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OUR STUDENT LEADERS

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Nurturing the growth of strong women equipped to find their place in the world means that student leadership matters at St Mary's College. Our student leaders give their voice to the community, and they harness the voice of all students in shaping the development and focus of each year.

At St Mary's, we offer diverse leadership opportunities:

- Our Student Representative Council lead us in building a strong community centered in wellbeing and relationships within the school and in connection to the wider community
- The Justice Leadership Team focus on awarenessraising and outreach about the things that matter for young people and our Dominican Catholic community
- Leaders in Music, Drama, Sport, Art, Dance, and STEM focus on strong classroom and extra-curricular cultures in each leadership domain, adding to the diverse experiences all students can experience at St Mary's.

Our student leaders are supported by teams of peers and SRC and Justice student leaders from Reception to Year 12. We grow strong leadership at every level of the College.

We are delighted to introduce the 2023 student leadership team.

Clare Nocka
Principal





COLLEGE CAPTAIN SRC

Zenja Zujic

To me, leadership means supporting, guiding and inspiring the students of St Mary's College. To be a leader is to inspire and share your vision. A leader does not tell the way, but shows the way.

I applied to be a leader at St Mary's College because of the extra opportunities that led me to experience leadership and I look forward to future opportunities that senior leadership will provide. I want to lead my cohort through their Year 12 journey, recreate events inclusive of our Reception to 12 environment, and use the students' voices and feedback during Student Representative Council meetings to inspire change.

In 2023, my vision is to ensure that each individual thrives in our College environment. I want voices of all year levels to be represented regarding relevant issues and matters to help boost student morale. The St Mary's College environment has shown that there is a place for all voices, which strengthens my passion for SRC and builds a foundation for 2023.

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COLLEGE CAPTAIN JUSTICE

Tahlia Darby

As a leader, I aspire to be a role model for my peers; I wish to continue our commitment to community and opportunities for dialogue here at St Mary's College. After being at the school for five years, I was empowered to apply for student leadership because of all the skills the College has taught me. I've learnt how to be respectful, caring, and hard-working, and learnt the importance of community and involvement. I endeavour to uphold these values in my role of Justice Captain in 2023.

My vision for justice in 2023 is to involve as many people as possible; even if it's for one activity, they will still make a difference. I hope to guide others so they feel supported and included in any actions they wish to take.

Next year, as a leadership team, we will strive to support everyone's passions and care for the environment by being creative, innovative and supportive.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN SRC

Sophie Payne

Beginning my journey at St Mary's College in 2010, I have grown up in an empowering community committed to serving others. Throughout my time at the College, I began to understand what leadership truly meant as I was presented with opportunities to involve myself in leading the school, whether that was through the SRC committee or in the music department.

As a student leader in my final year of school, I aim to empower all individuals within our community to speak up for change and stand for what is right in our world. I wish to create a school environment where everyone in our community feels a strong sense of connection, belonging and safety.

In 2023 I am excited to lead alongside my peers and other passionate leaders. I look forward to collaborating and combining our strengths to do good and strive for change globally.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN SRC

Chanelle Weiz

For me, leadership is not about instructing people but instead guiding them. As a leader, I want to be someone people can admire and trust to change the world. I want to be a leader that's a voice for the voiceless and who represents my peers in a way they can be proud of.

I love St Mary's College and will work to make my mark in a way that benefits everyone, especially our Year 12 cohort so that we can have the perfect sendoff for our final year of school.

Throughout the school, we are split into our different cohorts by classes and year levels, but as a community, we are one; I plan to enhance the connectedness of our school and the interaction between each year level. I hope to continue to create a space where everyone feels safe and appreciated.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN JUSTICE

Brooke Simpson

Leadership to me means being a role model to others in the community and making sure everyone feels welcome no matter who they are. It also means working together to create an environment where we can all empower one another to be the best versions of ourselves. I applied for a justice leadership position as I love being involved in our school community and enjoy being able to use my voice and act against issues we may face in our community.

I also wanted to be a leader at St Mary's College to give back to the community, as I wouldn't have become the person I am today without the fantastic St Mary's community.

My vision for justice leadership at St Mary's College is to unite as a community to create a connection between our Junior and Senior School students.

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DRAMA COORDINATOR

Juliet Moylan

Being in a leadership position is a huge responsibility, and it means using your power to make easy and hard decisions to leave a meaningful, long-lasting impact.

As someone who didn't always fit in, the arts were always a place to learn and be me. When I came to St Mary's College, I remember seeing how outgoing and inspiring the drama coordinators were and wanting to share that same light with others. I realised I had found my people. There is a place in theatre for everyone, and I would love, as a leader, to show people that. I want to encourage students to find their people.

I wish to continue to spread the creativity and unique experiences of the St Mary's College Arts Department to the broader school community, to emphasise all the opportunities Drama has to offer and encourage students to find their place in the arts, bringing along their unique ideas and creations.

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DANCE COORDINATOR

Paris Iliadis

To me, leadership is about making a positive change in our community. Dance has always been a significant part of my life, and my passion for this subject is what led me to apply for this position. This enables me to understand the many opportunities, skills, and connections that can be embraced from this area of expertise.

The life skills learned from dance are evident in our everyday lives and can be used in anything to succeed. These skills include determination, discipline, and responsibility. Dance allows us to see the world in a new way, challenging our minds to go above and beyond.

My vision is to build awareness around the dance community and everything we offer at the college. There is something for everyone in the arts communities.

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ART COORDINATOR

Ella Wilson

Leadership is such a diverse concept. To one person, it could mean being able to lead a group of people towards a common goal, while to another, it could mean being able to support others to be able to lead themselves. While I certainly agree with these ideas, leadership is so much more in the way that you become a voice of a community, speaking out against injustices, inspiring others, and being able to stop and listen to the ones that need to be heard.

I've been at St Mary's College since I was in Reception, and the school has supported me greatly in many ways I never would've expected. Giving back to the community is a great privilege to be granted, and it motivates my vision in 2023 to build relationships between the departments in the arts that will prosper for years to come.

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MUSIC COORDINATOR

Madison Selby

Leadership, for me, is the opportunity to inspire and influence students and leave my mark on our community. It is about leading, motivating, and encouraging others to work towards a common goal. Our St Mary's College Music Department's common goal is creating excellent opportunities, experiences, and music!

I applied for this leadership role to share my passion with the college community. I believe I can lead the Music Department with pride and help others persevere through the challenges 2023 may bring. I also look forward to encouraging and inspiring music students to do their best.

My vision for 2023 is to bring back more live performances, collaboration opportunities, and events that have been cancelled over the past few years due to the pandemic. My goal for 2023 is to encourage others to live out their passion for the arts.

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SPORTS COORDINATOR

Mackenzie Darby

My position as Sports Coordinator of St Mary's College is very important to me as sport plays a significant role in my life and has shaped who I am today. It has taught me how to win and lose, and it has trained me on the importance of teamwork and always doing my best.

Throughout my past five years at the College, I have been heavily involved in the school's sporting programs and events, building upon my confidence and developing a great sense of school community and pride. I want to give back to the people who have inspired and guided me through my sports journey, doing the same for others and assisting them in their own sports pathways.

As Sports Coordinator, it is my goal to assist in developing positive mindsets and attitudes towards being active and creating a safe and nurturing atmosphere and initiating optimal involvement with a wide range of sports.

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DEPUTY SPORTS COORDINATOR

Amity Livingstone

My interest in sports first began when I commenced at St Mary's College in 2014. The exceptional sports program at this College is so special and diverse from any other school, offering opportunities in various sports within numerous carnivals.

Since the beginning, I have considered it more than a program but a strong family-like community that is a vital part of the whole school. As Deputy Sports Coordinator for 2023, I would love to give back to the school's sports program in gratitude for the countless opportunities, positive memories and fun experiences I've had over my schooling journey.

I aim to encourage all students to become active members of the sports program. To do this, I will uphold my standards of integrity, collaboration and respect for others. I hope to inspire my peers and be seen as an approachable, positive, and inclusive leader in the College.

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DEPUTY SPORTS COORDINATOR

Ella Maloney

I believe leadership at St Mary's College is all about being a voice for the voiceless and actively presenting oneself as a role model to the younger students at the College.

The sports program and its many opportunities drew me to enrol at St Mary's College in 2019. The inclusivity and passion displayed by all members of the sports program provide a strong sense of community within the College. Sport has always played a significant role in my life, and combining my love of sport whilst also giving back to the school community is something I look forward to doing in 2023.

As a Deputy Sports Coordinator, I will encourage students to participate in sports and provide a safe environment for all to participate in physical education at St Mary's College.

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STEM COORDINATOR

Evie Andrew

I believe that the basis of being an impactful and motivating leader is setting a positive example for others. Leadership means making a change that reflects ideas and opinions within the community. I was inspired to apply for leadership as I wanted to extend my passion for STEM by sharing this joy with others.

Another motivation was my research project which investigated what improvements schools could make to increase female entry into science degrees. One of these factors was having female role models in STEM, as younger students could picture themselves in this study area.

Being a STEM Coordinator has given me a platform to innovate and organise activities encouraging student engagement in related subjects. Furthermore, my vision for STEM at St Mary's College includes collaboration between year levels, expression of creativity, and practical learning. The aim of collaborating these visions is to increase student participation and exposure to science, maths, technology, and engineering endeavours.

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