaptable learners in the online space. Students became accustomed to flexibility in their learning program and their day, that required them to be organised and resourceful.

Early on in the pandemic highly regarded educationalist, Professor John Hattie posed that remote learning will not have a detrimental effect on student learning in the long term, and if our focus is on all the other skills and dispositions that developed over 2020, and not just on content, for the students of Sacred Heart we would concur. They became well equipped with how to deal with the unpredictable and enhanced those lifelong skills that they experienced in a practical sense.

That is not to ignore that whilst most flourished a few did flounder, whom we will be working with over the year, and that we all missed the physical social connection that we value so highly as a learning community. But it is important for us all to instil a sense of confidence in all our students and remember that they all experienced success in some shape or form last year. It is important that we speak positively about their learning in 2020 so that sense of “we’ve got this” translates to having trust in all our teachers that they are well prepared and very mindful of how the learning journey of all our students was so different last year.

With this in mind we would encourage all parents and carers to instigate a conversation with their daughters as to what their learning goals might be this year and how you can support them in meeting these goals. Success looks different for everyone, and this year more than ever, parent support is crucial in assisting students develop realistic goals and attaining these goals whatever they may.

Later in the term we will be communicating our plans for how the government funded Tutor Learning Program will be implemented at Sacred Heart and some of the changes we will be making to Parent Teacher Student Interviews based on our experiences and parent feedback form last year.

It was great to meet some of the Year 8 parents at the Welcome Evening and I look forward to meeting parents from other year levels at other Welcome Evenings.

Julie Swanson
Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching

Canteen

We were hoping to welcome back our volunteers this term but due to the current COVID restrictions, unfortunately we are unable to do so at this stage. We are looking forward to having you back soon. We certainly miss you and hope to see you in the near future.

Julie Witts
Canteen Manager

> Welcome to Year 8

It was wonderful to welcome the Year 8 students back to school and witness their palpable excitement as they reconnected with friends and met their 2021 classmates. We also welcomed five new students and I would especially like to thank their student buddies who have supported them over the first weeks.

The Year 8s have settled well into their new Homeroom groups, SRC representatives have been elected and Homeroom teachers are now accepting nominations for Homeroom Representatives.

Despite COVID-safe restrictions, it was terrific to have many parents and carers attend the Welcome Evening on Thursday, 4 February. We hope it provided sufficient information and reassurance about the year ahead. If you have any questions, feel free to email your daughter's Homeroom teacher or myself. I encourage you to visit and explore the esafety.gov.au website that I highlighted. It is an excellent resource and will help you support your daughter in the online world.

Over the last 8 years, I have had the privilege of visiting the RNDM sisters in Bangladesh and teaching in some of their schools. To help the province celebrate Euphrasie Day on 18 January, Jo Kane the Congregational leader of the RNDMs, delivered a wonderful talk from Rome highlighting what young people could learn from Euphrasie Barbier's life. I was fortunate to also hear it and was able to share her words with the Year 8 students at our first assembly.

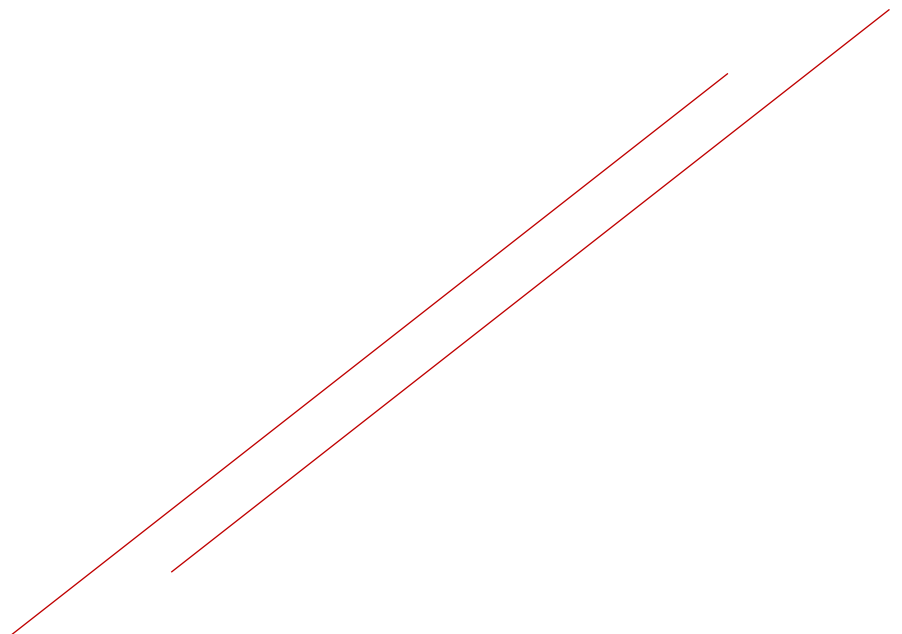
Euphrasie Barbier knew and understood difficulty and hardship. She always did her best and never gave up hope. She wanted young people to have a well-rounded education and to have confidence and a good self-esteem and for them to strive to reach their potential and so take their place in families and wider society as people who can make an important contribution. Euphrasie Barbier loved and respected all people, all cultures and all religious traditions. She had a special place in her heart for those who were struggling.

Like Euphrasie, you are encouraged to try new skills, take on challenges, to dream big, be daring, flexible and adaptable, to have courage and show compassion and always hold on to what is good and true.

I think we can all learn a lot from Euphrasie Barbier.

With my best wishes

Kate
Year 8 Level Leader



eSafety's parent guide to cyberbullying and online drama

This Safer Internet Day 2021 live and no cost webinars will look at how parents and carers can support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships and what to do if things go wrong.

They will cover:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships

- understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
- where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident

The webinars will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

> **Monday 22 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm**

Find further information and register button, go to - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Registrar

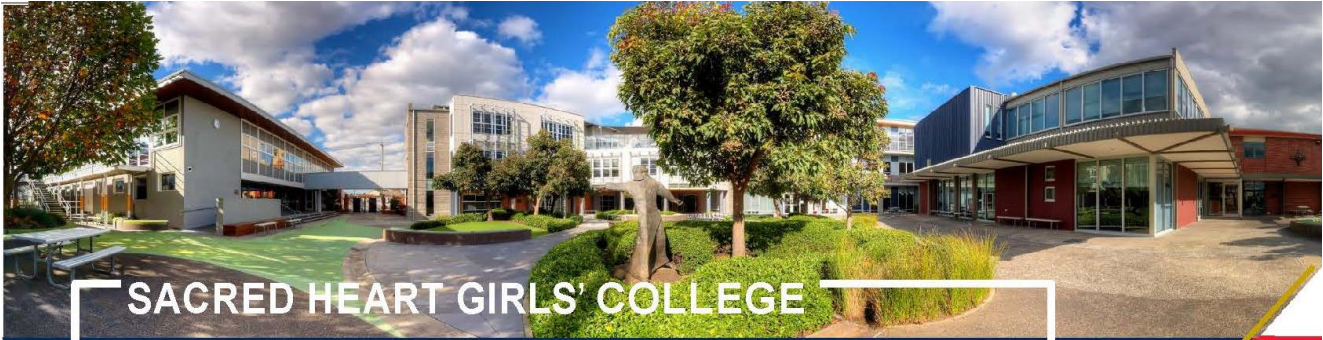
> Annual Mentor Breakfast

Sacred Heart Girls' College's 9th Annual Mentor Breakfast will be held on Friday, 5 March 2021 at our College (Kendell Hall), commencing at 7:15am and concluding at 8:25am. Our Annual Mentor Breakfast connects current Year 12 students with past student mentors and facilitates the exchange of ideas, advice and wisdom that comes from coming together to share diverse experiences. The breakfast will be our College's prelude to our celebration of International Women's Day, celebrated globally on 8 March with the important theme of "Women in Leadership: achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world".

We have a number of wonderful past student mentors who will support our Year 12 students to expand their networks, connect with the broader College community and learn effective strategies for managing Year 12 and beyond. Our past student mentors often reflect that they value the opportunity to continue their involvement with the College through contact with a small number of Year 12 students.

If you, or someone you know, is a past student of Sacred Heart Girls' College and would like to know more about participating in our Mentor Breakfast contact Stefanie Perri, College Registrar and Community Relations and Development Manager on 9568 5488 or sperry@shgc.vic.edu.au for more information.

Stefanie Perri
College Registrar
Community Relations & Development Manager



SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE

INTERACTIVE LIVE CHAT & OPEN MORNING



Please register to join us in an online interactive Live Chat with our Principal, Christopher Dalton and members of our leadership team or onsite at the College at one of our upcoming Open Mornings. Gain insight into our College community and have your questions answered.



ONLINE LIVE CHATS

6pm:

Monday 1 March
Tuesday 16 March
Thursday 22 April
Monday 31 May
Tuesday 1 June
Tuesday 27 July
Monday 9 August

ONSITE OPEN MORNINGS

9am:

Wednesday 28 April
Thursday 6 May
Thursday 3 June
Wednesday 21 July
Thursday 29 July
Thursday 5 August
Thursday 12 August

Register now by visiting www.shgc.vic.edu.au

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