



**ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE**

EST. 1869

# OUR STUDENT LEADERS

**2024**

WE ARE GRATEFUL



2024

***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 2024 student leadership team.

**Clare Nocka**  
Principal









COLLEGE CAPTAIN SRC

# Makeely

Being a leader is supporting and understanding others. This means working in unity and allowing everyone to have their voice on issues that are important to them. Being a leader is working well in a team and leading others through tough challenges that may appear along the way.

I applied to be College Captain SRC to make a change in the St Mary's College community. I want to be a voice for others and make the school an even safer and happier place. I have been involved in SRC since starting at St Mary's College in Year 7 and have witnessed how rewarding, challenging, and fun this role can be.

My vision for SRC in 2024 is to actively involve our community through participation in school events. I want all St Mary's students to have a positive experience while improving their wellbeing.

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COLLEGE CAPTAIN JUSTICE

# Katija

Leadership involves inspiring and motivating students to feel a sense of belonging within our College community. Leaders assist others in recognising the importance of diversity and encourage students to transform visions into reality through collaboration.

I applied to become a leader at St Mary's College because of the countless opportunities I have been offered to progress my leadership skills as an individual and a collective. The Justice program at St Mary's College is a platform that encourages students to embrace the principles of Justice and practice outreach in all aspects of their lives whilst at school and beyond.

As a student leader, I aim to inspire all students to commit to service in 2024, and to openly learn about local and global issues. I want to create an environment where all students feel confident and supported in addressing relevant injustices, regardless of their significance.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN SRC

# Georgena

Authentic leadership is more than just holding a title or taking charge. It's about encouraging and guiding my peers to reach their full potential and advocating for those who need to be heard. As a leader, inspiring with confidence, enthusiasm, and direction is essential while conveying a clear vision to enhance the St Mary's College community.

My values are a direct result of my time at St Mary's College. As a member of this community, I have been privileged to participate in various extracurricular activities and diverse environments. As I approach the end of my final year at St Mary's, I strongly desire to give back to the community by working alongside my peers to empower individuals further.

In 2024, my vision is to create a strong sense of community within our College by encouraging active participation and engagement from students.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN SRC

# Sophia

Leadership means recognising and appreciating the diverse abilities of all students so that they feel valued and welcome. I want to create a more diverse and equal learning atmosphere where every student's voice is valued. Leadership serves as a vessel to establish a supportive and inclusive environment that benefits our current student body and lays the foundation for future success.

I've taken on the role of Deputy SRC because of my desire to positively impact our College community. My future vision involves implementing practices and programs that will engrave a lasting, positive mark on our school's culture. I intend to develop a nurturing and inclusive atmosphere, shaping the path to success for future generations.

Together, we can create a school environment where every student can flourish, leaving a legacy of a positive and inclusive educational community that will benefit generations to come.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN JUSTICE

# Katie

Leadership is about being a voice for the voiceless and creating change that benefits St Mary's College and the wider community. It is important that people are heard and that we recognise our diverse community within St Mary's. As leaders, we can uphold the Dominican values and commit to our roles by following the Dominican pillars.

I applied for this position to help educate and celebrate the diverse community at St Mary's. We, as a community, can work to create a more inclusive space for all and celebrate our differences. As part of the leadership team, I want to inspire the future leaders of St Mary's College.

In 2024, as part of the Justice leadership team, I want to embrace and recognise those with disabilities. It is important to foster a culture of care within our community, and we can do this by educating and acknowledging others.

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DEPUTY COLLEGE CAPTAIN JUSTICE

# Sophia

Leadership entails serving as an example for my peers, guiding others on the right journey by developing solid ties with the community, and working together to bring out the best in each other.

I applied to be a leader at St Mary's College because I was interested in utilising my knowledge and expertise to benefit our College and the wider community. I want to give back to our community because it has taught me many valuable things as a student and leader.

My goal for Justice in 2024 is to inspire students to explore their sense of self in the community. I want to get St Marys involved in charitable events and organise some of our own for the benefit of our student body and the broader community while raising awareness for a worthy cause.

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ART COORDINATOR

# Montana

Leadership can mean many things to different people; leadership is motivating and directing people towards a common goal, appreciating different viewpoints, encouraging inclusivity, and getting along. As a leadership team, we're fortunate to have this opportunity to encourage one another to become the most outstanding leaders we can be.

Art has provided me with a creative outlet and taught me the value of self-expression and perseverance. My genuine passion for the arts and aspiration to build a vibrant and inclusive community is why I put myself forward for this leadership role.

My vision for 2024 is to make the art department more involved within the St Mary's College community, bringing people together to create a lively and enjoyable environment. By using this strategy, I will improve the creative experience while making St Mary's College an even more cohesive and friendly community.

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DANCE COORDINATOR

# Sofia

Being a part of a leadership team means bringing your vision to life with the help of your surrounding community to bind skills and connections to make a positive impact. Here at St Mary's, I have been allowed to bring my passion for dance to my education and leadership.

As a leader, I wish to push others out of their comfort zones, form a love for the arts, or express themselves outside of a textbook. The love I have for dance is what led me to apply for the leadership position at St Mary's.

My vision for dance is to take responsibility for enabling and empowering others to take charge of their learning and push the boundaries of their education within the arts. There is something for everyone within the arts, and as a leader, I want to help build awareness around the opportunities this department can offer.

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DRAMA COORDINATOR

# Summa

Leadership means spreading my passion and joy for what I believe in to the wider school community. To be a leader is to be a friendly face and a voice to help guide students through their individual and unique learning experiences.

Drama has always been where I can express my true self and imagination. I applied to be a leader to show our community how drama can serve as a compelling outlook of creativity.

My vision of leadership in the drama department is to show how surrounding yourself with a community of like-minded people can help create a strong sense of belonging. Through a unique lens, drama can serve as a way to reflect on yourself and your emotions. I will help to guide my peers to find their passion for the arts through the multiple ways that they can express themselves.

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MUSIC COORDINATOR

# Ioanna

Leadership is being a role model to all people. It's about speaking your truth and being a voice for the voiceless. Collaboration is a key aspect of leadership. A good leader needs to be able to work with all people around them to achieve their best.

I applied for the Music Coordinator position to share my passion for the arts across all year levels in the College. Going to music lessons and rehearsals is what I enjoy most about my day. The St Mary's College music department is always welcoming with open minds and hearts. It is a place I feel safe to express myself, and I will continue to nurture this space for all students.

My vision for 2024 is to be present in many events held within the arts by assisting staff and working alongside other leaders to create inclusive and creative events showcasing the arts within the College. I will continue to encourage others to do their best and make the most of music at the College.

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SPORTS COORDINATOR

# Madison

Leadership means setting an example through actions and attitudes while guiding and inspiring others towards a common goal. It involves taking responsibility, making tough decisions, and fostering a positive and inclusive environment where everyone's contributions are valued.

I applied to be a leader because I've benefited greatly from the sports programs at St Mary's College and witnessed leadership's positive impact within these programs. I want to give back to the school community, share my passion for sports, and help others find their love for physical activity.

I want to create a supportive and inclusive environment for all students. I aim to promote teamwork, communication, sportsmanship, and commitment, emphasising the personal and character development sport can offer. I aim to motivate and empower all students to participate in St Mary's College sports, promoting a sense of belonging and wellbeing in our school community.

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SPORTS COORDINATOR

# Bianca

As Sports Coordinator of 2024, I am thrilled to nurture a passion for sports among all St Mary's College students. My deep connection with sports has developed my social, teamwork and leadership skills and I am dedicated to nurturing these qualities in others.

My goal is to encourage all students in our community to embrace sports and find the love and enjoyment I have at St Mary's. The sports program teaches you many qualities, which are great attributes for becoming empowered young women who thrive in our school community.

As Sports Coordinator, I aim to build on our St Mary's school spirit to encourage an inclusive and safe environment for all students who wish to participate. I am passionate about contributing and upholding the values of the sports program at St Mary's College in 2024.

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STEM COORDINATOR

# Chantal

A good leader creates a safe and encouraging space where everyone can feel heard and valued. A leadership position allows me to be a positive influence where I can express my passion and enthusiasm for STEM in our community.

I applied to be a STEM Coordinator because I want to be a role model to the students at St Mary's, inspire them to continue in STEM, and give back to the community for the opportunities I have received.

As STEM Coordinator, I have been given a platform where I can bring new ideas to STEM to expand our community's opportunities and inspire engagement in respective STEM areas. My vision for STEM in 2024 includes creating an engaging and encouraging community of like-minded STEM students who want to share their passions and encourage others to continue in STEM.

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STEM COORDINATOR

# Sirisha

Leadership is about inspiring and guiding others towards shared goals, being a positive role model, and empowering them to reach their full potential. This motivated me to apply for this role, as I am passionate about science and technology and wanted to ignite that passion in others for potential career pathways.

During my five years at St Mary's College, I have actively participated in STEM programs and activities within the College community, which motivated me to assist those starting their STEM journey. As STEM Coordinator, I envision expanding STEM's influence at the College. I aim to do this by organising activities that encourage student involvement, collaboration between different year levels, and connecting with the broader community.

By combining these goals, I plan to boost student engagement in science, math, technology, and engineering. This would not only pique their interest in these subjects but also open up more real-world opportunities for them beyond the classroom.

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