



— Issue 10, May 2025 —

# Semper Fidelis

*Choose Catholic Education*

## Prayer for Young Pilgrims

Loving God, as our brothers and sisters gather in Rome for the Jubilee of Young People, we pray for all young Catholics worldwide. Bless our students with courage to live their faith boldly, wisdom to discern your call, and hearts open to serve others. May this holy year inspire us to be witnesses of your love in our school and community. Through Christ our Lord,  
  
Amen.

This week the most prominent event of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year is happening, the Jubilee of Young People. Half a million young people are expected to pour into Rome during this week for the biggest event of the 2025 Jubilee Year, making this one of the largest gatherings to happen. This youth jubilee is particularly significant as the four-day Jubilee of Youth (July 28 - August 3) is expected to draw the largest crowds with an estimated one million pilgrims predicted to attend this event alone. The celebration will culminate with Pope Leo on the final weekend.



## Senior Subject Selection

Selecting senior subjects is an exciting process. It was fantastic to see so many students and parents attend the Year 10-12 2026 Senior Subject Selection Presentations last Wednesday.

A reminder that Senior Course Handbooks are available for download on SIMON/PAM as well as a copy of the slideshows.

Students are also reminded that they can book a career interview with Mrs. Casey and parents/guardians are more than welcome to attend.

All students entering Year 10 -12 2026 will have received an email with a link to Web Preferences where they will make their subject selections online. Selections are due no later than Friday the 8th of August.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any questions or require additional support or information.

**Fleur Linehan**

**Deputy Principal Learning and Professional Practice**



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## Term 3 Key Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
August**

Year 10 Snow Excursion

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Student Free Day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
August**

Red Earth Immersion

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

End of Term

## Term 4 Key Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Students Return – Term 4

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Year 9 Camp

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

VCE Exams commence

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Student Free Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Woka Wala Paddock to Plate Dinner

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Graduation Mass & Dinner

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Students Last Day & College Dance



# NAIDOC Week Bridge Walk

Students from our school's social justice group participated in a meaningful NAIDOC bridge walk celebration that provided valuable insights into Aboriginal culture. The event commenced with a traditional smoking ceremony at Miss Ross Hill, setting a respectful tone for the cultural experience. Participants then walked across the bridge to Kennedy Park, where they listened to informative speeches about Aboriginal heritage and traditions. Following the formal presentations, students enjoyed a community sausage barbecue and engaged in hands-on cultural activities including face painting and stone painting. Through the experience, students gained a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture and the importance of NAIDOC Week in recognising the strength and resilience of First Nations peoples in Australia.



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## **Year 8 Girls Show Heart and Determination at Barr Reserve in Wangaratta**

The Year 8 girls' footy team travelled to Barr Reserve in Wangaratta for the next stage of the Hume competition, putting on a spirited performance that showcased their determination and teamwork. Although the final result didn't go their way, the girls left everything on the field and should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Right from the first bounce, the team showed they were up for the challenge. Their tackling pressure and relentless effort kept them in the contest against strong opposition. Every player stepped up, backing each other and fighting hard for every possession.

Despite facing some tough moments throughout the game, the girls never dropped their heads. They continued to work as a unit, showing grit, resilience and a great attitude.

While they didn't get the result they had hoped for, the experience was a valuable one, and the team walked away with plenty to be proud of. Their sportsmanship, commitment and growth throughout the day were clear for all to see.

This group has a bright future ahead. With their hard work and team-first mentality, there's no doubt they'll be back stronger than ever. Well done to the Year 8 girls on a fantastic performance — you've done your school proud!

## **Senior Girls Represent with Pride at Next Stage Badminton in Shepparton**

The senior girls' badminton team travelled to Shepparton this week to compete in the next stage of the school competition, proudly representing their school against some of the top teams in the region.

From the first serve to the final rally, the girls played with determination, focus and great sportsmanship. Each match was a test of skill and endurance, and the team rose to the challenge, demonstrating excellent teamwork and competitive spirit.

While the competition was tough and results didn't always fall their way, the senior girls walked away with valuable experience and heads held high. They gave their all and represented the school both in their efforts and their attitude.

Congratulations to the senior girls badminton team on a fantastic effort in Shepparton — a great day of competition and a strong showing at this advanced level.



# SHC Annual Chess Competition

The annual school chess competition has finally concluded after some tough competition.

After a random first draw, students played people with the same win/loss results. Once you had lost 3 times you were out of the tournament.

The grand final between Zack, in year 10, and Jacob, in year 7 was keenly observed by some of the other competitors.

Zack was the eventual Sacred Heart College champion for 2025. Well done to everyone who had a go and played in a fair and sportsperson like manner.





# Careers Expo Wrap-Up

## Thursday 24th July

Last Thursday, 24th July, we proudly hosted our annual Careers Expo – a fantastic afternoon filled with insight, inspiration and opportunity.

The event kicked off with engaging and informative talks from former Sacred Heart students, who shared their diverse career journeys. A heartfelt thank you to Dom McInnes, Carly Knowles, Kaydia Lean and Mikayla Demaio for returning to inspire our current students with their personal stories and professional experiences.

Following the presentations, students explored a wide range of Expo stands, where they had the opportunity to connect with local businesses, educational institutions and subject teachers. These sessions provided valuable information about VCE pathways, different industries and future opportunities. The variety of giveaways also added an extra layer of excitement to the event!

A huge thank you to our guest speakers, community partners, and staff who contributed to making the Careers Expo a successful and enriching experience for all involved. Your support and participation made a lasting impact on our students' futures.

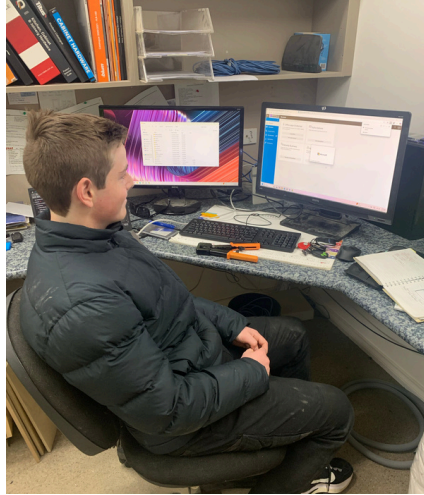




# THANK YOU TO OUR WORK EXPERIENCE HOSTS

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the businesses that generously welcomed our Year 10 students for their work experience week last term.

- North East Health Wangaratta
- Wright Consulting Engineering
- Yarrawonga Marine & Mower Centre
- BAS Building Solutions
- Ovens & Murray Land Survey
- Yarrawonga Preschool
- Sacred Heart Primary
- Proton Automation
- Kapital Sports Group
- King Fisher Appliances
- The Play Project
- Goodstart Early Learning
- Tony Dowling
- SEW Eurodrive
- Kennedy Builders
- STF Engineering
- Lake Mulwala Heating & Cooling
- Wren Farming
- Thinkes Holdings EFEX
- Cobram District Specialist School
- Country Buddies
- Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club
- Murray River Electrical
- Belmores Chartered Accountants



## Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance and Certificate III in Health Services Assistance program.



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Behind every successful patient story is a dedicated team of allied health professionals—quiet heroes turning care into recovery.

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*This year, fourteen students from Sacred Heart College and Yarrawonga P-12 College enrolled in the dual Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance and Certificate III in Health Services Assistance program.*

*Commonly known as “Allied Health” or “VET Health,” this course offers students a valuable opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications while still at school. These dual certificates not only open doors to immediate employment in the healthcare industry—such as during a gap year or part-time while studying—but also contribute to a student’s ATAR.*

*During the Term 2 school holidays, students participated in hands-on placements at Yarrawonga Health and the Play Projects, assisting Allied Health professionals in their day-to-day duties. These placements provide students insight into healthcare roles, while also helping to build the future workforce of our local health services.*

*Our partnerships with local healthcare providers are a vital part of this program—offering students meaningful, grassroots experiences while contributing to the sustainability of our region’s health system.*



# Great new reads in the Library #9

## ***Anna's war by DJ Taylor 2025***

14-year-old Anna lives with her family in the Netherlands in 1943. The country is occupied by the Germans and life is very dangerous for the local people. Food is rationed and scarce, everything is in very short supply. Anna and her parents are involved in the resistance – a dangerous thing to be doing. Based on the experiences of the authors Dutch relatives.



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## ***Holding back by Frances Prentice 2025***

Nick is 15 and homeschooled. He has trouble making friends and socialising, even when he competes in campdrafting competitions with his younger sister. Nick decides to join the local swimming club with his sister and to his surprise all the swimming in the farm dam has paid off. He has finally found something he is good at and in the process makes some friends.



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## ***Mushroom in the sky by Jackie French 2025***

Ossie is 16 and decides he needs to sign up. He has no family, except his dog Lucky, and lies about his age to enlist. Mrs Plum looks after the dogs of soldiers who have gone to war. Times are tough for the people of Australia with rationing and food shortages. Kat helps Mrs Plum out and develops a close relationship with Lucky, and through his eyes, Ossie. The events depicted are based on fact.



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## ***Candle Island by Lauren Wolk 2025***

12-year-old Lucretia, along with her mother and her horse, move to a holiday Island to have a fresh start after the death of her father. The locals are not friendly to the rich tourists who treat the people and the Island with contempt. The local kids seem hostile to her, and she does not fit in with the rich kids either. Her mother is a world-renowned artist, but there seems to be a mystery surrounding this. Lucy finds and protects an endangered Osprey chick and slowly forms a bond with the local kids, but not before some angst. The rich kids have a destructive streak and target Lucy as well as the local jetty!



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## **Visit the Library to borrow any of these books.**

**Discover more in the Library catalogue <https://library.shcy.vic.edu.au/#!dashboard>**



### **Student Arrivals and Early Departures**

To help maintain a focused and uninterrupted learning environment, we kindly ask that parents communicate any early pickup plans with their child before the school day begins.

We understand that unexpected situations can arise. If an early pickup becomes necessary during the day, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience so we can make arrangements with minimal classroom disruption.

Additionally, if a student arrives late to school, they **must sign in at the office** before heading to class. This ensures accurate attendance and helps us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school day run smoothly!

### **Student Free Day**

Students have a student free day on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**. Staff will participate in a Professional Development Day.

### **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.

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Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga

Principal: Lew Nagle Ph: 03 5742 1300

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# HANDS ON

## TRADES CAREER EXPO

**Are You Interested In :**

**Engineering  
Plumbing  
Construction  
Real Estate  
Trucking  
Hospitality  
Electrical**



**Australian Defence Force  
Emergency Services  
Veterinary Services  
Solar Industry  
Nursing  
IT & Design  
Arborist  
Career Exploration**



**14TH AUGUST 2025**

**Ask your teacher today about attending the  
Hands On Trades & Career Expo**

**PLEASE NOTE: YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS,**

*Please refer to an email sent from Mrs O'More to express your interest in attending the Winton Hands on Trades Career Expo on Thursday 14th August.*



## Did you know e-safety online hold regular webinars for parents/carers/guardians?

These webinars provide information and guidance for parents related to technology, as well as ways you can keep your children safe in the online environment. They're free to register!



Term 3, 2025

### eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

#### Term 3 topics:

- **Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **Understanding AI Companions: What parents and carers need to know (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **AI-assisted image-based abuse: Navigating the deepfake threat (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **The changing face of cyberbullying: Protecting your child in 2025 (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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- **Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.



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