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Prayer

As we come to the close of this school term, we pause to give thanks to God for the many blessings of the past term – for lessons learned, friendships strengthened, challenges faced, and growth achieved.

Lord, we thank You for the guidance and support. You have given to our students, staff, and families. May the work we have done bring us closer to You and to the people You call us to be.

As we enter this winter holiday, grant us rest and renewal. Protect all members of our school community in their travels and time with loved ones. May this be a time of peace, joy, and reflection.

Help us to carry the light of Christ with us into our homes and communities, sharing kindness, hope, and compassion with all we meet.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Social Justice Students Commemorate World Day Against Child Labour

Our social justice students organised a meaningful and engaging activity to mark the World Day Against Child Labour, raising awareness about this critical global issue affecting millions of children worldwide.

The initiative featured an interactive BINGO game that combined education with entertainment, allowing students to learn about child labour while participating in a fun, prize-winning activity.

The activity required students to visit four different stations – the office, library, Kennedy Lawn, and outside the canteen – where social justice students distributed unique BINGO cards, each with a different piece of information. This ensured participants engaged with multiple locations while gathering information about child labour issues. Once students completed their boards by collecting and gluing all cards, they submitted them to Room 11 to receive prizes and enter a draw for canteen vouchers.

This approach to social justice education demonstrates our students' commitment to raising awareness about important global issues. By making learning interactive and accessible, our social justice team engaged members of our school community in understanding the serious reality of child labour while fostering a spirit of care and global citizenship.

The event exemplifies our school's dedication to developing socially conscious young people who are informed about world issues and motivated to make a positive difference in their communities and beyond.

The winners of a \$20 canteen voucher are: Layla Dunlop, Ashley Flanagan, Tom Hicks, Noah Lawless, and Paddy O'Shanassy



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Term 2 Key Dates

Friday 4th July

End of Term –

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Bus
travellers supervised until 2:10

Term 3 Key Dates

Monday 21st July

Students Return – Term 3

Thursday 24th July

Careers Expo – Year 10, 11 & 12

Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th August

Year 10 Snow Excursion

Wednesday 13th August

Student Free Day

Monday 18th – Tuesday 26th August

Red Earth Immersion

Friday 19th September

End of Term

Building Opening

At the end of the Sacred Heart Day Mass, Bishop Shane and the official party moved over to the Wexford campus to bless and open the new Science wing. These facilities were funded in the majority by the state government and supplemented by local funds. The grant application process was an extremely competitive process. The College was rewarded for the quality of the grant application which was strengthened by the support of numerous local businesses, organisations and individuals. The College acknowledges the following groups and individuals for their support:

- * Yarrowonga Health
- * Thales Australia
- * The Play Projects
- * Yarrowonga Mulwala Community and Learning Centre
- * Member for Ovens Valley Mr Tim McCurdy.

The quality of the relationship that our College has developed with our numerous community partners has been a unique feature of being part of the Sacred Heart community.

The College once again entrusted the development and design of the project to JWP Architects and specifically Mr John Guthrie. John's design was brought to life by Premier Builders from Albury Wodonga and we thank them for their work in delivering a great end product.

College Captains, Dimity and Sienna, unveiled the plaque and our special guests were very impressed with the new facilities. Following the opening ceremony student leaders and guests attended morning tea in the Mercy Staffroom. All staff and students enjoyed a BBQ lunch marking the end to a great day.



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Sacred Heart Day

It was great to see such a big crowd fill the MPB at last week's Feast of the Sacred Heart. College Captain, Sienna Ross, commenced proceedings by welcoming Bishop Shane Mackinlay and congratulating him on his appointment as Archbishop of Brisbane. Bishop Shane concelebrated the Mass with Father Junjun and Father Michael. A big thank you to Mrs Meegan McInness and Mr Michael Ross for their organisation of Mass and the student leaders from both schools who had official roles in the Mass. Part of the ceremony was the presentation of a cheque for \$1000 to the local branch of Saint Vincent De Paul on behalf of the two Sacred Heart schools which was accepted by Mary Mansfield. The money will go to supporting the great work that St Vinnies undertake in our community.



This Thursday, July 3rd, a Jubilee Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church celebrating 50 years of priestly service for Father Michael Morley and Father Leo Hynes. Bishop Shane will celebrate the Mass which will be attended by priests from across the Sandhurst Diocese. We wish Fathers Michael and Leo all the best for this important celebration.



Families are reminded that this Friday, July 4th, is the final day of term. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Those students travelling by bus will be surprised until buses depart at 2.10pm.



God, we thank you for the gift of holidays. May they be filled with joy, laughter and love as we gather with family and friends. As we travel, we pray for your protection. Please keep us safe on the roads and in the air. Bring us safely to our destinations and back home again.

Amen

Mr Lew Nagle



Raffle Winners

A big thank you to our generous sponsors for providing the wonderful raffle prizes that was drawn last Friday.

1st Prize - \$784 YMBGCR Stay & Play package
Leanne Leighton

2nd Prize - \$500 Stock and Barrel restaurant voucher
Tace Levesque

3rd Prize - \$200 Mulwala Water Ski Club voucher
Stacie Arnold

4th Prize - \$100 Yarrawonga Hotel dining voucher
Ollie Nagle

We Farewell our Rotary Exchange Student Aron Jurak

As Term 2 came to a close, we farewelled our Rotary International exchange student from Denmark, Aron Jurak. Over the past 12 months, Aron has been a valued member of the Sacred Heart community, completing studies across both Year 10 and Year 11. During his time with us, Aron embraced every opportunity, participating in a wide range of extracurricular activities. He excelled in the House Swimming Carnival and proudly represented the College at the regional championships. His enthusiasm, commitment, and positive attitude made a lasting impression on both staff and students. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported Aron throughout his exchange—especially the host families, teaching staff, and peers who welcomed him so warmly. As Aron returns to Denmark to continue his senior studies, we wish him every success and happiness in the next chapter of his journey. He will always be a part of the Sacred Heart story.



Welcome our 2 new VCE VM students

Name: Lenny Longlegs Lonergan

Hobbies and Interests:

Football, basketball and shooting

What's your career aspirations:

Electrical

Favourite school camp:

Year 9 Darwin or Snow camp in Year 10

What will you do on these school holidays?

Hopefully work a bit as I have 2 byes at footy

Name: Alani Allstar Peterson

Hobbies and Interests:

Eating food, netball and partying with my friends

What's your career aspirations:

Nursing

Favourite school camp:

Year 9 to Darwin

What will you do on these school holidays?

Working to save for travelling when I finish school plus I also need to save as I want to volunteer in Africa one day





Year 10 Work Experience

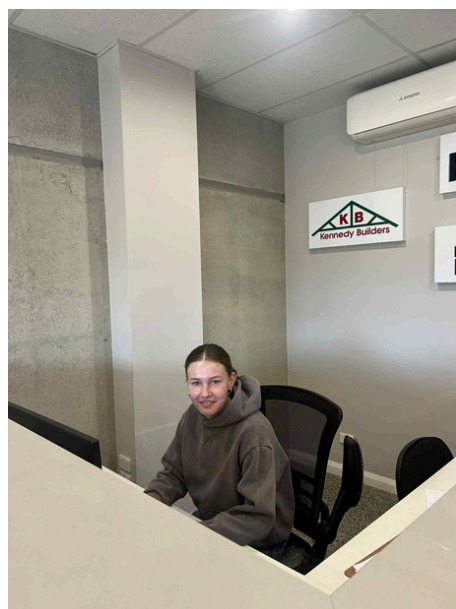
This week, the Year 10 students are embarking on a week of work experience. Each student has successfully secured a placement with various companies and businesses. Architecture to health and education, construction and building, plumbing, electrical and much more.

During this time, the students will gain first hand experience of a range of work-related skills and observe how different workplaces operate.

Highlights for our students completing work experience at North East Health Wangaratta included observing a knee operation, witnessing a speech therapist working with an ICU patient, showcasing the vital role of rehabilitation and communication support in critical care.

Their time at NEHW also included visits to radiology, where they explored medical imaging technology; midwifery, where they learned about the role of midwives in supporting mothers and newborns; and the emergency department, offering a real-time perspective on fast-paced, high-pressure care. To round out the experience, students observed how blood tests are conducted.

We wish all the students a successful and enjoyable week as they experience life as full-time employees.





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"In every living thing, there is something that reflects the power of evolution and the beauty of life.

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Year 8 Science – Eye Dissection

In Year 8 Science, students have been exploring the topics of energy and light. As part of their learning, they participated in a practical activity involving the dissection of a cow's eye to deepen their understanding of light and vision. This hands-on experience allowed students to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications. By examining the internal structures of the eye, they gained valuable insights into how light is processed and how vision works. Practical activities like this help reinforce scientific concepts in a memorable and engaging way, supporting both curiosity and deeper learning through direct observation and exploration.

Year 9 Science – Coordination and Control

In Year 9 Science, students have been investigating the concept of coordination and control, focusing on how the brain and nervous system regulate vital body functions. A key focus has been homeostasis—the body's ability to maintain internal balance during rest and physical activity. To explore this, students completed an assessed practical task in our Allied Health Lab, using specialised equipment to measure heart rate, breathing rate and core body temperature during exercise. This hands-on experience allowed students to see first hand how the body responds to physical demands. It also helped them connect theoretical concepts to real-life applications. Engaging in practical science fosters curiosity and deeper understanding, while also introducing students to pathways in VCE subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology. Experiences like this not only enhance scientific literacy but also support informed subject selection and career exploration as students move into their senior years of schooling.



Great new reads in the Library #8

Good luck and other Lies by Catriona McKeown 2025

When an unlikely group of teens win a 50-million-dollar lotto prize their lives change in ways they did not expect. It is illegal for teenagers to not only buy a ticket but also to keep the winnings. In the fast paced story of wealth, deceit and moral dilemmas the prize may not be worth the cost.



Fighter in the woods by Joshua M. Greene 2025

A remarkable true story of a Jewish girl in Nazi-occupied Poland who escaped near death to join, and fight with the Soviet partisans in the woods. The year was 1941, and Nazi Germany was bombing Poland. Celia, starving and working forced labour in the ghettos escaped to live, hiding in a hole in the ground in the forest. Here she joins up with the Partisans, a group of young people fighting the Nazis.



Lady's Knight by Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner 2025

Gwen is sick of hiding—hiding the fact that she's taken over her father's blacksmithing duties, a job not for girls, and hiding her yearning for glory as a knight.

Meanwhile, Lady Isobelle of Avington, queen bee of the castle, has never once considered hiding who she is—until now. She's been chosen as the grand prize in the Tournament of Dragonslayers, to be given to whichever knight can claim her hand. And for the first time in her life, she can't talk her way out of trouble. When Isobelle discovers Gwen's knightly ambitions, they hatch a scheme together—Gwen will joust in the tournament, disguised as Sir Gawain. Winning means freedom for Isobelle, and glory for Gwen.



Katrina Gorry by Katrina Gorry & Robert Wainwright 2025

Katrina Gorry had dreamed of playing for Australia since she played in Brisbane as a teenager. In 2012 she was selected for the National team and has been a star for the Matildas ever since. Katrina struggled with an eating disorder from a young age and considered giving up her dream. It was her solo IVF journey that inspired her to recommit and make her dream a reality.



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!

End of Term Dismissal

Families are reminded that students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 4th July. Bus travellers will be supervised until 2:15pm when buses arrive.

Term 3 will commence Monday 21st July

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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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC

YOUTH FESTIVAL

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOV - 2 DEC 2025

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. Come and hear an amazing range of exciting speakers, see the performers, and visit the stalls. Speakers include:



Fr Rob Galea

Our very own priest and musician, 'his purpose will inspire you, his passion will quicken you and his love for

Jesus will captivate you. Fr Rob is an evangelist at heart and uses all he has and does to let anyone who would listen know their worth, dignity and purpose in life.' For more info, visit [Fr Rob's website](#) or follow him on social media via [@frrobalea](#)

Katie Prejean McGrady

With a background in education and youth ministry, Katie's blend of humour and storytelling is unique.' She is the author of four books and writes regularly for Blessed is She. Katie lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Tommy and daughters.

For more info, visit [Katie's website](#) or follow her on social media via [@katiepmcgrady](#).



Sr Mary Grace SV

A captivating speaker whose journey from a small-town girl to a Sister of Life is truly inspiring. With a heart full of

compassion and a spirit that radiates joy, she shares transformative stories and profound insights. Growing up in Sydney, she then entered the Sisters of Life, professing her final vows in 2023. For more info, visit the [Sisters of Life website](#) or listen to the [Let Love](#) podcast here.

Augie Angrisano

A gifted poet, lyricist, singer, hip-hop artist who creates high quality content for the Most High. Augie works full time on content creation and also releases music which can be found on his Spotify channel. Born in Dallas, USA, Augie travelled to Melbourne to do a year of mission work where he met his wife and now calls Australia home. Augie can be found on social media via: [@sir.augie](#)



How do I find out more?

To express your interest in the Festival, [please fill out this form](#).
Or contact ACYF via: acyf@cam.org.au | (03) 7064 3995.

**Sacred Heart
College**

2025 Careers Expo



For students and families

Important Information

- Guest speakers from 12.30pm, including past students
- Expo from 2pm to 3.30pm
- Exhibitors include universities and training organisations, local businesses and employers, Victoria Police, health facilities



Thursday 24th July 2025



2:00 pm – 3:30 pm



Multi Purpose Building

**Sacred Heart College,
Witt Street Yarrawonga**



Are you aged 16–25yrs?

**NESAY are looking for young people to join the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).
The YAC provide advice to the NESAY team & NESAY Board of Governance to
ensure we are meeting the needs of our young people.
For each meeting you attend, you receive a \$20 voucher!**

nesay.com.au



Our Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) provides advice to our team and board on key issues that affect young people in our community.

We value diversity and provide a safe place for all voices to be heard & respected



Support our NESAY team at youth events and activities

You will ensure that NESAY's practice is reflective of the needs of local youth

NESAY

YAC

Can you be a representative voice for young people?
Are you aged 16-25yrs?

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NESAY provide induction, training and learning, whilst creating opportunities to meet new people and help develop a variety of skills.



Interested?

Call us 03 5720 2201
or email: info@nesay.com.au

Each committee member receives a \$20 voucher per meeting.