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SACRED HEART COLLEGE



From the Principal

Dear members of the Sacred Heart College community,

Welcome to the 2016 School Year!

Classes have commenced with a distinct energy on the back of the safe return of our students after the traditional summer break. There is a settled and focused ambiance across the College which bears testament to the combined efforts of our families and staff to ensure the preparedness to smoothly commence the year. Thank you to both our parents and staff in this regard.

At the Senior School 'Welcome Assembly' the key theme was 'purpose' - a theme which College Co-Captain Patrick Pivato relayed to the boys at the Middle School. We all need to have a sense of clarity as to why we do what we do and what we are hoping to achieve. Whilst this is a worthwhile discussion at home, the students at Sacred Heart do not undertake this alone.

A range of supports are available and the students and families of the College are encouraged to seek this when needed. The starting point is the Homeroom Teacher whom the vast majority of Middle School parents and carers met last week - your presence at this event was overwhelming!

Parent Forum

Throughout the year there will be a number of forums designed to inform and engage the parents and carers of Sacred Heart. Next Monday (15 February) there will be a Forum for parents of senior school students. The forum will focus on Parent/Carer Portal access to their Year 10-12 daughters' and sons' progress as documented in the Learning Management System (Edumate). We hope to see you there! (7pm at the Senior School - Debourg Performing Arts Centre). A similar forum is planned for the Middle School later in the year.

Opening Mass

The traditional Opening Mass and College Student Leaders Commissioning was conducted on Ash Wednesday. Mr Daniel Head provides more detail on this significant event which was yet again well supported by the Student Leaders families.



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During the celebration, led by Monsignor Ian Dempsey, was the traditional ashes ceremony. In the words of one 'bright' student - we were all '#Ashtagged!'

I look forward to crossing paths in the coming weeks!

Kind regards

Steve Byrne
Principal



WHOLE SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	SENIOR SCHOOL	
Saturday 27-Sunday 28 February Boarders' Exeat Monday 29 February Unlocking you Music Potential, 7:00-9:00 pm Tuesday 1 March College Council Meeting, 7:15-9 pm Thursday 3 March Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00-7:00 pm Saturday 12-Monday 14 March Optional Boarders' Exeat Monday 14 March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Friday 25-Monday 28 March Boarders' Exeat Monday 2 May Term 2 commences	Friday 12 February Year 9 Swimming Carnival Monday 22 February Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3:15-8:00 pm Wednesday 24 February Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3:15-6:00 pm Thursday 25 February Year 8 Immunisations Thursday 3 March Principal's Tour, 9:15-10:30 am Thursday 24 March Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy, 9:00 am Easter Early Dismissal, 1:00 pm Friday 15 April Good News Assembly, 9:00 am Term 1 Progress Reports Issued End of Term, Dismissal 3:15 pm	Monday 15 February Parent Forum on Edumate Parent Portal, 7:00-8:00 pm Wednesday 17 February Laureate Assembly, 9:00-10:20 am Friday 19 February Parents & Friends Welcome Night, 7:00 pm Friday 26 February Opening & Blessing of St Paul's Food & Hospitality Centre, 3:00-5:00 pm Tuesday 1 March Year 10 SACE Parent Information Evening, 7:00-8:00 pm Friday 4 March Sports Day Sunday 6-Sunday 13 March Sozan Japanese School Visit Wednesday 9-Friday 11 March Year 12 Retreats	Monday 21 March Principal's Tour, 9:00-10:30 am Tuesday 22 March Summer Sports Photos, 9:00-3:00 pm Thursday 24 March Easter Early Dismissal, 1:25 pm Wednesday 30 March Kirrillie Smout Year 12 Parent Evening, 7:00-9:00 pm Friday 1 April Progress Reports Issued Saturday 9 April Year 12 Formal, 7:30-11:00 pm Monday 11 April Year 10 and Year 11 Parent/Teacher Night, 2:15-7:15 pm Friday 15 April End of Term, Dismissal 3:30 pm



Curriculum News

The Australian Curriculum has been developed to enable all young Australians to develop the personal qualities and skills required for them to function as active individuals and citizens in the 21st century. This development is guided by a commitment by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to the '[2008 Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians](#)'.

The goals of the Declaration are:

Goal 1: Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

Goal 2: All young Australians become:

- successful learners
- confident and creative individuals
- active and informed citizens

The Melbourne Declaration emphasises the importance of knowledge, skills and understandings as students engage in learning in the 21st century. The general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities which underpin this include a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills as a cornerstone for learning. The Australian Curriculum describes a learning entitlement for all students and includes core knowledge, understandings, skills, capabilities and priorities.

Further Information and Resources for Parents/Caregivers

In these early weeks of the new school year, as we establish partnerships with parents/caregivers, you may find the new resources on the Australian Curriculum website useful. They include brochures giving an overview of the curriculum as well as brochures which describe the learning at bands of year levels. There is also a FAQ section. They are available on the [Australian Curriculum website](#) or follow the link:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources-and-support/parent-information/introduction>

I invite parents/caregivers to peruse these documents. Should you have any questions about the Australian Curriculum or teaching and learning matters regarding your children, please contact the relevant Senior School or Middle School teaching staff for assistance.

Gail Morgan

Assistant Principal Curriculum

Karen Bailey

Director of Teaching and Learning at the Senior School

Natasha Williams

Director of Teaching and Learning at the Middle School



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is owned and operated by Sacred Heart College and Marymount College with all profits returning to these Colleges. This shop is the supplier of the Official Uniform for students attending these Colleges, stocking new and quality second-hand uniforms at affordable prices. Join members of your school community and shop in comfort with friendly staff and volunteers.

Normal Term – Weekly Hours

Mondays (Term 1 only) 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

Tuesdays 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Wednesdays 8:00 am–12 noon

Thursdays 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

2016 Term 1 Holiday Period

Open daily from Thursday 21 April

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Weekdays

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturdays

Closed Sundays, Public Holidays

MIDDLE SCHOOL



From the Head of the Middle School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would again like to again extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families to Sacred Heart College. It has been a terrific start to the year and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of you at our Welcome Evening. Already there is a great sense of community and good energy at the school. Please don't hesitate to contact any of your son's teachers if you have any concerns, effective education can only be built on the back of good communication between home and school.

This week both our Year 6 and 8 cohorts enjoyed their respective camps to Wellington and Hindmarsh Island. The camping program is a valued and integral part of the holistic curriculum offered here at the Middle School. Camps provide a rich opportunity for the boys to build resilience, solve problems and develop skills connected with outdoor education. I would also like to thank and acknowledge all the staff who helped facilitate and supervise the students on camp.

This year we welcome several new staff members to our community who I know will bring a wealth of knowledge and good teaching practice to our community:

- Tamara Smith (Year 8 Mathematics and Science)
- Marcus Trimboli (Year 8 Leader of Student Wellbeing, English and HASS)
- Heath Varts (Year 6 replacement for Ashley Jenner who is on leave this term)
- Alex Jackson (Year 7 Mathematics and Science)
- Keiko Nielsen (Year 7 and 8 Japanese)
- Domenica Caruso (Year 7 and 8 Italian and Religious Education)

Our Lenten journey also begins this week with Ash Wednesday. The forty days of Lent provide us with the opportunity to deeply reflect on our own lives and to contemplate the changes we may need to make to allow or develop our relationship with God. These can be simple things like visiting a friend or trying harder with our kids to be better parents. The following reflection may help us to begin collecting our thoughts as we move towards Easter:

Growing With You

*Lord, we would grow with you
New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you*

*Lord, we would grow with you
In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From spring time to winter
Lord, we would grow with you*

*Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you*

Have a great week!

Tim Mullin

Head of the Middle School



Year Level Presentations

It was great to meet so many of you last Wednesday at the Welcome Evening. For those of you who could not attend, click on the links below to view the year level presentations which were presented in your son's homeroom

- [Year 6 Presentation](#)
- [Year 7 Presentation](#)
- [Year 8 Presentation](#)
- [Year 9 Presentation](#)

Natasha Williams

Director of Teaching and Learning



Parent/Teacher Interviews

On Monday 22 February and Wednesday 24 February we have our Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews. Booking times are completed online through the PTO program and login details/instructions will be sent home with your son next week. The purpose of the Term 1 interview is to provide you with an opportunity to meet more formally with your son's homeroom teacher to discuss information regarding his learning and wellbeing needs. Academic and elective-based interviews will occur in Term 2. However, you are also welcome to make contact with your son's teachers at any time throughout the school year.

Natasha Williams

Director of Teaching and Learning



Middle School Office Hours and Duty of Care

Please note the following in relation to official Middle School hours as referenced in our Handbook:

- Students should not be on the school premises before 8:00 am.
- Supervision is provided in the Marcellin Resource Centre from 8:00 am.
- Supervision in the school grounds is provided from 8:20 am.
- The Marcellin Resource Centre closes at 4:00 pm.
- Supervision is provided during CEA trainings until 4:30 pm.
- Finance Officer available until 4:00 pm.
- The Front Office is closed at 4:30 pm.

As a school, we cannot provide adequate duty of care/supervision for your son before 8:00 am and after 4:30 pm. It is very important that we adhere to these hours to ensure proper care of your son occurs. If there are extenuating circumstances in terms of picking up/dropping off your son, please phone the school so that alternative arrangements can be organised.

Out of hours care for Year 6 and 7 students is available at the Clovelly Park Primary School, telephone 8276 5366.

Tim Mullin

Head of the Middle School



Canteen Roster and Volunteering

**February
Friday 12**
Cherie Wilson
Honi Klecko

Monday 15
Carmel Hill

Tuesday 16
Bronwyn
Munn

Wednesday 17
Virginia Taylor
Anna Caruso

Thursday 18
Pam Billich
Carmen Conzalez

Friday 19
Sheree Guppy
Fiona Davies
Nicole Farmer

Monday 22
Brooke McDonald

Tuesday 23
Kristy Colicchio
Rosemary Brinn

Wednesday 24
Jodie Huttenen
Sharon Konopka

Thursday 25
Erica Stewart
Jane Shanks

Friday 26
Helen Dimech
Andrew Gluyas
Sue Forster
Angela Kelly

Hours: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm (approximately)
Many thanks for your generous offers of help. While it is very important you attend on your rostered days, if because of sickness or some other cause, you cannot attend I would appreciate you trying to arrange a substitute yourself. However, if this is not possible, please ring Robyn Flowers, Canteen Manager at the Middle School on 8275 5929.

It is hoped that many parents/carers, particularly those new to the Middle School, will avail themselves of the chance to help in the canteen.

The roster is worked out on a once-a-month basis, however, some parents/carers find this a bit difficult so even if you can only manage once a term, it would be appreciated. We also have an emergency helpers list.

Morning Tea and Lunch is provided for volunteers.



Wellbeing – forming relationships with the teachers and staff

It has been a wonderful start to the year with students, parents and caregivers excited about the year ahead. This was particularly evident on the first day of school with quite a large number of parents and caregivers dropping their child off for their first day at the Middle School. I would like to extend a warm welcome to 2016 to all our students and their families, in particular those who are new to the school; regardless of whether students start in Year 6 or in other years they are considered a Sacred Heart student from day one.

The Welcome Night provided a further opportunity to meet families; the large number parents and caregivers who attended created an exciting and friendly atmosphere and provided an opportunity to meet homeroom teachers and put a face to a name.

The homeroom teacher is the primary contact for your child and their role extends beyond that of the day-to-day administrative tasks and disseminating information. Your child's homeroom teacher is an important person to contact if there are any day-to-day issues that should arise in regards to your child's learning and wellbeing.

If there are more pressing concerns, each year level has a Leader of Student Wellbeing who can be contacted by phone or email. As the Director of Students it is this team of caring and dedicated teachers that I work closely with along with Chris Eagan and Robyn Sutherland who provide our counselling and pastoral services. Our Leaders of Student Wellbeing in each year level are:

- Ashleigh Bryans, Year 6
- Jody Keller, Year 7
- Marcus Trimboli, Year 8
- Ben Dray, Year 9

At Sacred Heart College we hope to provide a happy and safe environment for every student and we are interested to know if there is anything that might be affecting this. Remember, we cannot assist your child on issues such as harassment or anxiety if we don't know. The trusting relation that families and school form is crucial for the wellbeing and academic success of your child.

Further to this, if there are any questions relating to school expectations, policy or procedure please refer to the Sacred Heart College Middle School section of our website (www.shc.sa.edu.au). There you will also find a copy of the Parent Handbook which is a useful resource; hard copies are also available from the friendly office staff. We are grateful to the parents and caregivers who have referred to this document and have ensured that their child is compliant with the College's expectations on uniform, grooming and punctuality.

I was thrilled to meet individual parents and caregivers who attended the various functions in the first week and I hope to meet more of you as the year proceeds. These connections are important for child's development and wellbeing and I ask that you keep the lines of communications open as we venture into a new year together.

Joe Millemaci

Director of Students



Welcome to the 2016 School Year!

I am confident that this will be a terrific year of learning, achievement and growth, and as a staff group, we look forward to working closely with both students and families to achieve the very best outcomes for the young people entrusted to our care.

Welcome to New Staff

Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members joining our community from 2016:

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| ▪ Clare BECKINGHAM | ▪ Keiko NIELSEN |
| ▪ Neil McNAUGHTON | ▪ Craig HEFFERNAN |
| ▪ Damian CREAZZO | ▪ Nicholas TAYLOR |
| ▪ Sue MOSS | ▪ Cerys HOWSON |
| ▪ Christopher GEIN | ▪ Jordan WALKER-ROBERTS |

We look forward to all they will add to wonderful community into the future.

Recent Hoax Bomb Threats

Students and families are advised that in light of the recent hoax bomb threats on schools across Adelaide, and interstate, the College is well prepared in the event that such a call is made to Sacred Heart.

With student safety paramount in all that we do, please be advised that our processes will be:

1. Immediately evacuate students and staff to a safe area.
2. Contact SAPOL.
3. Advise families via SMS of the evacuation, only once the evacuation has been completed safely.
4. Await advice from SAPOL regarding the safe return to classes.
5. Advise families again via SMS of the safe return of your child to class.

Further to this, the College has in place procedures to be followed at the time of the call being received, and a well-rehearsed Evacuation Procedure (rehearsed recently).

Finally, in the event that families receive an SMS indicating an evacuation of this nature, we respectfully request that families await further communication before attending College grounds.

Congratulations on a terrific start!

I wish to congratulate the student body on the terrific start they have made to the 2016 school year.

Classrooms are settled and focused, and there is a “hum” of learning to be heard as you wonder by, meaning students are showing great respect to their teachers, their peers and themselves.

The College Uniform is being worn with pride, and the Quad is clean, showing respect for the College, its environment, and its reputation.

I am very proud of the way students have commenced. Having said that, anytime more than 1,000 teenagers gather together, there will be some willing to “push the boundaries”. To that end, I would appreciate the support of families, working with their sons and daughters, to focus on those aspects of the Uniform and Grooming policy that we are focusing on in the opening weeks, including:

1. Other items of Sacred Heart clothing (such as Year 12 Jumpers and other commemorative jumpers/items) are not, under any circumstances, a part of the College uniform and are therefore not permitted to be worn to school. This extends to commemorative T-shirts from the Middle School, Marymount, or elsewhere – these are not part of the Senior School uniform and are not permitted to be worn during school hours. PE Teachers in particular are focusing on this.
2. Students may wear one plain, small pair of gold, silver, pearl, diamond sleepers or studs, in the lower lobe only. Multiple studs and larger/ornate earrings are not permitted. No other facial/body piercings are permitted.
3. Hair that is of shoulder length must be tied up in a ponytail, and neatly off the face (no “top buns” are permitted). This applies to both boys and girls.

Whilst we work hard to work in partnership with students and families, it is important to highlight again the consequences for breaches of this policy include:

1. Item(s) confiscated.
2. Removal from class until the breach is addressed/rectified.
3. Detention (lunch, after school, Saturday).

Continued breaches will result in:

4. Meeting with parents/caregivers.
5. Ongoing suspension from classes.

Year 12 Students

During Week 1, Student Driver (permission) forms were distributed to Year 12 students, together with information regarding Year 12 Study Lines, and other key dates. This correspondence was also emailed to families. For wider consideration, some key points from that correspondence include:

Year 12 Study Line

Year 12 students are offered a study line, in the interest of flexibility and independence, and to support them in developing their own study habits and routines.

The Study Line falls at the following times:

- Monday Lesson 3 (meaning Year 12 students conclude formal lessons at 12 noon).
- Thursday Lesson 1 (meaning Year 12 students must report to school in readiness for Lesson 2 to commence at 10.40am).
- Friday Lesson 4 (meaning Year 12 students conclude formal lessons at 1.25pm).

Year 12 students are permitted to study from home at these times, or indeed, make arrangements for interviews, research for major tasks, etc.

In the event that students wish to remain on College grounds, they are to report to the Library, or make alternate arrangements with specific teachers in advance. Students must be under the direct supervision of a member of staff at all times, and therefore are not permitted to remain on school grounds unless they are working in a supervised environment.

Student Drivers

Students who have current driving licences and who have parental approval may apply for permission from the Head of Senior School to drive to school. Student use of cars can occasionally be a cause of concern and when the privilege is abused the College will seek parental support in withdrawing that student's right to drive a car to school.

Permission to drive to school will be granted on the condition that:

- The student (and parents) complete the associated documentation
- Students do not use their cars as a place for recreation or leisure and do not access them over the course of the school day
- Students do not use their vehicles to leave school grounds during the day, without appropriate permission, and
- Students do not park on College grounds. This includes (but is not limited to) parking in front of Paringa Hall, in front of the Uniform Shop, or inside the Oval Gates.

In the interest of student safety, we thank families in advance for their support with regard to student drivers.

Key Dates

Please be advised of the following key dates for Year 12 students and families:

- Year 12 Retreats will be held from Wednesday 9 March until Friday 11 March. It is important to make clear that attendance at the Retreat is compulsory.

- Parent Forum – 30 March at 7pm. “What Makes Senior Students Successful”, delivered by Clinical Psychologist, Kirrilie Smout.
- The Year 12 Formal will be held on Saturday 9 April, from 7pm to 11pm, at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.
- The Graduation Dinner will be held on Saturday 3 December, from 7pm to 11pm, at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Further details of these events will be issued to students and families in due course, but these dates are provided now in the interest of forward planning.

Brain Training for Teens

We are excited to advise that Clinical Psychologist, Kirrilie Smout will be running a number of sessions for our Year 12 students over the course of 2016, during Homeroom time. Her program is titled “Brain Training for Teens” and is broken into 3 seminars; “Finding and Keeping the Drive” (30 March), “Revision that Works” (13 April) and “Managing Stress” (18 May).

More information on Kirrilie, her practice and her seminars can be found at her website: <http://developingminds.net.au/>

Senior School Sports Day - Friday 4 March

Please be advised that the Senior School Sports Day will be held on Friday 4 March, on the Main Oval.

This is a wonderful day of building House and School spirit, and as such, attendance is compulsory.

More information will be issued to students and families in due course.



2016 SACE Merit Ceremony

On Tuesday 9 February, I had the privilege of attending the 2016 SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House. Special guests of this event included Dr Neil McGoran, Chief Executive of the SACE Board, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia, and the Honourable Susan Close, Minister for Education and Child Development.

Of course, the most “special” of special guests were the group of Sacred Heart students being recognised for their outstanding achievement and relentless work ethic in 2015. Students were presented in the following categories:



The Governor of South Australia Commendation

The Governor of South Australia Commendation acknowledges and celebrates overall excellence in the South Australian Certificate of Education. It recognizes excellent achievement in Year 12 subjects as well as success in developing the SACE capabilities of communication, learning, personal development, citizenship and work.

Each school in South Australia was invited to nominate only one student whom they considered would be a most worthy recipient of the award.

Out of more than 14,500 students who received the SACE in 2015, only 26 were selected to receive this prestigious award from the Governor of South Australia. Students were presented individually to the Governor to receive their Commendation.

Sacred Heart student, Brandon Le was nominated for this award. We are very proud of Brandon, and congratulate him on being awarded the Governor's Commendation.

Multiple Subject Merits

Students who received 2, 3 or 4 subject merits were presented to the Deputy Presiding Member of the SACE Board, Mr Robert DeBelle. We are very proud to celebrate the achievement of the students listed below:

Number of Merits	Merit Student	Subject(s)
4	Phillip Amos	Business and Enterprise, Economics, Mathematical Applications, Research Project B
3	Isabelle Price	Tourism, Research Project B, Workplace Practices (2014)
2	Matthew Camacho	Chemistry, Biology (2014)
2	Matthew Campbell	Integrated Learning, Workplace Practices
2	Mason Crossman	Chemistry, Biology (2014)
2	Tyler Kelly	Chemistry, Accounting (2014)
2	Ruby Healey	Modern History, Research Project B
2	Zoe Martini	Modern History, Research Project B
2	Morgan Patterson	Food and Hospitality, Research Project B
2	Bianca Tramaglino	Visual Arts - Art, Research Project B
2	Jordan Wagner	Biology, Chemistry

Individual Subject Merits

Finally, every student who achieved a Merit in one subject received an individual presentation, based on Learning Areas. Again, we commend the achievement of the students listed below for their hard work and sacrifice last year:

No. of Merits	Merit Student	Subject(s)		(Year 11)	
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1	Sarah Chigwidden (Year 11)	Workplace Practices	1	Elise McCarty	Research Project B
1	Grace Edwards	Research Project B	1	Cooper McRae (Year 11)	Accounting
1	Millie Errington	Food and Hospitality	1	Paris Montgomery	Research Project B
1	Amber Flamank	Research Project B	1	Monique Nolan	Research Project B
1	Monica Fundak	Research Project B	1	Paris Osborne	Research Project B
1	Michael Gill	Biology	1	Michael Pivato	Specialist Mathematics
1	Stella Goosay	Psychology	1	Bridgette Price (Year 10)	Workplace Practices
1	Emily Green	Research Project B	1	Kristen Redford	Food and Hospitality
1	Scott Grieve	Physical Education	1	Zoe Russell-Von Bujdoss	Research Project B
1	Oliver Heaney	Religion Studies (2014)	1	Imogen Scott	Research Project B
1	Emily Hunter	Workplace Practices	1	Madeleine Summerton	Mathematical Applications
1	Riley Johns	Research Project B	1	Jessica Viant	Research Project B
1	Abbey Jones	Research Project B	1	Eliza Watts	Research Project B
1	Taylor Kilpatrick (Year 11)	Japanese (continuers)	1	Emily Young	Research Project B
1	Ashleigh Langton	Research Project B			
1	Kristen Martini	Modern History			

The Merit Ceremony was a wonderful celebration of the outstanding achievement of a terrific group of young men and women.

The Year 12 students of 2015 performed at an exceptional level with 78 students achieving an ATAR over 90 – which places them in the top 10% of students in the State and also situates them in the top 10% of the nation. 9 students secured scores in excess of 99.0 which places them in the top 1% of the SACE cohort. This is truly outstanding!

Of the 304 students eligible for an ATAR, 25.7% achieved an ATAR over 90. In total, 126 of these students (41.4%) secured an ATAR in excess of 80. I am sure you will agree, these are SACE results that we should all be very proud of!



We look forward to celebrating these achievements as a community at the annual Laureate Assembly, on Wednesday 17 February.

Daniel Lynch
Head of the Senior School



College Theme 2016

A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Exodus 34:6

The College Theme this year continues the tradition established in previous years of drawing on the national Marist Schools Australia theme. This year it is **Mercy: This is the name of our God**. Anthony Clarke, Director of the Marist Life and Formation team in Sydney explains:

“When Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis, read the title of Cardinal Walter Kasper’s new book ‘Mercy’ at the most recent conclave he exclaimed; ‘Ah mercy! This is the name of our God’. The title immediately resonated, as it described a God rich in mercy (Eph 2:4) and recognised the deep human need for people to experience it. No one is spared from difficulties, hardship, pain or suffering; and we share the desire for justice, compassion and love...

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is an invitation to open our hearts to the healing and restoring gift God offers. It is an invitation for our Marist communities to build a culture of mercy, taking up Pope Francis’ challenge to make the mercy and tenderness of God visible through our ability to heal wounds and warm hearts. It is an invitation to wash, clean, heal and raise up. Life and balance is restored.”

This theme was launched at the Senior School on Ash Wednesday for our Opening Mass. Our Opening Mass is always a huge occasion, and we were blessed to have it fall on Ash Wednesday, a day Catholics begin the season of Lent and look to how they can grow closer to our Merciful God through prayer, repentance and simple living.

The entire student and staff cohort participated in the Mass and received ashes on their forehead, a sign of mortality and repentance in Jewish and Christian traditions.

Our Mass also saw the College Student Leaders commissioned before their peers and families where they swore an oath and prayed for God's blessing upon them.

As always, we were very lucky to have Monsignor Ian Dempsey presiding over our special occasion. Monsignor Ian gave some sound advice on what we might seek to do this Lent – including suggesting our students help out at home(!) – whilst also helping to explain the theme of “Mercy” to the students. Special thanks should also go to our musicians who were absolutely magnificent. Old Scholars Kelvin Maynes, Brooke Miller and their colleague Grace Frick from the Brighton Parish, together with music teachers Dan Ryan and Bianca Pittman contributed to a long and proud association with Sacred Heart Old Collegians continuing their involvement at the school.

Daniel Head

Director of Marist Mission

[Click here to view more photos in our Photo Gallery.](#)



St Paul's Food & Hospitality Centre Official Opening and Blessing

Sacred Heart College Parents/Caregivers
You are invited to the official Opening and Blessing of
St Paul's Food and Hospitality Centre
Fairfield Avenue, Somerton Park SA 5044
Friday, 26 February
3:00-4:00pm - Tour (see the students in action)
4:00-5:00pm - Blessing & Opening followed by
refreshments prepared by students



RSVP: 20 February 2016

Jane Mason, Telephone: 8350 2590 or email: janemason@shc.sa.edu.au



Parents Welcome Evening

Friday 19 February 2016 at 7:00 pm, Debourg Centre and Deck Area

Come and join with old friends and meet new ones on this special evening. A relaxing evening to talk while partaking of red and white wine, beer and soft-drinks.

Enjoy a gourmet selection of cheese, antipasto and fruit with wine sourced from our highly acclaimed wine regions. Cost is \$30 per person which includes your SHC glass and all the food and drink you can enjoy.

Please pay at the door on the evening. I would appreciate knowing you are attending, so please text or email lawilliams2012@gmail.com. Enquiries: Louise Williams 0427 943 312.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

The services and events contained in these advertisements are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents/carers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.



MARYMOUNT COLLEGE
Hospitality Compassion Stewardship Reconciliation

Marymount College Principal's Tour

A leading Catholic Middle School for Girls, Years 6 to 9

Next College Tour is on Tuesday 1 March, 9:15am or 5:30pm

We implement a quality curriculum, offer extensive curriculum extension activities and promote the principles of positive psychology through the *MindMatters* and *KidsMatter* Programs.

Enrolling NOW for 2017 and beyond.

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Marymount College, Colton Avenue, Hove



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