

Semper Fidelis



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We acknowledge and pay respect to the peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nation, including the eight clan groups, as the traditional and ongoing custodians of the land on which we gather today and we recognise that it continues to be sacred to them. We Hail them: As guardians of the earth and of all things that grow and breed in the soil; As trustees of the waters – the seas, the streams and rivers, the ponds and the lakes and the rich variety of life in those waters.

Commitment to child safety

Sacred Heart College Yarrowonga is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students at the College. As a Catholic school, we are entrusted with the holistic education of the child, in partnership with parents, guardians and caregivers who are the primary educators of their children. Sacred Heart College will implement the Child Safe Standards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at the College and promote an organisational culture that manages the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Child Safe Standards

All schools in Australia are mandated to comply with the eight Child Safe Standards. The standards are in place to keep your children safe. In order for us at Sacred Heart College to comply, it is imperative that we know who is on site between 8.30am and 3:30pm, the reason for their visit and how long they will be on site for. As such, any visitor to our school (including parents, volunteers and trades people), must enter via the front Administration Office and cannot simply enter any of the learning areas before doing so. Please do not be offended if a staff member asks you the reason for your visit or if you have signed in. This is for the safety of all children. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the College.

Catholic Identity

Creator God,

Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God.

Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you.

Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you.

We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

Lucienne Camenzuli

Catholic Identity & Religious Education Leader

Winter Storms

Do all you can and leave the rest to God! (Mary MacKillop)

Warning!

A storm is on the way. The clouds are gathering and the wind is picking up. Rain is promised and a sheep warning alert has been issued. Sometimes the storm comes, sometimes there is just a bit of wind and it passes.

Sometimes in life we dread what we think is going to happen, a growing storm. We wait and worry, we imagine and prepare what we are going to say or do. And it all passes.

How much time and energy do we waste in the planning in the imagining; the imagined conversations that we never end up having, the constant inner-planning, the scenario staging. We can become weary and worn out about "what might be".

Sometimes we just have to trust ourselves to trust that if the storm comes we will know what to say what to do. It is never what we expect anyway. We have to be able to trust in the Spirit within. If we have spent quiet time allowing ourselves to become more aware of the Spirit's presence, we will not be afraid to trust, to hand over to the coming storm and, with Mary MacKillop, leave the rest to God!

From the Principal Reflection

I used the above reflection this week with staff and the College Board. It is an extract from the book titled "Be Still Awhile Along the Track" written by Jim Quillinan. The passage resonated with me, especially reflecting back on the past 10 to 12 weeks, where we certainly have experienced a kind of storm, not only in our community, but our nation and our world. Whilst it was very important to plan for scenarios that may eventuate, I was extremely proud of our staff and students in the way they adapted to learning in the new environment and the inventive and solution focused approach that was taken during this time. As we return to what will hopefully be business as usual, it is my great hope that we take the best of what we learned during this time forward to further strengthen our community.

Return of Middle School Students

It was great to welcome back Year 7 to 10 students on Tuesday the 9th of June. The students were very excited to be back at school and mixing with their friends. Some time was spent with all students revising the elevated hygiene standards that are in place, underlining the importance of these procedures, so that we can all remain safe and remain at school. Just as some students thrived and flourished in the online learning environment, some students found this challenging. As we return to face to face classes, it is understandable that there may be some students who may be anxious or worried. It is important for families to communicate with the College if they have concerns for their child in this regard.

Sustainability Garden

There was great excitement amongst the Year 9 students as they began planning and designing the sustainability garden on Coghill Street. The College is working with landscape designer, Jenny Kjar, on this project. The plan features an outdoor classroom, a variety of raised garden beds and a meditation labyrinth. We are very much looking forward to this project.

Library & Administration Update

The proposed Library and Administration Centre has moved a step closer with the removal and relocation of the Year 9 and 10 locker bays. This work was completed last week and will permit the installation of storm water and sewer pits to be relocated.

Music Lessons Resume

Music lessons for Year 7 and 8 students have resumed. Students who receive individual tuition should have received correspondence from Murray Conservatorium regarding the schedule of lessons. If you have not been contacted by Murray Conservatorium, please contact them on 02 6041 4249 or via email admin@murraycon.com.au

Camps, Sport and Excursions

As communicated to families in my most recent letter, there will be no camps, sport or excursions in the short term. This has unfortunately led to the cancellation of the Year 9 Northern Territory trip which is disappointing, but unavoidable. Leadership is already looking at possible ways to allow Year 9 students to have a similar experience in Year 10. Further updates will be given as restrictions are lifted in the future.

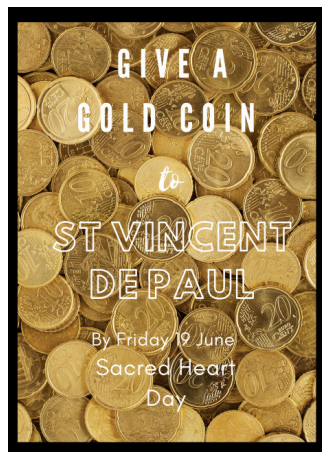
Safe Holidays

Just a reminder to all families that these holidays are a three week break. Students will finish this Friday at 3.10pm and return to school on Monday 13th July.

I wish all of our students and families a happy and safe holiday period.

After a very challenging term, I hope you enjoy the break and return refreshed for Term 3.





SACRED HEART DAY FUNDRAISERS Yarrowonga St Vincents De Paul Society

It is Sacred Heart Primary and College tradition to collect as much as possible to support the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers to assist all those in need in our local community leading up to Sacred Heart Day. This year, although we will not be able to have a combined schools Mass, we are still following this great tradition set up by the founding Mercy Sisters by holding Year Level Liturgies and engaging in fundraising.

Australia's own, St Mary Mackillop once said: "Never see a need without doing something about it."

Catherine McAuley reminded us that: "The poor need help today, not next week." In our own community there are needs and we are called to action now.

Students are encouraged to support the efforts of their peers. Year 8 and Year 11 Religious Education classes are running two fundraisers that culminate on Sacred Heart Day this Friday 19th June, a day when we celebrate the mercy, compassion and generosity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Your support is appreciated.

I give a can! I give a packet! I give a gold coin! Non perishable goods fundraiser

I Give a Can, a Packet, a Gold Coin for St Vincent de Paul!

I Give a Can, a Packet or a Gold Coin for St Vincent de Paul!

Year 8 RE has created a campaign in support of Sacred Heart Day St Vincent de Paul Assistance in Yarrowonga.

Families and individuals in our local community are experiencing the effects of the drought and COVID-19 and rely on the goodwill of the community to get through.

Help us help St Vincent de Paul to help them!

Everyone is encouraged to contribute cans or jars or packets of non-perishables like jam, baked beans, lentils, soup, peanut paste, spaghetti, biscuits, rice, soap, shampoo, etc.; OR a gold coin to support the purchase of these products. All money should be given to your LA teacher.

Please check that the use by date is still current and that the packaging or cans aren't damaged or dented.

There will be a Laundry Basket between every two LAs that we hope will be overfilled with items by this Friday 19th June which is our Sacred Heart Day and the day that we will be giving all goods and money to St Vincent de Paul volunteers. Please be generous.

Sacred Heart Day

Annual Free Dress Day for St Vincent De Paul Society Friday 19th June 2020

Year 11 Faith in Action RE class are running a Free Dress Day for St Vincent de Paul on Sacred Heart Day.

Students are encouraged to bring \$5 per family to participate. Any extra donations won't be turned away!

Not coming to school, arriving late?

A reminder to all students. If you are not attending school for the day, leaving early or arriving late, your parent or guardian must inform the College by either emailing or phoning. Students are not to contact their teacher or the office themselves.

info@shcy.vic.edu.au or phone: 03 57421300

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

THIS IS THE LAST REMINDER FOR CSEF. APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF TERM.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips swimming and school-organised sport programs outdoor education programs excursions and incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. A Special Consideration category also exists. Schools can receive applications from families over Term 1 and 2. Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

How to apply

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at the College in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Key Dates

Friday 19th June: End of Term 2, dismissal 3.10pm

Monday 13th July: Term 3 begins