



Semper Fidelis 2024 Issue 17 **12 December 2024**

From the Principal

Final Mass and Award Ceremony

On Thursday, the 12th of December, we gathered as a community to celebrate the End of Year Mass & Awards in the Multi Purpose Building. The Mass was celebrated by Father Jun Jun and Father Michael and we also welcomed Maria Forde who once again shared the wonderful gift of her musical talents with our community. It was great to see our special guests, sponsors, parents and friends of our community join us for this celebration. Mass was followed by the award ceremony where student achievement across all aspects of College life was recognised. On behalf of everyone in the Sacred Heart College community I would like to pass on our gratitude to our generous sponsors who continue to support the College and allow us to recognise the achievements of our students in a significant way.

Award sponsors:

- **Alexandra Park Club Limited**
- **Club Mulwala**
- **Lions Club of Yarrawonga**
- **Central Murray Credit Union**
- **Yarrawonga & Border Golf Club Resort**
- **Country Women's Association Yarrawonga & Border Branch**
- **Moira Shire**
- **Burramine Sports Club**
- **Australian Defence Force**
- **Melbourne University**

Christmas Break

On behalf of all staff at the College, I would like to wish all our families a happy and restful Christmas break. For those travelling, please travel safely and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Mr Lew Nagle

Always be responsible, always be respectful and always be your best.

REFLECTION



Awaiting the Light: An Advent Reflection

As the semester draws to a close, we enter the season of Advent. This time of holy anticipation invites us to pause amid the rush of academic deadlines and holiday preparations, calling us to prepare our hearts for something far greater than end-of-term exams or festive celebrations.

For us as a Catholic school community, Advent is more than just a countdown to Christmas. It is a profound spiritual journey that mirrors the very essence of our educational mission. Just as our students engage daily in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding, Advent calls us to deepen our spiritual awareness and understanding of God's presence in our lives.

The four weeks of Advent remind us of the thousands of years humanity waited for the promised Messiah. In our own lives, we too experience periods of waiting – waiting for acceptance letters, waiting to understand a challenging concept, waiting to discover our true calling. The purple candles of our Advent wreath illuminate this period of preparation and anticipation, while the rose candle of Gaudete Sunday reminds us that joy awaits at the journey's end.

This season holds particular relevance for our young people, who stand at the threshold of their own futures, preparing themselves for the lives they will lead. Like Mary, who said "yes" to God's extraordinary plan with courage and faith, our students are learning to discern and respond to God's call in their own lives. Each day in our classrooms, they kindle the lights of knowledge, faith, and service – essential preparations for the unique mission God has planned for each of them.

As we progress through these weeks of Advent, let us embrace this time of preparation together as a school community. In the midst of review sessions and holiday concerts, sports practices and service projects, may we create space in our hearts for the coming of Christ, allowing His light to illuminate our path forward.

An Advent Prayer for Our Community

Loving God,
As we begin this Advent journey,
We come before You as a school family,
United in hope and anticipation.

Grant our students the wisdom to see
That their daily studies and struggles
Are preparations for Your greater purpose,
Just as Advent prepares us for Your Son's arrival.

Grant us Mary's courage to say "yes"
To Your call in our lives,
Whether in the classroom, on the field,
Or in service to others.

May this season of preparation
Transform our school community
Into a brighter beacon of Your love,
As we ready ourselves for the birth of Your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

Award	Recipient
Faith & Justice Award 7	Samantha Kidgell
Faith & Justice Award 8	Bailey Richardson
Faith & Justice Award 9	Jasmine Lewis
Faith & Justice Award 10	Sophie Coghill
Faith & Justice Award 11	Jetta Norrish
School Spirit Award 7	Tathila Suryapathiranalage
School Spirit Award 8	Claire Connell
School Spirit Award 9	Ash Flanagan
School Spirit Award 10	Maddison Kelly
School Spirit Award 11	Sienna Ross
Sport Award Year 7 Male	Mac Hargreaves
Sport Award Year 7 Female	Isabel Bruce
Sport Award Year 8 Male	Fraser Nagle
Sport Award Year 8 Female	Chelsea Carroll
Sport Award Year 9 Male	Cooper Webster
Sport Award Year 9 Female	Emily Buerckner
Sport Award Year 10 Male	Archie Skehan
Sport Award Year 10 Female	Kiera Freeman
Sport Award Year 11 Male	Jayden Arnold
Sport Award Year 11 Female	Helena Shaw
Burramine Sports Award	Makayla George
Art Award Year 7	Christian Lay
Art Award Year 8	Molly Buckingham
Art Award Year 9	Asley Flanagan
Art Award Year 10	Grace Richmond
Art Award Year 11	Penny Whiteley
Dux Year 7	Isabel Bruce
Dux Year 8	Summer Ibbott
Dux Year 9	Emma Mangan
Dux Year 10	Sophie Coghill
Dux Year 11	Isobel Osborne & Penny Whiteley
University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program Class of 2025	Alyssa Milner
Long Tan Award Year 10	Sophie Coghill
ADF Future Innovators Award	Jason Yang
VCE VM Award	Jetta Norrish
CWA Year 10 Scholarship Award	Stephanie Robinson
Brian Dykes Encouragement Award	Claire Connell
Mercy Award	Tathila Suryapathiranalage
Year 11 All Rounder	Dimity Connell

SACRED HEART COLLEGE SCHOOL UNIFORM

PLEASE NOTE, upcoming change regarding our school uniform policy.

After careful consideration and feedback from both staff and parents, we have decided to implement a 12-month transitional period to support families in adjusting to the new uniform requirements.

During this period, students will be permitted to wear either the current or new uniform, ensuring a smooth and flexible transition. We understand that uniform changes may require time for families to make necessary purchases, and this extended period is intended to alleviate any inconvenience.

Key Details:

The 12-month transition will begin FEB 2025 and all students will be expected to be fully in compliance with the new uniform policy by FEB 2026

We encourage all families to begin planning for the new uniform which is available from Judds Mensland Yarrowonga



UNIFORM GUIDELINES

School uniform is compulsory at Sacred Heart College and all students are expected to take pride in their appearance and grooming. The correct uniform option is to be worn in its entirety to and from the College with no reductions or additional items worn to, from or during the school day. Undergarments must not be visible from uniform items. Full school uniform is to be worn to all excursions and occasions as advised. The Physical Education uniform may be worn to and from school on days when students have Physical Education classes. All items of uniform are required to be in good, well-fitting condition.

Students may wear either the Summer or the Winter uniform at any time throughout the school year however, each uniform must be worn in its entirety. A student may not wear a combination of Summer and Winter at the same time.

Plain navy scarves, gloves and Sacred Heart beanies can be worn to and from school, and outdoors in the colder months. These items are not to be worn indoors during class time.

Dress Length

The College dress and skirt is to be worn within five centimetres of the top of the knee.

Summer Uniform

All students from Years 7-12 may elect to wear one of the following options

OPTION 1

- Navy tailored shorts
- Short sleeve, light blue button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket
- VCE ONLY: Short sleeve, white button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket

OPTION 2

- Brunella College dress

Winter Uniform

All students from Years 7-12 may elect to wear one of the following options

OPTION 1

- Navy pants
- Light blue button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)
- VCE ONLY: White button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)

OPTION 2

- College winter skirt (mixed check)
- Plain, navy tights
- Light blue button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)
- VCE ONLY: White button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)

Additional Items

- Plain navy scarf
- Plain navy gloves
- Sacred Heart beanie

Common Elements

- College pullover (wool or cotton option available)
- College soft-shell zip-through jacket (to be worn as outer garment)
- Plain white socks (no logos may be visible)
- Black, leather shoes (no mesh or coloured, visible logos)

Physical Education Uniform

All students from Years 7-12

- Unisex navy sport short
- College sport polo shirt
- Navy microfibre track pants
- Navy, quarter zip fleece with College emblem
- College soft-shell zip-through jacket
- Plain white socks (no logos may be visible)

Sports Shoes

Sports shoes are to be worn with the Physical Education uniform. Shoes must be a runner or cross-trainer style designed to provide support during physical activity.

All uniform items available from Judd's Yarrawonga

Please read the College's Uniform Policy available on our website for further details.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you wanting to become a Catholic or would like to know more about this process.... This could be for you!

Sacred Heart Parish is looking at starting a Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program in the new year. If you or someone you know loves to explore the Catholic Faith and be part of community: You are welcome to join our Parish RCIA Program commencing in February 2025. For those interested, there will be an inquiry night on Wednesday, 5 th Feb. 2025, 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Church.

Our Yarrawonga Parish RCIA team: Sr Helen Glasheen, Michael Ross, Barb Osmotherly, George Cousins, Libby Dowling, Christine Martin

Sacred Heart Primary School is a Child Safe school.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Sacred Heart would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is situated.

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Personal Digital Devices

Sacred Heart College Yarrawonga, aligned with CES Ltd schools, are committed to creating optimal environments for learning and wellbeing, consistent with our Magnify initiative. As part of that commitment, we are ensuring that our policy regarding portable digital devices (PDD) reflects the latest research regarding the uses of these devices. Studies have shown that excessive use of mobile phones and wearable devices can negatively impact children's and teenagers' cognitive development, attentionspan, and social skills. By limiting access to these devices during school hours, we aim to:

- Enhance Focus and Learning
- Promote Social Interaction
- Support Mental Health

To be compliant with this policy students will ensure phones remain locked in their lockers from arrival at school in the morning, until their departure from school at the conclusion of the day. As such, the Canteen will no longer accept ApplePay from students using phones.

All communication of an urgent nature will be carried out through the school office.

We firmly believe that this policy will have a positive impact on your child's academic success and personal development. We appreciate your support and cooperation in implementing this policy. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

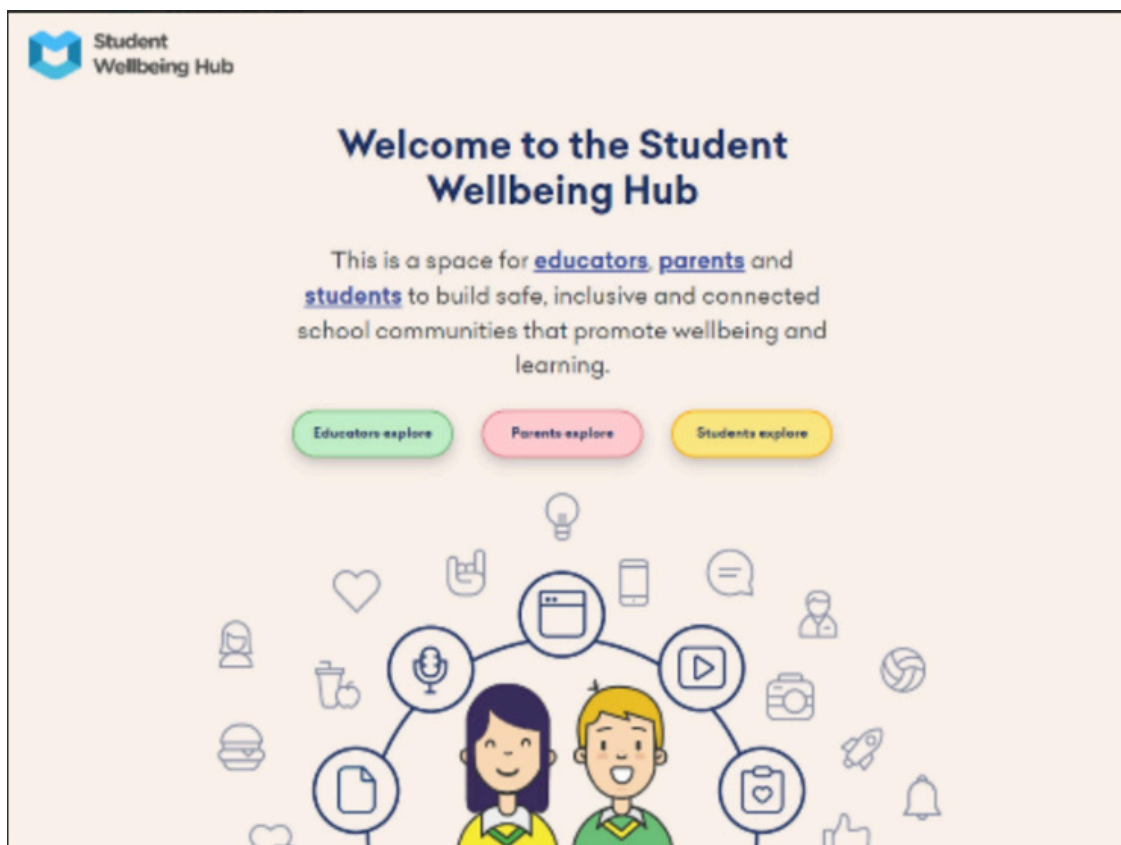
Wellbeing

Have you heard of the Student Wellbeing Hub??

This is a one stop website for young people to find topics and resources on things like how to deal with bullying, how to be smart online etc. It has games, videos and websites for teens.

This website is also for parents! It has information and advice about topics including bullying, online safety, communicating with your child and the school, and heaps more.

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/>



HOST A *Student*



We need you - This season we are inviting you to open your hearts and homes to our exchange student.

We are looking for two families from April to July 2025.

Aron is 16 and attends Sacred Heart College .



Contact us for an informal chat ...
Call Belinda on:
0411 852 784

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Rotary 

Rotary are looking for a Host family from mid-April to 11th July .
If you would like any information please contact:

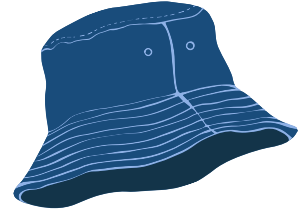
Belinda Pendergast
Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator
MHIPS
Yarrowonga College P-12



**Friendly reminder:
School fee accounts must be finalised
immediately if not already done so.
Thank you.**

Before and after school supervision:

Please note that supervision for students commences at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and 8.40am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



College Hats

A reminder to all students that hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$13, cash or card. Or from Judds, Yarrowonga.

Upcoming College Events

Office open Thursday 23rd Jan 2025
Year 7 Camp - 29th - 31st Jan 2025
Year 8-12 students commence

BOOKLIST REMINDER

**Don't forget to get your booklist ordered by the due date.
Go to our website for a direct link to Campion.**

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